Report and Disclosure

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Community College of Rhode Island Initial 30-Day Fund Report and Disclosure

July 2, 2020

- Community College of Rhode Island(CCRI) acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 13, 2020, and gives the assurance that CCRI 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.
- 2. The total amount of funds CCRI received on April 22, 2020, from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to students is \$5,000,285.
- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of July 2, 2020, is \$3,640,670. The estimated total number of students at CCRI 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 8361.
- 4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of July 2, 2020 is 6950.
- The methods used to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- All CCRI students enrolled for the spring 2020 semester are considered to have incurred expenses due to the disruption of campus operations based upon the mid-semester switch to online learning, with the exception of those students who were already 100% enrolled in online courses;
- Students must be currently matriculated in an eligible CCRI degree or certificate program;
- Students must demonstrate Title IV financial aid eligibility by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and meeting all applicable qualifications;
- Federal Pell Grant recipients are determined to demonstrate the greatest amount of financial need, these currently enrolled spring students were directly granted the following amounts in emergency grant assistance:
 - Up to \$900 for full time students
 - Up to \$700 for ³/₄ time students
 - Up to \$400 for ½ time students
 - Up to \$200 for 1/4 time students

- Student employees who were not paid via Federal Work Study funds and were unable to continue their on and off campus positions due to campus disruptions were provided a direct grant in the amount of their lost wages;
- Due to the continued delivery of 100% remote classes for summer semester, students without the necessary technology are given the opportunity to apply for emergency grant assistance for technology expenses;
- All other enrolled students who do not receive direct grant assistance, yet meet eligibility criteria may apply for emergency grant assistance through an online application. Students who do not qualify for the federally provided funding are considered for institutional emergency grant funding that is available through donor funds via the CCRI Foundation.
- 6. The instructions, directions, or guidance provided by CCRI to all students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were sent via CCRI email, published on the CCRI website, and announced via the "CC Daily" Newsletter
 - Email to students
 - <u>Application for Emergency Grant</u>
 - Application for Technology Grant
 - Website for More Information