

**Technical College of the Lowcountry
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
45-Day Report
August 9, 2020**

1. On April 16, 2020, Technical College of the Lowcountry 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.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive from the Department on April 26, 2020, pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is **\$1,283,990**.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students on May 11, 2020 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **\$643,625**.
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 **1,443**.
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 is **1,443**.
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 were:
 - a. The college ran a report of all spring term students as of March 5, 2020 who were Title IV eligible and not enrolled in an exclusively online program. This report indicated which of these students received Pell grants.
 - b. There was a population of students who had not completed a FAFSA. Those were manually vetted for Title IV eligibility.
 - c. Based on the funding available, the college made the decision to award based on a formula that considered student enrolled credit hours and EFC (need). Awards ranged from \$250 to \$900 per student.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants: See attached letter that was provided to all students who received the grant, and was posted on social media.

Letter provided to recipients of HEERF grant recipients and posted on TCL social media

Dear TCL Student,

These are unprecedented and challenging times for TCL students and everyone alike. We know you find yourself grappling with issues you never imagined, and we want to assure you we are here to provide you resources that you may need. That is why we're focused on implementing the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** quickly and faithfully.

This federal aid helps college students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet. This emergency financial aid grant is designed to help cover expenses, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. The legislation differentiates between Pell students and non-Pell, so the amount you receive will differ depending on whether you received a Pell Grant in the Spring semester. The regulations dictate that this aid can only be awarded to Title IV eligible students who were not originally enrolled exclusively in an online program. Awards ranged from \$250 to \$900 based on your enrolled number of credit hours and estimated financial need. A payment was sent to you Monday, May 11, 2020 through the normal Bank Mobile refund process, to help you with those costs. Make sure your refund preference has been selected with BankMobile. For more information about BankMobile, visit this link: <https://bankmobiledisbursements.com/student-experience/>.

All eligible students enrolled in at least one course in a degree seeking program which is not exclusively online as of March 16, 2020, will receive some form of assistance. These funds are not a loan and will not be considered in your financial aid award package for this academic year. All funds will go directly to you, even if there is a balance due at this time. However, if you are able, you may want to use these funds to apply towards any balance due or for Summer or Fall enrollment.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Business Office at 843-525-8355 or businessoffice@tcl.edu if you have any questions. Please stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you again on campus in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Gough

President