

**CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
Reporting Disclosure**

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The US Department of Education Certification and Agreement directs each institution applying for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and to post the following information 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18804(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter.

Date West Kern Community College District received allocation: 5/2/2020

Date of First Report: 6/4/2020

1. West Kern Community College District acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and assures 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.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is:

\$ 4,879,654

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).

As of 6/4/2020: \$ 153,000

As of 8/6/2020: \$ 464,400

As of 10/28/2020: \$ 561,455

As of 6/30/2021: \$ 1,122,910

As of 9/30/2021: \$ 3,278,694

As of 12/31/2021: \$ 3,307,993

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 is:

3,256 Students

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 6/4/2020: 255 Students

As of 8/6/2020: 387 Students

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As of 10/28/2020:	423 Students
As of 6/30/2021:	1,211 Students
As of 9/30/2021:	3,220 Students
As of 12/31/2021:	3,256 Students

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.

In accordance with guidance provided by the US Department of Education, West Kern Community College District students were evaluated for the following eligibility criteria:

- a. Filed 19-20 FAFSA reflecting financial need
- b. Actively enrolled for Spring 2020
- c. Be currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program
- d. Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school
- e. Must be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress
- f. Not owe an Overpayment of Title IV Grants or Loans
- g. Not be in Default on a Title IV Loan
- h. Be a U.S. Citizen or National, Permanent Resident, or other eligible noncitizen status
- i. Have returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if convicted or plead guilty or no contest to charges
- j. Not have fraudulently received Title IV Loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits
- k. Have repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently
- l. Have Selective Service registration verified
- m. Have Social Security Number verified
- n. Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations

International and Undocumented Students: According to the ED's April 21, 2020 guidance, students must meet Title IV eligibility requirements in order to receive HEERF-student share funds. Therefore, international and undocumented students are not eligible to receive emergency grants.

Online Students: Students enrolled exclusively in online programs on March 13 (the date of President Trump's national emergency proclamation) are not eligible for HEERF-student share funds, per ED's April 21, 2020 guidance.

Students must meet Title IV eligibility requirements in order to receive HEERF emergency funds. After confirming the Title IV eligibility requirements, the institution retains discretion over which students will receive HEERF-student share funds. According to the certification agreement, institutions are required to comply with "all applicable laws, including non-discrimination laws" when determining who will receive the emergency grants.

Students meeting the eligibility criteria listed above will receive an emergency grant in the amount of \$600.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

A webpage was created to provide CARES Act Emergency Grant information to students.