

CARES Act Student Emergency Fund Report

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.

- (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.