Pueblo Community College HEERF III Reporting

The Department would like to receive the most current information from the date when the institution received its allocation for emergency financial aid grants to students, and the institution should have received its allocation within a few days after submitting the Certification and Agreement. Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days and then quarterly thereafter:

- 1. An acknowledgement 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 funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
 - Pueblo Community College signed the assurance and submitted on April 20, 2020 and received HEERF I funds on April 25, 2020.
 - HEERF III funds were received by Pueblo Community College on May 20, 2021.
- 2. 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.
 - \$7,795,587 minimum will be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the HEERF II funds.
- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).
 - December 31, 2021, Pueblo Community College had distributed \$2,268,131.07 to students.

- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in receiving HEERF funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).
 - 3,442 students are estimated to be eligible.
- 5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - As of December 31, 2021 1,567 students have received a grant.
- 6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under ARP.
 - PCC worked to prioritize the neediest students first in the application process. Awarding was done based on enrollment (\$2,000 for full-time students and \$1,000 for less than full-time students). The average award is \$1,447.
- 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

PCC CARES III Emergency Grant

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was authorized and signed into law on March 11, 2021. This legislation provided additional funding to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to assist colleges in preparing for, preventing, and responding to Coronavirus.

As a student of PCC, if you incurred expenses or hardships related to the coronavirus, we may be able to help! This not only includes needs such as a technology to participate in the remote learning versions of your classes, or improvements in internet service, but also if you are struggling due to the disruption to pay rent, buy food, pay for childcare, pay for transportation, and/or pay for related healthcare (including mental healthcare) expenses.

If you are struggling to pay any educational expenses or would like assistance taking classes in an upcoming semester, we can help with those too.

The PCC CARES Act II Emergency Grant can help meet your needs. Please access the 'Live Chat' Chat function in the lower right hand corner of the <u>PCC website</u>. Enter your information and then select 'CARE Grant Relief' for the department. You will be connected with a Student Success Coach that will assist you in completing an application.

If approved, funds will be released as soon as possible through your refund preference set up through BankMobile. The CARES III funding available to PCC is limited and the funding available to PCC students will be distributed as soon as possible while the funds last.

Eligibility requirements per the US Department of Education

Students with exceptional need (such as Pell Grant recipients) will be prioritized. Eligibility will be verified prior to the distribution of grant funding.