

REPORT ON CARES ACT EMERGENCY GRANTS TO STUDENTS Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

January 8, 2021

Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a total funding allocation was established for Lakes Region Community College, with at least 50 percent reserved to provide students with emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

Lakes Region Community College submitted a signed ***“Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement”*** to the US Department of Education for the emergency financial aid grants to students portion (HEERF), acknowledging that \$219,756 was allocated “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).”

HOW MUCH IN EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDS HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS?

As of	Total Amount Disbursed	Total Number of Students
May 22, 2020	\$0	0
July 6, 2020	\$219,756	372
August 20, 2020	\$219,756	372
October 6, 2020	\$219,756	372
January 8, 2021	\$219,756	372

WHO WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS?

To be eligible for emergency financial aid grant funding, as outlined under CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) students must:

- have been matriculated in a Title IV eligible program
- enrolled as of March 13, 2020
- be eligible to participate in programs under [Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965](#)

As of	Estimated Number of Eligible Students
May 22, 2020	400

HOW DID LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DETERMINE WHICH STUDENTS WOULD RECEIVE FUNDS?

Students were notified via email and advised to complete a simple application through the Student Information System (SIS), with a priority deadline of June 5, 2020. These applications were the basis for determining student need and these students received priority in the awarding of funds. A secondary process identified all students with a FAFSA on file, packaged and enrolled as of March 13, 2020, who met the eligibility requirements of the HEA; these students were determined by LRCC to have been affected by the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. A third process identified housing students, who met the eligibility requirements of the HEA and were displaced due to disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

As a result of these processes, students were awarded as follows:

Group 1:

Eligible students who answered 'yes' to questions on the survey received the following:

0-2 questions answered \$600

3-4 questions answered \$900

5-6 questions answered \$1300

7-8 questions answered \$1599

Group 2:

Eligible students who had a FAFSA on file, packaged and were enrolled as of March 13, 2020 received \$380.

Group 3:

Eligible students who were displaced from housing as of March 13, 2020 received \$1000.

<u>HEERF Funding:</u>	\$219,756.00	
Group 1	\$76,496.00	88 students
Group 2	\$86,260.00	227 students
Group 3	\$57,000.00	57 students
Total	\$219,756.00	372 students

HOW DID STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS?

Funds were posted directly to students accounts through the Bursar's Office the week of June 15, 2020.

Students were sent an email notifying them of their eligibility for the CARES Act Funding from the financial aid office on June 17, 2020.

Students were sent an email notifying them of the amount of the refund and that the funds would be sent to them via Nelnet.

Awarded students may have elected to receive awards via direct deposit by following the “How to Sign Up for Electronic Refunding” process at <https://www.ccsnh.edu/paying-for-college/resources/ccsnh-student-refunds>.

If direct deposit was not set up, HEERF funds were mailed to students at the permanent address on file at the College.