

# REPORT ON CARES ACT EMERGENCY GRANTS TO STUDENTS Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

March 17, 2021

Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a total funding allocation was established for White Mountains Community College, with at least 50 percent reserved to provide students with emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

White Mountains Community College submitted a signed ***“Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement”*** to the US Department of Education for the emergency financial aid grants to students portion (HEERF), acknowledging that \$244,252, was allocated “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).”

## HOW MUCH IN EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDS HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS?

As of	Total Amount Disbursed	Total Number of Students
May 22, 2020	\$0	0
July 6, 2020	\$243,853	400
August 20, 2020	\$243,853	400
October 6, 2020	\$243,853	400
January 8, 2021	\$243,853	400
March 17, 2021	\$244,252	402

## WHO WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS?

To be eligible for emergency financial aid grant funding, as outlined under CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) students must:

- have been matriculated in a Title IV eligible program
- enrolled as of March 13, 2020
- be eligible to participate in programs under [Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965](#)

As of	Estimated Number of Eligible Students
May 22, 2020	400

## HOW DID WHITE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DETERMINE WHICH STUDENTS WOULD RECEIVE FUNDS?

Students were notified via email and advised to complete a simple application through the Student Information System (SIS), with a priority deadline of June 5, 2020. These applications were the basis for determining student need and these students received priority in the awarding of funds. A secondary process identified all students with a FAFSA on file, packaged and enrolled as of March 13, 2020, who met the eligibility requirements of the HEA; these students were determined by WMCC to have been affected by the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. A third process identified those students with a FAFSA on file, had not been packaged and were enrolled as of March 13, 2020, who met the eligibility requirements of the HEA; these students were determined by WMCC to have been affected by the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. A fourth and final process identified eligible students who had a FAFSA on file, highest need GOFERR recipient and were enrolled as of March 13, 2020 to expend remaining funds.

As a result of these processes, students were awarded as follows:

### Group A:

Eligible students who answered 'yes' to questions on the application received the following:

0-2 questions answered \$854.50

3-4 questions answered \$1050.00

5-6 questions answered \$1200.00

7-8 questions answered \$1500.00

### Group B:

Eligible students who had a FAFSA on file, packaged and were enrolled as of March 13, 2020 received \$400.00.

### Group C:

Eligible students who had a FAFSA on file, were not packaged and were enrolled as of March 13, 2020 received \$400.00.

### Group D:

Eligible students who had a FAFSA on file, highest need GOFERR recipient and were enrolled as of March 13, 2020 received \$199.50 to expend remaining funds.

<u>HEERF Funding:</u>	\$244,252.00	
Group A	\$133,453.00	124 students
Group B	\$109,600.00	274 students
Group C	\$800.00	2 students
Group D	\$399.00	2 students
Total spent	\$244,252.00	402 students

### HOW DID STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS?

Funds were posted directly to students accounts through the Bursar's Office the week of June 15, 2020.

Students were sent an email notifying them of their eligibility for the CARES Act Funding from the financial aid office on June 17, 2020.

Students were sent an email notifying them of the amount of the refund and that the funds would be sent to them via Nelnet.

Awarded students may have elected to receive awards via direct deposit by following the "How to Sign Up for Electronic Refunding" process at <https://www.ccsnh.edu/paying-for-college/resources/ccsnh-student-refunds>.

If direct deposit was not set up, HEERF funds were mailed to students at the permanent address on file at the College.