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1) Washington County Community College will 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) **Washington County Community College received $170,725 on April 27, 2020** from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3) Washington County Community College has distributed to students the amounts indicated below under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:

Report	Report Date	Amount Distributed as of Report Date
30 day report:	Wednesday, May 27, 2020	**$51,875**
45 day report:	Saturday, July 11, 2020	
90 day report:	Tuesday, August 25, 2020	
135 day report:	Friday, October 09, 2020	
180 day report:	Monday, November 23, 2020	
225 day report:	Thursday, January 07, 2021	
270 day report:	Sunday, February 21, 2021	
315 day report:	Wednesday, April 07, 2021	
360 day report:	Saturday, May 22, 2021	

4) The estimated total number of students at Washington County Community College who are 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act are provided below:

Report	Report Date	Est of Title IV Eligible Students
30 day report:	Wednesday, May 27, 2020	**224**
45 day report:	Saturday, July 11, 2020	
90 day report:	Tuesday, August 25, 2020	
135 day report:	Friday, October 09, 2020	
180 day report:	Monday, November 23, 2020	
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5) The total number of Washington County Community College students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Report	Report Date	Number of Recipients as of Report Date
30 day report:	Wednesday, May 27, 2020	**47**
45 day report:	Saturday, July 11, 2020	
90 day report:	Tuesday, August 25, 2020	
135 day report:	Friday, October 09, 2020	
180 day report:	Monday, November 23, 2020	
225 day report:	Thursday, January 07, 2021	
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6) Washington County Community College used the following methods to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
   a) For Round 1:
      i) The college identified who was enrolled in the Spring 2020 term and notified the students via email and the front page of the Washington County Community College website as an alert on Friday, May 8, 2020 that the federally funded CARES Act application was available. In addition, the college sent an email to faculty and staff aware of the funds for eligible students for them to provide information to their students.
      ii) Applications are continuously received from students via their MyWCCC. For those applications received and eligibility confirmed the college is awarding federally funded CARES Act money. The award amount is not to exceed $1,5000 or the amount the student requested, in accordance with college administration policy.

7) Washington County Community College students who were enrolled and had completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and appeared to meet the US Department of Education's "Basic Eligibility Criteria" were sent the following email WCCC student email addresses:

   Dear Students-

   Washington County Community College (WCCC) launches application for student emergency funding under the federal legislation—the CARES Act.

   Washington County Community College (WCCC) received funding from the federal CARES Act. CARES Act funding is provided to students with emergencies related to the COVID-19 disruption. Emergency funding may be available for housing/utilities, food insecurity, child care, health care, transportation, or technology for classes. Starting May 8, WCCC is accepting requests and will begin distributing CARES Act funds to eligible students the week of May 15. To review information

on CARES Act funding and to submit a request, please log-in to MyWCCC and click on the Financial Aid tab to complete the CARES Act form. It is important to access this application through the MyWCCC so it will be pre-populated with your student data. If you need assistance completing the form or cannot access the form, please contact Student Services at (207) 454-1000.

We urge you to apply for this funding to help offset expenses **you** incurred due to the campus disruption caused when your classes were moved to remote or online instruction.

If you have questions regarding CARES Act emergency funding, please contact Linda Fitzsimmons, Director of Financial Aid, at lfitzsimmons@wccc.me.edu or Melvin Adams, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services, madams@wccc.me.edu at (207) 454-1000.

8) Students who completed the WCCC CARES Act Emergency Funds Request were provided with the following instructions, directions, and guidance when accessing the on-line application:

CARES Act Emergency Funds Request

CARES Act emergency funds are for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing emergency financial aid grants to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care expenses.

Eligibility Criteria

Because CARES Act emergency funds are federally-funded, eligibility is restricted by the U.S. Department of Education to students who could file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and meet the general eligibility criteria below.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the College;
- Have a high school diploma, home school diploma, or GED;
- Be making satisfactory academic progress;
- Not owe a refund on a federal Title IV education grant;
- Not be in default on a federal Title IV education loan;
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or other eligible non-citizen;
- Not have fraudulently exceeded federal Title IV education loan limits;
- Be registered with the Selective Service if male and required to register;
- Have a valid Social Security Number;
- Not have a federal or state conviction for using or distributing illegal drugs while receiving federal Title IV education assistance

Additionally, students who were enrolled exclusively in an online program as of March 13, 2020 are not eligible to apply for funding.

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Completing this request form is not a guarantee of funding; each request will be reviewed, and students will be notified of the status of their request.