Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

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.

Riverland Community College signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on April 13, 2020. Riverland Community College has used and plans to use at least 50% of the total allocation for student emergency funds.

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.

Riverland Community College received award confirmation on April 22, 2020 that CARES – Student Financial Aid was available in G5. Riverland Community College has received $636,122 of funds 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).

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4. **The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**

Based on student eligibility as defined below, Riverland Community College identified 1,066 students as eligible for funds.

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.**

1,066 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

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.**

Eligible students include students who are enrolled and attending at least one course that is all of the following:

- Ground-based
- Credit-earning (therefore excluding audited courses)
- Semester-based course
- Continuing through or starting on or after March 9, 2020
- Is not dropped, withdrawn, or last date of attendance before March 9, 2020

Students not eligible under Department of Education and Minnesota State guidelines include:

- Students not enrolled in a Title IV eligible program
- Students who are not US citizens or eligible non citizens
- Online only students
- DACA/DREAM Act Students
- International students
- Concurrent high school students
- Postsecondary enrollment option students (PSEO)
- Students receiving senior citizen tuition rates
- Students enrolled in non-credit courses
- Students incarcerated
• Students whose tuition is covered by a tuition waiver as an employee of Minnesota State.
• Students who have received the funds from another Minnesota State college

Effective June 2020 students must complete the FAFSA and be eligible to receive Title IV funds to receive any additional funds.

Riverland Community College received $636,122 of student emergency funds as part of the CARES Act. In an effort to distribute funds to make the greatest impact, three different methods were used to award funds to students.

- Base Award - Awards of $350 to all eligible students
- Supplemental Award – Awards of $290 to all eligible students with a Pell eligible EFC
- CARES Act Emergency Fund Applications – Awards of up to $1,000 per student – Eleven percent of the college’s allocation was reserved for applications for additional funds. Application information on this fund and the college’s other emergency funds are available from the student’s Academic Advisor.

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

- The distribution plan was presented to the Riverland Community College Student Senate on April 22, 2020 and an update on the progress of the plan was provided on May 8, 2020.
- The Student Emergency Funds Application Website was updated to include CARES Act funds.
- After our eligible-student list was finalized, we compared it with reports from BankMobile of who had inactive accounts. Messages and phone calls were sent to those students notifying them that they should review their accounts with BankMobile before funds were sent to students.
- A personal email was sent to each student notifying them of their eligibility and the amount they were receiving by the Dean of Students.