

CARES Act Report and Disclosure

As of January 10th, 2021

South Puget Sound Community College acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on 04/14/2020 and gives the assurance that SPSCC intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

1. The total amount of funds SPSCC received on 4/24/2020, from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to students is **\$1,499,870**.
2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of January 1st, 2020, is **\$1,425,269**.
3. The estimated total number of students at SPSCC eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **3,804**.
4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **829**.
5. The methods used to determine which and how much students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows –

All students receiving grants must meet these criteria:

- Undergraduate student be enrolled spring, summer or fall quarter
- Eligible for funding under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Maximum total award per student is \$6,345 (largest Pell award).
- Submit CARES Student Funding Needs application which includes statement of the students COVID impact.

Additional criteria used for the grant—

- Students were awarded a grant amounts based on the criteria of need and number of dependents. These needs includes food, books, tuition, housing, technology and other. Award amounts varied based on the student's statement of need but generally limited to the \$1500 or \$2000 per request. Limited cases of higher awards are provided when extreme circumstances are presented. Student can apply more than once.

- CARES Emergency Relief Grants were awarded based on the student's statement of need for funds to cover COVID-19 related expenses or expenses no longer covered due to a COVID-19 related loss of income. Students continue to self-identify through spring, summer and fall quarters and we continue to award CARES Emergency Relief Grants.

Instructions, directions and guidance were provided to grant applicants via email each quarter after the completion of the SPSCC student needs survey and published on the South Puget Sound Community College website.