



First Quarter Report for CARES ACT

Gadsden State Community College has released its first quarter report regarding the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Emergency Student Financial Aid Grants.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Gadsden State Community College, under the leadership of President Dr. Martha Lavender, signed the Certification and Agreement for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and submitted it to the Department of Education. In the Certification and Agreement, Gadsden State assured that it would spend no less than 50% of the money received under 18004(a)(1) under the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Students receiving checks must be “eligible” as defined by DOE guidelines and may use the funds “for expenses under a student’s cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare.”

The award letter for the grant funds was received on May 4, 2020.

Total Amount of CARES Act funds received by Gadsden State for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students:
\$1,878,083

Total Amount of Aid distributed as of Sept. 30, 2020 (first quarter): \$1,879,516.20

Number of Gadsden State students deemed eligible to receive CARES Act funds: 2,496 students (62% of students enrolled in Spring Semester)

Number of students who have received a CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant: 2,496 students

METHOD OF DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FROM THE CARES ACT FUNDS

Students who met all of the following criteria received funds:

- Students working towards a degree or certificate at Gadsden State
- Students enrolled in at least one traditional (in-person) course on one of the five Gadsden State campuses
- Students who have a valid 2019-2020 FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office OR those who are eligible to apply for FAFSA
- Students who have a satisfactory academic progress (SAP) status
- Students enrolled at Gadsden State during the Spring Semester (with exception to those who exclusively attended Spring Mini I Term)

AMOUNT OF FUNDS DISBURSED FROM CARES ACT FUNDS

- **Residence Hall Refunds** – As of March 17, 71 students residing in Fowler Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus are eligible to receive funds. Dates the students left campus were monitored, and refunds were calculated based on a per day of cost for residence. Total spent on Residence Hall Refunds is \$21,609.00.
- **Food Service Refunds** – Using the same list of eligible students from Fowler Hall, 71 students received a partial refund for food service from the date of departure through May 8. Total spent on Food Service Refunds is \$28,339.20.
- **Technology Grants** – A total of 2,496 students have been deemed eligible to receive emergency financial assistance in the amount of \$733 per student for a total of \$1,829,568.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS TO STUDENTS

- A check was mailed to the student to the address on record on May 18.
- If eligible students have not received their checks, they should log into myGadsdenState and verify their home address where the check was mailed.
- Students need to cash their checks within 60 days.

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: Gadsden State Community College **Date of Report:** 10/28/2020 **Covering Quarter Ending:** 9/30/2020

Total Amount of Funds Awarded: Section (a)(1) Institutional Portion: \$1,878,083 Section (a)(2): \$5,093,170 Section (a)(3): _____ **Final Report?**

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| Providing additional emergency financial aid grants to students. ¹ | \$103,817.20 | | | Emergency student aid. |
| Providing reimbursements for tuition, housing, room and board, or other fee refunds. | | | | |
| Providing tuition discounts. | | | | |
| Covering the cost of providing additional technology hardware to students, such as laptops or tablets, or covering the added cost of technology fees. | | | | |
| Providing or subsidizing the costs of high-speed internet to students or faculty to transition to an online environment. | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations. | | | | |

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. [HEERF litigation updates can be found here.](#)

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| Campus safety and operations. ² | \$7,862.69 | | | Additional campus security for temperature checks. |
| 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. | | | | |
| Replacing lost revenue due to reduced enrollment. | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| 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. | \$1,778.06 | \$399,339.33 | | Purchasing additional serving and network storage plus installation to support distance education. (a) (2) Purchase of 2 faculty laptops for online instruction (a) (1) Institutional |
| Other Uses of (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds. ⁴ | | | | |

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.”

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| Other Uses of (a)(2) or (a)(3) funds, if applicable. ⁵ | | | | |
| Quarterly Expenditures for each Program | \$113,457.95 | \$399,339.33 | | |
| Total of Quarterly Expenditures | \$512,797.28 | | | |

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 84.425J (Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)), 84.425K (Trially 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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