June 17, 2021

ACTION: **Approval of Potential HVAC Projects the Colleges fund with HEERF II and III Funding and Authorization for Chancellor to Sign Consultant and Construction Contracts**

As more information is released on the allowable uses of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) II and III, it is clear that the use of money to support capital investments such as Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) projects is allowable. Guidance has indicated that the installation or renovation of an HVAC system to help with air filtration to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is a proper expenditure of federal funds. Because the funds are only available for one (1) year, the possibility of designing and completing projects within the timeframe will be difficult. It is possible to request a time extension which may be granted if justifiable. In order to remove any time constraints on our end, the colleges are asking for pre-approval of any HVAC projects to be paid with HEERF funds. Authorizing the Chancellor to sign contracts in amounts not to exceed available funding for these projects will assure they move forward in a timely manner.

The System Office recommends approval of the Use of HEERF II and III Grant Funds for HVAC Projects and Authorize Chancellor to Sign Contracts.