

Wallace Community College Selma CARES Act and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I, II, and III) Report September 30, 2021

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF I”). George Corley Wallace State Community College’s allocation for the student portion from HEERF I is \$649,162.00

Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriates Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) provides the “same amount” of funding in financial aid grants to students that it was required to provide under its original Student Aid Portion (CFDA 84.425E) allocation amount (HEERF II). WCCS’s allocation for the student portion from HEERF II is 2,137,811.

Section 2003(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) provides funding in financial aid grants to students in addition to the funds authorized by CRRSAA. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. WCCS’s allocation for the student portion from HEERF III is \$2,509,601.

The following information is provided by George Corley Wallace State Community College (the “College” or “WCCS”) as required by the Department of Education (“ED”) in order to comply with the reporting requirements under CARES, CRRSAA and ARP. Act. The following is posted in an easily accessible webpage within the College’s website webpage(s) 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1). This report will be updated every 45 days thereafter with the following:

1. Acknowledgment of Certification and Agreement

An acknowledgment 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 student portion funds received under the CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARP to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students:

George Corley Wallace State Community College (WCCS) signed and submitted the Certification and Agreement under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. This agreement was further extended to include funding under Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriates Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) and Section 2003(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

2. Total Amount of Funds Received

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:

George Corley Wallace State Community College (WCCS) has been allocated \$1,298,324 in HEERF I funds for student and institutional expenses as the result of the CARES Act. Of this total allocation and consistent with the HEERF guidelines, a minimum 50 percent of the College allocation will be distributed directly to students in the form of emergency cash grants. That 50 percent amount is \$649,162 and is being provided directly to students in the form of emergency grants as mandated by the CARES Act. WCCS provided \$649,162 of the institutional portion of HEERF I to students in the form of emergency grants.

WCCS has been allocated \$2,786,974 in HEERF II funds for student and institutional expenses as the result of the CRRSAA Act. Of this total allocation and consistent with the HEERF II guidelines, \$2,137,811 are distributed directly to students in the form of emergency grants.

WCCS provided \$389,290.71 of the institutional portion of HEERF II to students in the form of emergency grants.

WCCS has been allocated \$2,509,601 in HEERF III funds for student and institutional expenses as the result of the ARP Act. Of this total allocation and consistent with the HEERF III guidelines, \$1,307,938.03 are distributed directly to students in the form of emergency grants.

3. Total Amount of Funds Distributed to Students to Date

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CARES Act, CRRSA, and ARP as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter):

As of September 30, 2021, **\$4,701,798.05** of emergency financial aid grant funds (HEERF I, II, and III) have been distributed to students.

Funds were distributed to students during the following semesters:

- Spring 2020 (HEERF I) - \$649,162
- Summer 2020 (HEERF I) - \$
- Fall 2020 (HEERF I) - \$ 201,866.57
- Spring 2021 (HEERF II) - \$ 2,154,878.77
- Summer 2021 (HEERF II) - \$1,306,500
- Fall 2021 (HEERF II) – 389,390.71

4. 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

The total number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CARES Act, CRRSA, and ARP.

Eligibility for students to receive HEERF I, II, and III funds were released at the time funding was available and was expanded from the initial release of HEERF I to HEERF III. Based on regulatory guidance released from April 2020 through August 2021, by the Department of Education, the number of eligible students who were identified at the time of distribution is outlined below.

Eligible students during the following semesters:

- Spring 2020 (HEERF I) – 570
- Summer 2020 (HEERF I) 0
- Fall 2020 (HEERF I) 198
- Spring 2021 (HEERF II) – 1201
- Summer 2021 (HEERF II) – 871
- Fall 2021(HEERF II) – 396

5. The Total Number of Students who have received a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant under CARES Act, CRRSA, or ARP:

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CARES Act, CRRSA, and ARP.:

WCCS provided \$389,390.71 to students in the form of additional emergency grants via emergency application requests. Students were given the opportunity to report having been affected by the Coronavirus campus disruptions and asked to request additional expenses resulted.

