

CARES Act Funds Report

Columbia Basin College (CBC) has received funding under the CARES Act (CRSSA) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. CBC returned the signed Certification and Agreement to the Department and has used no less than 50% of funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

On April 20, 2020, CBC received \$1,920,205, and on January 17, 2021, CBC received an additional \$1,920,205, for a total of \$3,840,410. CBC allocated 100% of the funding to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

As of March 31, 2021, CBC has awarded \$2,720,205 in CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 1,356 unduplicated students in 2020 and 871 unduplicated students in 2021. For the quarter of January 1 – March 31, 2021, \$800,000 was awarded to 871 unduplicated students.

An estimated 2,753 CBC students are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and are therefore eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

CBC is using a COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund application to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The application asks each student to explain how they have been impacted by COVID-19 and their financial need. In an effort to provide assistance to as many students as possible, the award amount is determined by the amount requested by the student in relation to their enrollment level. CBC is using a database to track eligibility, awards, and any duplicate applications.

Students who are awarded are reminded they are receiving funding the CARES Act, and as such, it is intended for: childcare, course materials, food/groceries, housing/rent, medical/healthcare, technology, tuition and fees, and/or utilities. They are encouraged to use the funds accordingly. Awards are distributed via Bank Mobile, and students without an existing Bank Mobile account are advised to check their CBC student email for an email from Bank Mobile with directions to set up their account and choose how they would like to receive their funds. Students who need assistance with this process are encouraged to contact Hawk Central.