

Title: "Mandated Report on CARES Act Student Emergency Assistance Grants - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund"

Report Name: 45 Day Fund Report

Date Funding Received: April 22, 2020

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For recipients of the CARES Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students as per Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as required by the U.S Department of Education – 45 Day Fund Report. Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

1. This is to acknowledge that Hagerstown Community College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students on April 13, 2020.
2. \$1,179,157 - The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student on April 22, 2020.
3. \$676,217 - The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter). *This data is valid through 7/01/2020.*
4. 1915- The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. **Please note, this figure is derived from the number of students with a completed 19 – 20 FAFSA and who were registered for Spring Semester at HCC. This data is valid through 7/01/2020.*
5. 1112 - The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. *This data is valid through 7/01/2020.*

Figures reported in Sections 3, 4 and 5 are cumulative from date of award received on April 22, 2020.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 1. **June 1st – June 15th: \$600 SU20 CARES Block Grants** - SU20 FAFSA credit students in good standing, EFC <\$10K, enrolled in 2+ credits including at least one class starting May 26th. After the drop deadline for May 26th start classes, students will be notified via email and text from the Student Financial Aid Office of eligibility. Students will have to accept the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund AGREEMENT (in Self-

Service) to receive the funds. Students accepting the block grant by the June 15th deadline are not eligible to receive an individual SU20 CARES grant. Students not accepting the block grant by June 15th may still apply for an individual grant. *Goal – get funds into the hands of neediest students as quickly as possible*

2. **June 1st-July 31st: SU20 Individual Grants** – any SU20 enrolled credit student can apply. Application available via HCC website and sent via all student email. Those who did not receive a block grant are eligible to receive an individual grant after confirming enrollment and considering prior CARES funding *Goal – get funds into hands of students indicating need, per CARES guidance and distributing more money to a broader range of students*

1. SU20 Individual Grant Amounts:

1. Full-Time (12+ credit)	\$600
2. Three Quarter Time (9-11 credits)	\$450
3. Half-Time (6-8 credits)	\$300
4. Less than half-time (1-5 credits)	\$150

3. **June 1st – July 31st: Computer Purchase Grant** – any SU20 enrolled credit student needing to purchase a computer for summer classes can apply for this supplemental grant. Application link will be emailed to the students indicating this need on an individual application or via referral. Additional \$500 grants will be allocated to students along with information on how they can order laptops through HCC’s campus store for receipt (usually received within a week of ordering). Students will be asked to submit receipts for proof of purchase but receipts are not required. *Goal – provide supplemental funds for students self-reporting a need to purchase computer/laptops with some degree of accountability.*

7. **Any instructions given to all students about the grants –**

1. All student receiving Block Grant CARES funding accepts the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund AGREEMENT: *By accepting this agreement, I am confirming that I have incurred expenses related to the Summer 2020 HCC disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including, but not limited to, food, course materials, internet, technology, and child care). As a result of these expenses, I am requesting to receive a student emergency assistance grant funded by the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. I will receive this grant based on my Summer 2020 course enrollment and CARES eligibility. I DO NOT need to repay this grant. I will receive these funds up to one week faster by signing up for Direct Deposit (via Banking Information in Self-Service). Direct deposit allows HCC staff to enhance their safety and meet pandemic best practices by processing remotely. If I do not sign up for Direct Deposit, I confirm that the mailing address listed in my Self-Service, User Profile is current.*
2. In addition to above, all individual applicants will complete a COVID-19 Student Emergency Assistance Fund Application in which student requests emergency assistance, detail individual needs, and accepts the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund AGREEMENT at time of application.

To note, during this period the issue of CARES Act Student eligibility was under discussion by the U.S. Department of Education:

May 21, 2020 – The Department of Education [removed the Title IV requirement to receive CARES Act HEERF Funding](#). “.....guidance documents lack the force and effect of law.”

On Wednesday June 17, 2020, the Department published its [Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#) regarding Eligibility of Students at Institutions of Higher Education for Funds Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

45 Day Fund Report for CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Student Portion

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