6. The Methods used by the Institution to determine which Students Receive HEERF and How Much they would receive under CARES Act, CRRSA, or ARP:

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:

WCCS students were identified as eligible for the HEERF I emergency cash grants by querying the College's data system (Ellucian) for students who met the following requirements:

- Student has completed the FAFSA for 2019-2020
- Student is actively enrolled in classes for Spring 2020 (not withdrawn) for the spring distribution or enrolled in classes for Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 for the summer distribution
- Student is meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Student has been awarded aid for any term in 2019-2020 (fall, spring, or summer)

Dollar amounts were assigned equally to all recipients based on the availability of funding at the time the awards were made. Therefore, the award per student \$1,138.88.

The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriates Act of 2021 (CRRSAA):

WCCS students were identified as eligible for the HEERF II emergency cash grants by querying the College's data system (Ellucian) for students who met the following requirements:

- Student is actively enrolled in classes (not withdrawn)
- Student is a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-citizen

Dollar amounts were assigned equally to all recipients based on the availability of funding at the time the awards were made. Amount distributed per recipient \$1,500.

The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive Section 2003(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

WCCS students were identified as eligible for the HEERF III emergency cash grants by querying the College's data system (Ellucian) for students who met the following requirements:

- Student is actively enrolled and attending any WCCS class.

Dollar amounts were assigned equally to all recipients based on the availability of funding at the time the awards were made. Amount distributed ranged from \$500 to \$1000 per recipient, per distribution.

7. Any Instructions, Directions, or Guidance Provided by the Institution to Students Concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

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

WCCS developed a request form (Consent for Additional Aid) accessible for the students who were determined to be eligible. Multiple communications were sent to eligible students via their email address on record which included instructions for how to complete and submit the form that was attached. Students sent text messages via phone numbers on record, which directed students to their emails and to stop by the Cashier's Office. In addition, eligible students received hard copies of the form via traditional mail services.

Additionally, all instruction and eligibility requirements were posted to WCCS's website at https://www.wccs.edu/aws/media/9212200_cares_act_11-5-20201.pdf?1615229172

Using WCCS' designed form, students were given the opportunity to report having been affected by the Coronavirus campus disruptions and asked to request additional expenses resulted. Students were also allowed to select the primary purpose for emergency assistance.

- Cover housing costs
- Cover food costs
- Cover course material costs
- Cover technology costs
- Cover health care costs
- Cover child care costs
- Tuition & Fees

Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting under CARES Act Sections 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion, 18004(a)(2), and 18004(a)(3), if applicable

Institution Name: George Corley Wallace State Community College Date of Report: 10/30/2020 Covering Quarter Ending: 09/30/2021

Total Amount of Funds Awarded: Section (a)(1) Institutional Portion: \$3,980,502 Section (a)(2): \$516,033 Section (a)(3): \$0 Final Report?

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Providing additional emergency financial aid grants to students. ¹	\$389,390.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Providing reimbursements for tuition, housing, room and board, or other fee refunds.	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Providing tuition discounts.		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Covering the cost of providing additional technology hardware to students, such as laptops or tablets, or covering the added cost of technology fees.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Providing or subsidizing the costs of high-speed internet to students or faculty to transition to an online environment.	\$24,754.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Subsidizing off-campus housing costs due to dormitory closures or decisions to limit housing to one student per room; subsidizing housing costs to reduce housing density; paying for hotels or other off-campus housing for students who need to be isolated; paying travel expenses for students who need to leave campus early due to coronavirus infections or campus interruptions.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Subsidizing food service to reduce density in eating facilities, to provide pre-packaged meals, or to add hours to food service operations to accommodate social distancing.	\$0.00	\$8,331.19	\$0.00	
Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

¹ To support any element of the cost of attendance (as defined under Section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) per Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act and the [Interim Final Rule](#) published in the *Federal Register* on June 17, 2020 (85 FR 36494). Community Colleges in California, all public institutions in Washington State, and all institutions in Massachusetts have different requirements due to recent U.S. District Court actions. Please discuss with legal counsel. [HEERF litigation updates can be found here.](#)

