

MT. San Antonio College
CARES Act Report
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Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
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Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”). Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

The Certification and Agreement directs each institution applying for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report (the “30-day Fund Report”) to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution’s Certification and Agreement to the Department.

Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

- 1. An 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 to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.**

On April 15, 2020, Mt. San Antonio College signed and returned to the Department of Education 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 to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to

students. Confirmation that the Agreement was received by the Department of Education was received on April 15, 2020.

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 allocation of CARES Act funds received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was \$8,728,980.

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 submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students meeting the eligibility criteria under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 8, 2020 was \$6,989,800 that was disbursed to 10,401 currently students with the highest need. As of June 22, 2020 a total of 12,368 students have received the CARES Act grants for a total awarded amount of \$8,402,700.

Grants ranged from \$400 to \$900 per student, based on their enrollment at Census ("FA Frozen Units") and calculated unmet need. Students who received funds were certified and documented as meeting the Title IV eligibility criteria/CARES Act guidelines criteria at the time of determination.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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.

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5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, as of June 22, 2020 is 12,368.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Mt. San Antonio College awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students who were eligible to receive the Pell grant under Title IV as well as students who filed the FAFSA, regardless of their receipt of the Pell grant under Title IV. The amount of the awards was based on the calculated unmet need for each enrolled student using the graduated analysis process and based on the number of units at Census ("FA Frozen Units").

Additionally, students who believed they met the CARES Act Grant qualifications to receive and emergency aid grants were allowed to complete an application. Each student's application was reviewed by a trained, qualified professional to determine the student's eligibility. Over 530 applications were received by June 22, 2020.

Over 200 students were under review to receive emergency aid grants as of June 22, 2020.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Upon notification of the pending awarding of funds, students receiving the Emergency Financial Aid grants were provided with an email communication, documenting the purposes for which the student was eligible to receive and expend the funds on food, housing, course materials, healthcare and/or technology. The email notification also directed students to the Cashier's Office to select their preferences for expeditious fund receipt and provided step-by-step instructions on how students can view the CARES Act Emergency Grant in their student portal.

Click on the link below to view a copy of the email notification.

www.mtsac.edu/caresact/email-01.pdf

Additionally, students applying via the CARES Act Grant Application process received guidance regarding the eligibility criteria. Guidance and the application form can be found here: <https://mtsac.academicworks.com/opportunities/5197>

8. This report is posted to the following accessible website and links:

PDF: www.mtsac.edu/caresact/report-01.pdf

www.mtsac.edu/caresact

www.mtsac.edu/health/student-resources.html

Information to Students – Financial Aid Website

CARES Act Emergency Grant

The CARES Act has provided limited federal funds for emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. To request this emergency grant, you must complete this form in its entirety.

About the CARES Act Grant:

- The emergency aid is to be used for an URGENT need related to a currently enrolled student's expense caused by COVID-19.
- Only students who meet the criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants.
- Funds are intended for students who have had a change in their expenses related to the COVID-19 disruption of campus operations.
- Applicants must provide an explanation for requesting this emergency grant.
- Funds do not need to be repaid.
- Requests without adequate explanation may not be accepted or approved.
- Funds are limited, are not an entitlement, and are to be distributed at the discretion of the College's CARES Act Grant Committee.
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Spring 2020 requests will be accepted through June 18, 2020

Summer 2020 requests will be accepted from June 22, 2020-August 2, 2020

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