

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Report

Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education announcement posted May 6, 2020 directs each HEERF participating institution to post this information listed below on their website.

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act" or the "Act")), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), 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").

1) This posting serves as an acknowledgement that Four County Career Center has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution 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) Four County Career Center received \$9,053 from the Department pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3) \$9,053 of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

4) Four County has <10 students that meet the eligible criteria 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.

5) <10 students have accepted the grant. Checks were processed and mailed directly to the students at their home addresses.

6) Decisions regarding the disbursement of these funds were made by the Superintendent, Adult Education Director and the Financial Aid Coordinator. Four County Career Center decided to offer the emergency grant funds to all eligible students enrolled in a Title IV program who were actively enrolled as of March 12, 2020. The decision was made to evenly split the \$9,053 among all students who qualified and accepted the grant.

7) Each student was contacted by phone and asked to complete an application. The application stated the purpose of the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant, what expenses were eligible, and each student was given the opportunity to accept or decline the grant funds.

8) Four County Career Center was granted an additional \$9,053 to use for institutional expenses related to the pandemic. These funds are being used to purchase PPE and supplies necessary to comply with COVID policies in order to return to the classroom.