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Campus safety and operations: ²	\$183,758.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional instructional equipment and supplies (such as laboratory equipment or computers) to reduce the number of students sharing equipment or supplies during a single class period and to provide time for disinfection between uses.	\$657,476.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Replacing lost revenue due to reduced enrollment.		\$227,379.81	0	
Replacing lost revenue from non-tuition sources (i.e., cancelled ancillary events; disruption of food service, dorms, childcare or other facilities; cancellation of use of campus venues by other organizations, lost parking revenue, etc.) ³			\$0.00	
Purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction; or paying additional funds to staff who are providing training in addition to their regular job responsibilities.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, or upgrading campus wi-fi access or extending open networks to parking lots or public spaces, etc.	\$153,576.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Uses of (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds: ⁴	\$0.00		\$0.00	

² Including costs or expenses related to the disinfecting and cleaning of dorms and other campus facilities, purchases of personal protective equipment (PPE), purchases of cleaning supplies, adding personnel to increase the frequency of cleaning, the reconfiguration of facilities to promote social distancing, etc.

³ Including continuance of pay (salary and benefits) to workers who would otherwise support the work or activities of ancillary enterprises (e.g., bookstore workers, foodservice workers, venue staff, etc.)

⁴ Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the "Explanatory Notes" section. Please note that costs for Section 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion funds may only be used "to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus, so long as such costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship."

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Other Uses of (a)(2) or (a)(3) funds, if applicable. ⁵				
Quarterly Expenditures for each Program	\$1,318,956.42	\$235,711.00	0	
Total of Quarterly Expenditures	\$1,554,667.42			

Form Instructions

Completing the Form: On each form, fill out the institution of higher education (IHE or institution) name, the date of the report, the appropriate quarter the report covers (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30), the total amount of funds awarded by the Department (including reserve funds if awarded), and check the box if the report is a “final report.” In the chart, an institution must specify the amount of expended CARES Act funds for each funding category: Sections 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion, 18004(a)(2), and 18004(a)(3), if applicable. Section 18004(a)(2) funds includes CFDA 84.425L (Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)), 84.425K (Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)), 84.425L (Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)), 84.425M (Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)); Section 18004(a)(3) funds are for CFDA 84.425N (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Formula Grant). Each category is deliberately broad and may not capture specific grant program requirements. Explanatory footnotes help clarify certain reporting categories. While some items in the chart are blocked out, please note that the blocking of such items is consistent with Department guidance and FAQs and is not definitive. Provide brief explanatory notes for how funds were expended, including the title and brief description of each project or activity in which funds were expended. Do not include personally identifiable information (PII). Calculate the amount of the Section 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion (referred to as “(a)(1) institutional” in the chart), Section 18004(a)(2) (referred to as “(a)(2)” in the chart), and Section 18004(a)(3) (referred to as “(a)(3)” in the chart) funds in the “Quarterly Expenditures for each Program” row, and the grand total of all three in the “Total of Quarterly Expenditures” row. Round expenditures to the nearest dollar.

Posting the Form: This form must be conspicuously posted on the institution’s primary website on the same page the reports of the IHE’s activities as to the emergency financial aid grants to students made with funds from the IHE’s allocation under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act (Student Aid Portion) are posted. It may be posted in an HTML webpage format or as a link to a PDF. A new separate form must be posted covering each quarterly reporting period (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30), concluding after either (1) posting the quarterly report ending September 30, 2022 or (2) when an institution has expended and liquidated all (a)(1) Institutional Portion, (a)(2), and (a)(3) funds and checks the “final report” box. IHEs must post this quarterly report form no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (October 10, January 10, April 10, July 10) apart from the first report, which is due October 30, 2020. For the first report using this form, institutions must provide their cumulative expenditures from the date of their first HEERF award through September 30,

⁵ Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the “Explanatory Notes” section. Please note that costs for Sections 18004(a)(2) and (a)(3) funds may only be used “to defray expenses, including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, payroll incurred by institutions of higher education and for grants to students for any component of the student’s cost of attendance (as defined under section 472 of the HEA), including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.”

2020. Each quarterly report must be separately maintained on an IHE's website or in a PDF document linked directly from the IHE's CARES Act reporting webpage. Reports must be maintained for at least three years after the submission of the final report per 2 CFR § 200.333. Any changes or updates after initial posting must be conspicuously noted after initial posting and the date of the change must be noted in the "Date of Report" line.

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