

CARES Act Reporting

Introduction

As required by the Office of Postsecondary Education at the Department of Education (ED), Guam Community College (GCC) submits the following on the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Relief Fund (HEERF).

Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child care). On April 9, 2020, the Department published documents related to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including a [letter](#) from the Secretary, a form [Certification and Agreement](#) for signing and returning by institutions to access the funds, and a list of [institutional allocations under 18004\(a\)\(1\)](#).

The Certification and Agreement directs each institution applying for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report (the “30-day Fund Report”) to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution’s Certification and Agreement to ED. Each HEERF participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution’s primary website. The following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter.

Acknowledgement of Funding and Certification

GCC acknowledges that the authorized representative signed and returned to the Department of Education (ED) the Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. GCC gives its 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.

Total Award

GCC has been awarded a total of \$1,153,943 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The US Department of Education issued Award No. P425E200217 for a total amount of \$574,675 which will be provided directly to students impacted by campus disruptions due to coronavirus.

Award Information

Number: P425E200217

Title: CARES Act: Institution of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund GCC Student Portion

Budget Period: 04/20/2020 - 04/19/2021

Award Amount: \$574,675

CFDA: 84.425E

Funds Distributed to Date

The total amount of funds that has been awarded from the Department of Education pursuant to Guam Community College's CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$574,675. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act from the date of submission, April 11, 2020, through the close of business on May 20, 2020, is \$558,140.

Student Eligibility

The estimated total number of GCC students 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 is 1,711. The estimate is based on the number of Spring 2020 Full/Part time registered students.

Total Student Awards

The total number of Guam Community College students who have received Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act from April 11, 2020, through the close of business on May 20, 2020 is 1,711 as follow:

	Total Student	Total Award
Full time	826	\$ 363,440.00
Part Time	885	\$ 194,700.00
Total	1,711	\$ 558,140.00

Methods Used to Determine Which Students Received Aid and How Much

GCC received notification of the grant award for the CARES CT, Education Stabilization fund of \$574,675(50 %) on April 20, 2020. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires GCC to use no less than fifty percent of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student 's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

The following process is developed for the CARES Act, HEERF funds distribution:

1. Establish Student Determination Criteria:
 - a. Student must be a current full time or part time student for Spring 2020.
 - b. Full time= 12 credits or more; Part time = 11 credits or less
 - c. The total number of enrolled credits on 4/11/2020 is used to determine student status.
 - i. Student who withdrew from all classes before 4/11/ 2020 are not eligible.

- ii. If a student withdrew from one or more classes prior to 4/11/20, status will be adjusted (i.e. FT to PT).
 - d. Students participating in the University of Guam (UOG) consortium agreement and who identified UOG as their home school, will not be eligible for GCC disbursement. Funds will be provided through UOG.
2. On March 14, 2020, the Governor of Guam, Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero issued Executive Order #2020- 04, requiring the closure of all schools, including the Guam Community College. GCC closed its campus to the public and began the transition of students to online courses effective 3/17/2020. Arrangements have been made to extend completion of courses up to Spring 2021, for students who need additional time to complete. Therefore, the College has determined that all currently enrolled students have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and are in need of assistance. The calculated grant aid is as follows:
 - a. Full time student = \$440
 - b. Part time student = \$220
 3. From 4/11/2020 to present, the College worked on gathering required information, to include enrollment status and confirmation of student addresses. Checks were ready for mailing on 4/22/2020.
 4. Public announcement of CARES Act disbursement was made on 4/22/2020.
 5. Announcement to students was posted on MyGCC on 4/22/2020