

## Report and Disclosure

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting  
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students  
Community College of Rhode Island  
Subsequent Quarterly Fund Report and Disclosure

December 31, 2020

1. 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 December 31, 2020, is \$4,402,591\*\*.  
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 12814.
4. The total unduplicated number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of December 31, 2020 is 7624.
5. 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 were 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;
  - All CCRI students enrolled for summer and fall 2020 semester are considered to have incurred expenses due to the disruption of campus operations due to the continued online delivery of courses and remote delivery of instruction, course materials and student services;
  - 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  time students
    - Up to \$400 for  $\frac{1}{2}$  time students
    - Up to \$200 for  $\frac{1}{4}$  time students
  - Federal Pell Grant recipients with a 0 EFC enrolled for Fall 2020 were provided direct grant assistance in the amount of \$150-250 that resulted in emergency aid to assist with expenses due to the disruption of campus operations;
  - Student employees who were not paid via Federal Work Study funds and were unable to continue their on and off campus positions in Spring 2020 due to campus disruptions were provided a direct grant in the amount of their lost wages;
  - Due to the continued delivery of remote classes for summer 2020 and fall 2020 semesters, students without the necessary technology were given the opportunity to apply for emergency grant assistance for technology expenses;
  - All other enrolled students who did not receive direct grant assistance, yet met eligibility criteria were able to apply for emergency grant assistance through an online application. The application will remain available until funds are depleted. 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.
  - Plans are underway for another direct distribution of funds to Pell eligible students for the spring 2021 semester. The remaining \$597,694 will be depleted along with supplemented funds from section 18004(a)(2) and the upcoming HEERF2, depending upon the timing of the receipt of funds.
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](#)
  - [Application for Emergency Grant](#)
  - [Application for Technology Grant](#)
  - [Website for More Information](#)

\*\*The 12/31/20 expenditures are lower than those reported on the previous quarterly report due to unclaimed checks that were issued in May 2020. After reminder attempts to students, unclaimed funds were returned to the account for future distribution to other students.