

CARES Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds

South Seattle College applied for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) funds and will 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 by posting the required information to this website and updating every quarter. Seattle Central College is posting this information to comply with the reporting requirements listed below:

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.

South Seattle College certifies that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement. The institution will 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.

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 total amount of funds South Seattle College will receive for Emergency Financial Grants for students is \$930,805.

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).

As of June 30, 2020, the college has awarded \$142,200 to students.

As of August 15, 2020, \$199,082 has been distributed to students.

As of September 30, 2020, \$254,374 has been distributed to students.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution who are or could be eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Summer quarter update: South Seattle College had 1,719 students in summer quarter, of which 92% may be eligible for Federal student aid. Generally, 92% of students at South are or could be eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Fall quarter update: South Seattle College had 2,474 students in Fall quarter, of which 92% may be eligible for CARES Act funding through the Emergency Funds process.

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.

As of June 30, 2020, the college has awarded grants to 80 students. Updates will be posted at 45 day intervals from June 30.

As of August 15, 2020, the college has awarded CARES Act funds to 118 students.

As of September 30, 2020, the college has awarded CARES Act funds to 143 students.

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.

For the Spring and part of Summer Quarter 2020, due to the emergency nature the current pandemic, South awarded students a grant of \$1800 for all students that met the eligibility guidelines. Starting mid-summer, students will request an amount via the application and South staff will work with the students to determine an award amount with a limit of \$1800 to best serve the student needs.

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

The college directs students to our Emergency Funds webpage at southseattle.edu/benefits-hub/emergency-funds for instructions on how to apply for funds. Students are also informed at the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information & Resources section of the website at southseattle.edu/coronavirus, through social media, student emails, and virtual town halls.