



CARES, CRRSAA, ARP Act: Post-Secondary Student Grant Reporting

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The Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) entered into an agreement with the United States Department of Education on April 14, 2020, to participate in the CARES Act Emergency Relief Fund Grants to Students program. This was accomplished by completing the Certification and Agreement which allows the LCCTC to receive emergency grant funds in order to provide students with cash assistance for expenses related to an interruption of training due to COVID-19. The LCCTC used no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency financial grants to students. The LCCTC received and expended no less than 50% of funds for student relief grants under CRRSAA and ARP. The LCCTC signed and returned to the United States Department of Education the certification and agreement and the assurance that the LCCTC has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP Acts (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The amount of student grant funds that the LCCTC has received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of the submission of this report is as follows: \$254,050 in round one (CARES Act), \$254,050 in round two (CRRSAA Act), and \$722,491 in round three (ARP Act). All \$1,230,591 in funds from all three rounds have been distributed. In round 1, 223 students received an average award of \$1,139.24. In round 2, 201 students received an average award of \$1,263.93. In round 3, 241 students received an average award of \$2,997.89. For each round of distribution, approximately 250-300 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Students were awarded funds in Round 1 (CARES Act) based on a direct proportion to the number of credits/hours for the program in which they were enrolled. Overall amounts depended on the number of applicants that were approved. Students were provided with instructions, directions, and guidance over several weeks in announcements, e-mails, and social media posts to promote the grant. Eligible students were informed that the grant money does not need to be repaid, that the money was intended to cover expenses that increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that they were eligible if they were Title IV-eligible, and that the funds would be provided by check once applications were reviewed and approved by the LCCTC HEERF grant team. In Round 2, based on updated guidance from the Department, students from non-Title IV-eligible programs were permitted to apply and receive funds, but the funds needed to be distributed based upon need. The LCCTC updated their application accordingly, using the Poverty Scale guidelines as a basis for distribution of funds based upon need. Student household income, levels of governmental assistance, and anecdotal data were collected as a means to determine need. This strategy for allocation of funds was used for both Rounds 2 and 3 of distribution.

All funds have now been distributed to students as of the date of this report. This information is made available to the public on the LCCTC's website under Business & Finance and via social media postings. This is a final report.