

SUNY Westchester Community College
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P425E201126: CARES Act (HEERF I) and CRRSAA (HEERF II)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Second Quarter Report, 2021
May 1, 2021- June 30, 2021*

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1. Acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department 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 (HEERF I) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Student Portion.

- CARES Act (HEERF I): SUNY Westchester Community College (WCC) acknowledges an authorized representative of the institution signed and returned the Certification and Agreement for the Student Emergency Aid Portion of funds on April 14, 2020 and received its CARES Act (HEERF I) award (P425E201126) on April 23, 2020.

Institutional Portion.

- CARES Act (HEERF I): WCC acknowledges that an authorized representative of the institution has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Portion of funds on April 23, 2020 and received its CARES Act (HEERFI) award (P425F202001) on May 7, 2020.

| | Student Portion (a)(1) P425E201126 | Institutional Portion(a)(1) P425F202001 | Total 18000 (a) (1) Award | MSI L (a)(2) P425L200538 |
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| | Emergency Aid Grants | Institutional Grant | Total | Hispanic Serving Institution |
| CARES Act HEERF I | \$3,597,836 ¹ | \$3,597,836 ² | \$7,195,672 | \$468,715 |
| CRRSAA HEERF II | \$3,597,836 ³ | \$11,258,922 ⁴ | \$14,856,758 | \$815,554 |
| ARP HEERF III | \$13,141,473 ⁵ | \$13,028,409 ⁶ | \$26,169,882 | |
| Subtotal | \$20,337,145 | \$27,885,167 | | \$1,284,269 |
| | | | 18000 (a)(1) Total: \$48,222,312 | HEERF Total: \$49,506,581 |

¹ Signed on April 14, 2020 and received on April 23, 2020.

² Signed on April 23, 2020 and received on May 7, 2020.

³ Received on January 17, 2021.

⁴ Received on January 17, 2021.

⁵ Received on May 13, 2021.

⁶ Received on May 13, 2021.

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| | Total Received | |
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2. 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 Students.

The total funds awarded under the 18004(a) (1) allocation under the initial CARES Act (HEERF I), CRRSAA (HEERF II), and ARP (HEERF III) for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Students is \$20,337,145 (Grant P425E201126).

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act within the Second Quarter, 2021 (April 1, 2021-June 30, 2021):
- **WCC distributed a total of \$2,815,653.75 in Emergency Financial Aid grants to students within Q2 (April 1, 2021-June 30, 2021) under Section 18004 (a) of CRRSSA.**
 - **The College has distributed \$8,813,461.75 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students since the inception of the program.**

4. **Estimated Total Number of Eligible Students**

WCC has determined an estimated total of **2,954** 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**

- **There were 2,954 Emergency Financial Aid Awards distributed to WCC students (duplicated)s under Section 18004(a)(1) of CRRSSA within the second quarter Q2 (May 1, 2021 -June 30, 2021).**
- **The College has disbursed 8,844 Emergency Financial Aid Awards to WCC students (duplicated) since the inception of the program.**

6. **Method to Determine Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

WCC is required to receive SUNY System final policy and procedure approval for the distribution of the Student Emergency Financial Portion of HEERF Cares Act funds.

WCC's Method for determining Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been updated three times as a result of SUNY guidance since the grant began: Award Round 1/Method 1 (June 1, 2020 – August 28, 2020). Award Round 2/Method 2: for August 28,2020 – October 29, 2020; and Award Round 3/Method 3: for October 29, 2020 – June 30, 2021).

The method to determine Emergency Financial Aid Grants reported for Q2 ending June 30, 2021, Award Round 3/Method 3. Previous award methods can be found in prior reports.

AWARD ROUND 3: METHOD 3 for Student Eligibility for the Period October 29, 2020 – Present (June 30, 2021):

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

Beginning October 29, 2020, students enrolled in Fall 2020 and who are Title IV(PELL) eligible will be notified of the availability of CARES Act Funding (This will continue for Spring 2021 until funds are exhausted).

CARES Act Funding is for continuing expenses based on the ongoing campus disruption due to COVID-19. Expenses include but are not limited to technology needs including laptops and associated conferencing equipment (headphones, better speakers, larger monitor, etc.) and software, Wi-Fi and associated utilities, course materials, etc. Students must complete a certification statement on the college's website to attest and certify that they are COVID-19 impacted to be eligible to receive funds.

Awards will be made to eligible students based on the tiered structure below, whereby Tier 1 and 2 meet SUNY Priority 1 (Pell eligible, high need, low estimated family contribution).

- Tier 1 PELL eligible students who have a 0 EFC -award is \$1,400.
- Tier 2 PELL Eligible students who have an EFC greater than 0 on the 2020-21 FAFSA-award is \$700.
- Note: Previous Fall 2020 awards which are lower than stated above will be adjusted to reflect these amounts.

Notifications will go out via email (MYWCC and personal accounts) with instructions for the completion of the Certification Statement. Students will confirm they are COVID impacted through this Certification Statement (electronic and/or paper).

7. Institutional Instructions, Directions, or Guidance to Students

SUNY Westchester Community College has distributed the following communication to students for Award Round 3/Method 3: (Fall Semester, 2020)

Institutional Instructions:

All eligible students will be informed according to the campus plan approved by SUNY as follows: New students and students already enrolled for fall and for continuing students are notified of the availability of CARES Act Student Emergency Aid through via email, website, phone calls, direct mail and other outreach. Prospective CARES Act grant recipients will be informed about eligibility requirements for receiving the CARES Act grant and how this emergency grant can assist with their educational expenses.

Eligible students who have expenses due to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID 19 include students' ability to cover one or more of the following expenses: housing costs; living expenses; food; healthcare; course materials; technology such as laptops and WIFI; childcare; and transportation.

This grant is available to both new and returning students enrolling in the Fall 2020 and subsequent semesters as funding availability permits.

Students must have a FAFSA on file and meet all Title IV eligibility requirements including SAP. Awards will be applied to the student's financial aid screen and awards will be processed and distributed after the second full week for courses for the semester. This award is not a financial aid package award but an Emergency grant that will not reflect on the students' account to allow for an accurate bill to show on the students' account. Once their registration is confirmed for the fall semester, a direct payment will be sent to their address on file in a form of a check via the Bursars Office. Awards will be adjusted for any subsequent enrollment changes that increase/decrease full/part-time enrollment.

Students will be notified of the process through communications from Enrollment Management and Community College Relations. Students will be required to complete an affirmation that they have additional expenses due to COVID 19 on the website application..

Awards will be granted in order of FAFSA filing date and student need, until funds are exhausted

