The CARES Act establishes and funds the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). Sections 18004(a)(1) and 18004(c) of the CARES Act, which address the HEERF, allow institutions of higher education to use up to 50 percent of the funds they receive to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus so long as such costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities, including marketing and advertising; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship (collectively referred to as “Recipient’s Institutional Costs”).

Colorado Northwestern Community College received $198,998 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) as the institutional share. Please see the CARES Grant Report for information regarding the Student Share.

These funds were used in the following manner:

- $115,422.49 – offset meal plan refunds
- $75,015.30 – offset housing refunds
- $5,100.00 – offset Oceanography trip refunds
- $3,063.49 – Custodial/sanitizing supplies for onsite cleaning
- $396.72 – Data plan/cellular charges to facilitate remote learning
- $198,998.00 - Total

All funds and expenditures are maintained in an isolated fund to ensure appropriate internal controls for appropriate expenditures and funds were drawn down under a reimbursement model.