



ARP Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Quarterly Fund Report - September 30, 2021

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 ARPA 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 additional funds appropriated under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act Section 314(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARPA).

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 \$38,810,325.00 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 30, 2021; \$15,791,000.00 of Emergency Aid Grant funds have been distributed to eligible 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 March 11, 2021, by the Department of Education, the following are the students who could be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants at EPCC.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Est. eligible Students</i>
<i>Fall 2021</i>	15,843
<i>Total</i>	15,843

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 30, 2021, 11,638 students have received an ARPA 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.**

An online application is available for students to apply. Eligible students received grants up to \$1,500.00 for the Fall 2021 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 support students and notify them of the availability of Emergency Financial Aid Grants from the ARPA. Students enrolled for the fall semester were called, texted, emailed directly by EPCC, and it was promoted on the college's social media channels. Students were instructed to visit the College's [ARPA](#) webpage to obtain more information about eligibility.