

CARES Act Quarterly Report

Columbia Basin College (CBC) has received funding under the CARES Act 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, on January 17, 2021, CBC received an additional \$1,920,205, and on May 13, 2021, CBC received an additional \$6,893,268 for a total of \$10,733,678. CBC allocated 100% of the funding to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

As of December 31, 2021 CBC has awarded \$9,285,505 in CARES Act Emergency Grants to 1,356 unduplicated students in 2020 and 3,328 unduplicated students in 2021. For the quarter of Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2021, \$2,294,000 was awarded to 1,187 unduplicated students.

An estimated 6,180 CBC students were 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 has been set to \$2,000. CBC is using a database to track eligibility, awards, and any duplicate applications.

Students who are awarded are reminded they are receiving funding from 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 for students who have been approved for financial aid. Financial aid 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, CBC's student customer service department. Students who do not qualify for financial aid receive a check mailed to them at the address that is on file with Columbia Basin College.