



CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

45-day Fund Report

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.**

El Paso Community College (EPCC) signed a Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education to receive funds appropriated under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act. EPCC will use no less than 50 percent of the funds received 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.**

EPCC received \$8,295,073.00 from the U.S. Department of Students for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

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 September 8, 2020, \$7,298,650.00 of emergency aid grant funds have been distributed to eligible students. All Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been paid directly to the 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.**

Based on regulatory guidance released April 21, 2020 by the Department of Education the following are the students who could be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Term	Est. eligible Students
<i>Spring 2020</i>	11,085
<i>Summer 2020</i>	3,928
<i>*Fall 2020</i>	6,627
Total	21,640

*Fall 2020- As of September 8, 2020, Fall registration ongoing.

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. (For example, if you have not issued grants to students yet or have issued fewer than 10 grants, you should indicate that <10 students have received a grant)**

As of September 8, 2020, 10,042 students have received a CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

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 asked to complete an online application where they select expenses they accrued as a result of the disruption of campus operations. EPCC assigned an amount to each expense. The items selected by an individual student are totaled according to the amount. Eligible students may receive up to \$750.00 per semester.

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

EPCC has provided a variety of outreach to both support students and notify them of the availability of Emergency Financial Aid Grants from the CARES Act. Students enrolled for the spring and summer semesters were emailed directly by EPCC and it was promoted on the college's social media channels.. Students were instructed to visit the College's [CARES Act](#) webpage to obtain more information about eligibility. Information on this funding is featured on EPCC's [COVID19 response page](#) with supporting information with links to the application and reporting details. This information was also released to and shared by local news media.