

U.S. Department of Education CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report August 6, 2020

1. Community College of Aurora (CCA) acknowledges that the institution signed and returned a Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) on April 20, 2020. In compliance with the signed Certification and Agreement, CCA intends to use, no less than fifty percent (50%) of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. CCA received \$1,517,813 from the Department of Education pursuant to CCA's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid to Students. This funding has been distributed to meet the needs of students that include: a) emergency grant funds for needed expenses such as food, housing, child care, health care, technology, and course material; b) tuition funding in the amount of \$115.00 per credit hour up to 6 credit hours or equivalent funds for cash for the summer semester; and c) fall semester needs.
3. As of **August 7, 2020**, CCA has awarded \$832,845 in grants. Of these awards, CCA has distributed \$533,245 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
4. 5,481 students at CCA 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. As of **August 7, 2020**, 1,610 unduplicated students have received grant awards under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. To date, CCA has received 3,107 applications. Of these, 2,373 have been processed. 1,108 applicants were deemed ineligible for award.
6. CCA uses the following method to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid and/or Relief Fund Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - Applications are date stamped upon receipt and reviewed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Grant awards that will enable continued student enrollment are prioritized
 - Upon receipt of an application for aid the application is reviewed.
 - CCA's Student Intervention and Conduct Coordinator verifies student need, identifies additional information required and gathers any such information and documentation from the applicant via phone and/or email
 - A recommendation for award is made to the Dean of Students, who approves award and forwards Financial Aid
 - CCA's Financial Aid office verifies eligibility requirements under Section 484 of Title IV
 - Financial Aid awards grant to students and Cashier's office processes and disburses awards
7. CCA provides the following instructions to students concerning accessing Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

Purpose

The CCA CARES Act Emergency Grants provide support to students who are experiencing financial hardship(s) related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Funding for grants is provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed on March 27, 2020, which has dedicated funding to the CCA to support students with various expenses.

Types of Covered Expenses

CCA CARES ACT Emergency Grants can be used for food, housing, child care, health care, technology, course materials, tuition assistance and other needed expenses. Emergency Grant funding is limited and will be distributed to students on a first come, first served basis.

Eligibility

To qualify for the Emergency Grant Funding for food, housing, child care, health care, technology, course materials, and other needs, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Student must have been enrolled in in-person courses at the Community College of Aurora as of March 13, 2020.
- Student must be eligible to apply for FAFSA or attest, under penalty of perjury, that they are eligible to receive Title IV financial aid.

To qualify for Emergency Grant Funding for tuition assistance, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Student must have been enrolled in in-person courses at the Community College of Aurora as of March 13, 2020.
- Student must be a Colorado resident and eligible to apply for FAFSA or attest, under penalty of perjury, that they are eligible to receive Title IV financial aid.

Procedures

- Student must complete and submit a grant application demonstrating eligibility and need .
- If deemed eligible and approved for a grant award, disbursement will be made to the student within 5-7 days. Grant funds will be disbursed via student BankMobile or financial aid accounts.