



## CARES Act Student Emergency Fund Report

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

#### Update – January 10, 2021 (quarterly update)

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.

This 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 no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter; next reports March 31, June 30.

- (1) 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
- (2) The total amount of funds the institution will receive for the Student portion of CARES Act funding is \$5,013,685.
- (3) 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 this report, is \$4,411,888.11.
- (4) The estimated total number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, through the current fall semester, is 22,546 for whom the college received an Institutional Student Information Record; 3,646 completed the required institutional application form.
- (5) The total number of students who have received and Emergency Financial Aid Grant to date is 3,312.
- (6) The methods used to determine student eligibility for the Emergency Financial Aid grant and the amount of the grant follow the process outlined in the 30 Day Student Fund Report; summarized here:

Students with demonstrated emergency expenses or disruptions related to COVID-19 may be eligible for funds 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 5-7 business days. Refunds are paid directly to the student, by the Student Accounting Services office, via direct deposit or check by mail.

The amount awarded is determined based on the emergency expenses or disruptions documented by the student and by applying the estimated cost of attendance budget amounts used in other financial aid awarding guidelines.

- (7) Instructions, directions and guidance provided by the institution to students includes: Students are instructed to contact the financial aid office and have a financial aid advisor review their eligibility to apply for CARES; CARES

FAQ's are posted to the CARES website; general application information is posted to the website; social media and email communications made students aware of the CARES Emergency Grant program.

### **Update - October 10, 2020 (quarterly update)**

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.

This 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 no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter; next reports December 31, March 31, June 30.

- (8) 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
- (9) The total amount of funds the institution will receive for the Student portion of CARES Act funding is \$5,013,685.
- (10) 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 this report, is \$4,116,777.
- (11) The estimated total number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, through the current fall semester, is 22,546 for whom the college received an Institutional Student Information Record; 3,646 completed the required institutional application form.
- (12) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to date is 3,104.
- (13) The methods used to determine student eligibility for the Emergency Financial Aid grant and the amount of the grant follow the process outlined in the 30 Day Student Fund Report, and is summarized here:

Students with demonstrated emergency expenses or disruptions related to COVID-19 may be eligible for funds 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 5-7 business days. Refunds are paid directly to the student, by the Student Accounting Services office, via direct deposit or check by mail.

The amount awarded is determined based on the emergency expenses or disruptions documented by the student and by applying the estimated cost of attendance budget amounts used in other financial aid awarding guidelines.

- (14) Instructions, directions and guidance provided by the institution to students includes: Students are instructed to contact the financial aid office and have a financial aid advisor review their eligibility to apply for CARES; CARES FAQ's are posted to the CARES website; general application information is posted to the website; social media and email communications made students aware of the CARES Emergency Grant program.

#### **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.

- 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 continues to identify students, enrolled for the fall 2020 semester, via email and social media who meet eligibility requirements based on a valid FAFSA and other indicators, as required by Section 484, and guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education described in the previous 45-Day and 30-Day reports.

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.

#### **45-Day Update, July 6, 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 update provides the amount of funds distributed to students, as of the report date. Hereafter, updates regarding the number of Tri-C students receiving CARES Act funds, as well as the total amount awarded, 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 July 6, 2020, 1540 students have been awarded CARES Act grants totaling \$1,947,165.
- 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 were 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 — was 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 who were not enrolled in a fully online program.
  - 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 during the Spring 2020 and Summer semesters may be eligible for funds 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.