

CARES Act Report and Disclosure

As of February 17, 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 used 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 under section (a)(1) was **\$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 February 17, 2021 was **\$1,499,870**
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 **4,262**.
4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **1029**.
5. The methods used to determine which and how much Emergency Financial Aid Grants under section (a)(1) are as follows

All students receiving grants must meet these criteria:

- Undergraduate student been enrolled during one of the eligible quarters - spring 20, summer 20, fall 20, or Winter 21 quarter. These quarters fell between the first date of disbursement 4/24/2020 and the date the funds were spent in full 2/17/2021.
- Eligible for funding under 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
- 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:

Applications submitted prior to 2/10/2021

- 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.

Applications submitted after 2/10/2021

- SPSCC Updated the Application process 2/10/2021 to provide students a more simple, user friendly and standard application process. This was changed to reduce barriers and increase the access to students in need. This process also allowed SPSCC to specifically outreach to students in need. The needs still include Food, housing & other, technology, and tuition & fees. Students are eligible to apply each quarter.
- Students self-identified through spring 20, summer 20, fall 20 and winter 21 quarter. Emergency Financial Aid Grants under section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Act were officially disbursed in full as of February 17, 2021. SPSCC continues to provide Emergency relief to students through The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) as authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relied Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA).

Instructions, directions and guidance were provided to grant applicants via email and text quarterly, in addition to being published on the South Puget Sound Community College website.