

CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Report, Winter 2022

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. South Seattle 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 \$5,208,496.

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 March 31, 2022, \$3,238,647 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.

All Financial Aid eligible students totaled 1,529 in Winter quarter 2022.

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 March 31, 2022, the college has awarded CARES Act funds to 940 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.

Students are referred to the Emergency Funds (EF) website for the current application. Once the application is submitted and reviewed, students are contacted by an EF committee member to notify them of the status of their application and provide assistance where needed. Based on the amount of funds requested, the EF committee checks the student's account to verify they haven't exceeded the maximum CARES award amount

of \$6,195. If a student is determined eligible and has not exceeded the maximum amount, the student will be awarded funds to assist them with Covid-related expenses.

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 <https://southseattle.edu/benefitshub/emergency-funds> for instructions on how to apply for funds. Students are also informed of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information & Resources section of the website at southseattle.edu/coronavirus, through social media, student emails, and virtual town halls.