CARES Act Report

In compliance with the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) requirements under the CARES Act, North Iowa Area Community College acknowledges the certification and agreement form was signed and returned and that NIACC intends to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the relief funds in emergency financial aid grants to be used by the college for COVID related expenses. NIACC will receive a total of \$646,655 under the HEERF institutional portion. Of those funds, \$421,444.68 has been used to refund student the portion of their housing bill since they were unable to live in the dormitories as of March 16, 2020. Additionally as of December 31, 2020, NIACC has purchased \$19,137.52 of laptop computers for student usage as well as 20 additional hotspots and data plans at a cost of \$5,000.93. Our faculty also were provided online training to better prepare them to teach their courses via online which costed \$24,726.61. NIACC has also contracted with a local medical provider to have nurses on campus in order to provide assistance to the students and staff who may be infected with the virus. We have also purchased \$10,600 worth of rapid COVID-19 tests to ensure a quick response for employees and student athletes who have symptoms and need testing. NIACC will use the remaining amount of money to provide technology needs for students as well as provide PPE campus wide throughout the Fall 2020 Semester.