

# **Disaster Relief Emergency Student Financial Aid Allocation**

## **Disbursement Proposal**

11.17.20

### Background

Original funding was allocated for the purposes of implementing the California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program. SB 116 (2019-2020) delays the implementation of the California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program so that the current year allocation can serve as disaster relief emergency aid for eligible AB 540 students attending the California Community Colleges. The California Community Colleges will receive \$11 million and Mt. SAC will receive \$286,356 of that allocation. This amount is based on the number of AB 540 students and the number of CCPG fee waiver recipients at Mt. SAC relative to the entire community college system.

### Proposed Eligibility Criteria

- 1) Demonstrated financial need
- 2) AB 540 status
- 3) Completion of a California Dream Act, CCPG application, or applied for financial aid by other means established by the college

### Process

- Number of AB 540 students who enrolled in fall 2020: 967 (based on census unit enrollment)
- Of the 967 students, 588 students have filed a California Dream Act Financial Aid application. However, only 556 of those students have demonstrated financial need.
- Targeted outreach to complete the current year CA Dream Act will be conducted (students often don't have Mt. SAC as a school listed on their CA Dream Act, may not have fully submitted their application, and/or may be missing a Parent Signature).

### Timeline

- 1) Mt. SAC is expected to receive the funds on November 24<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Outreach for current year completion will continue up until November 30<sup>th</sup>
- 3) New eligible applicants who recently submitted their 20-21 CA Dream Act will be included and awarding will occur by the first week of December

### Proposed Award Amounts

There are three awardee groups:

Group 1) Students **(492)** with an unmet need  $\geq$  \$10,000 will be awarded \$600-\$450 based on their unit enrollment at census – estimate \$256,800

Group 2) Students **(53)** with an unmet need of \$5,000 - \$9,999 will be awarded \$300 regardless of unit enrollment – estimate \$15,300

Group 3) Students **(11)** with an unmet need of \$1 - \$4,999 will be awarded \$250 regardless of unit enrollment – estimate \$2,200

**The overwhelming majority of the students (492) are in Group 1 with the highest unmet need of \$10,000 or more.**