

## Pueblo Community College CARES/HEERF 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 quarterly thereafter, with the first quarterly report due October 10, 2020:

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 the funds on April 25, 2020.
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.
  - \$1,819,227 minimum will be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
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 quarterly thereafter).
  - As of September 30, 2020, Pueblo Community College had distributed \$706,456 to students.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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.

- 5,019 students are estimated to be eligible under Section 484 in Title IV.
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 September 30, 2020 902 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 Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
    - All students enrolled in Spring 2020 courses that were not solely online were invited to apply. Students who applied were reviewed to determine if they met initial eligibility as designated by the Department of Education – specifically enrolled in Title IV eligible programs on campus (not online) as of March 13, 2020 and the nature of the impact (housing, technology, childcare, food, utilities, other). After review, applications were reviewed by Financial Aid professional staff to determine if the student was Title IV eligible or if additional information is needed to assess Title IV eligibility. The average award is \$783.
  7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

## **PCC CARES Act Emergency Grant**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed and was signed in March 2020. It established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). These allocated funds are for the students of Pueblo Community College to “provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.” (CARES Act, Section 1800)

As a student of PCC if you incurred expenses or hardships related to the coronavirus that disrupted your education, 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, improvements in internet service, but also if you are struggling due to the disruption to pay rent, buy food, pay for childcare, and pay for related 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 if you were enrolled on March 13, 2020.

The PCC CARES Act Emergency Grant can help meet your needs. Please access the 'Get Help' Chat function in the lower right hand corner of the [PCC website](#). 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 funding available to PCC is limited and the funding available to PCC students will be distributed as soon as possible while the funds last. Applying for the funding early is strongly encouraged.

## Eligibility requirements per the US Department of Education

Eligible students include US citizens taking on campus classes on March 13, 2020 who have completed high school. Students in programs that were exclusively online prior to March 13, 2020 are not eligible. Eligibility will be verified prior to the distribution of grant funding. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting. Source: [US Dept. of Education](#).