

**SUNY Westchester Community College
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**P425E201126: CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) –
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

**30-day (First) Report
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1. Acknowledgement

SUNY Westchester Community College acknowledges an authorized representative of the institution has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and 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.

2. Total Amount of Funds Received

SUNY Westchester Community College has received \$3,597,836 of HEERF funds for student aid from the Department pursuant to the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. Total Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants Distributed

SUNY Westchester Community College has distributed **\$0** of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of **14 May 2020** (30-day Report).

4. Estimated Total Number of Eligible Students

SUNY Westchester Community College has determined an estimated total of **4,396** students at the institution are 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.

5. Total Number of Students Received Emergency Financial Aid Grant

Zero students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the **14 May 2020** (30-day Report). WCC is waiting for SUNY System final policy and procedure approval.

6. Method to Determine Emergency Financial Aid Grants

SUNY Westchester Community College has prioritized awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to its students in the following manner:

Priority 1 - Pell recipients
70% of the funds received will be used to meet the emergency need of students impacted by COVID-19 in this category.

Priority 2 – Eligible Non-Pell recipients
25% of the funds received will be used to meet the emergency need of students impacted by COVID-19 in this category.

Extra funding – Eligible students in special circumstances
5% of the funds received will be used to supplement amounts of the max awards of \$1,000 for students who have special circumstances and a particularly pressing need (up to Pell max of \$6,195 per award).

Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students may receive awards ranging from **\$500 to \$3,000**, with additional awards available up to the maximum Federal Pell grant threshold of \$6,195 per award.

7. Institutional Instructions, Directions, or Guidance to Students

SUNY Westchester Community College has distributed the following communication to students:

To WCC Students: To address the needs created in these unprecedented and challenging times, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law to get support to college students in need of relief as quickly as possible. Funding is prioritized to help cover your expenses related to the disruptions of campus operations due to coronavirus. To be eligible for this funding, the student must

- have been enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester in at least one in-person class as of March 13, 2020,
- have completed a 2019-20 FASFA or a 2020-21 FASFA and meet the eligibility requirements to receive Title IV federal financial aid,

Funding for Fall 2020 students will be eligible if funds are available. *(cont.)*

Students who do not qualify for CARES Act funding are encouraged to apply for student emergency grants provided by WCC's Office of Student Support Services:

<https://www.sunywcc.edu/student-services/bac/>

Students who are eligible for CARES Act funding can complete the online application available on the Office of Student Financial Assistance's website (see accompanying proposed application). Application will be submitted online. There is a priority application deadline of **June 15, 2020** for Spring 2020 students.

Indicate on the application whether the expense is due to Housing, Food, Course Materials, Technology, Healthcare, Childcare, or Transportation (may check all that apply).