

# CARES Act Student Emergency Fund Report

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting: Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students

### 45-Day Update, August 27, 2020

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) continues to award emergency financial aid to students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The college was awarded \$5,013,685 in HEERF funding effective April 22, 2020.

The process for students to receive funds under the CARES Act continues to follow the process outlined in the 30-Day report.

This 45-day report provides the required update regarding the number of Tri-C students receiving CARES Act funds, and the total amount awarded, and will continue to be posted every 45 days.

- Tri-C submitted its certification and agreement form to the U.S. Department of Education on April 10, 2020, and received authorization to award funds under the CARES Act on April 22, 2020. Under this agreement, the College has committed to using no less than 50% of the total funds received to provide student emergency financial aid.
- The Student portion of CARES Act funding to be awarded is \$5,013,685.
- Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, as of August 25, 2020, 2104 students have been awarded CARES Act grants totaling \$2,736,818.
- The college identified 15,000 students enrolled for the Spring 2020 semester, and 3000 enrolled for the Summer 2020 semester who met Title IV eligibility based on a valid FAFSA and other indicators, as required by Section 484. An additional 2800 students enrolled for the summer 2020 semester were contacted and encouraged to complete a FAFSA.
- Students are instructed via email to contact the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to determine their eligibility for CARES Act funds. Information about CARES Act funds — including eligibility requirements — is disseminated via social media and on the College’s public website. These eligibility requirements include:
  - Credit, degree-seeking students who experienced a disruption to their Spring or Summer 2020 courses and were not already enrolled in a fully online program in the spring semester.
  - Title IV eligible (per Section 484 of the Higher Education Act).
  - Ability to demonstrate emergency expenses or disruptions related to COVID-19.

These emergency expenses or disruptions are identified based on guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education. They include, but are not limited to:

- Food assistance
- Housing assistance
- Child care emergencies
- Health emergencies
- Technology and equipment needs
- Transportation emergencies

Students with demonstrated emergency expenses or disruptions related to COVID-19 who meet eligibility requirements may be eligible for a CARES Act Student Emergency Fund Grant up to \$1,500. CARES Act applications are reviewed by Student Financial Aid and Scholarships staff. The application review process confirms student eligibility, under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, to receive student emergency grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

- Completed applications are reviewed within 7-10 business days and award amounts determined as described in the 30-Day report.

August 25, 2020