



Howard College COVID-19 Student Emergency Solutions Project Website Report

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Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act

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 updated every 45 days thereafter:

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.

Howard College signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement on April 13, 2020 and 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 or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Howard College received \$727,304 from the Department of Education pursuant to Howard College's Certification and Agreement 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 every 45 days thereafter).

As of May 26, 2020, Howard College has distributed \$612,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of July 1, 2020, Howard College has distributed \$678,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.



As of August 18, 2020, Howard College has distributed \$722,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of October 8, 2020, Howard College has distributed \$727,304 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

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.

1,478

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 May 26, 2020, 612 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of July 1, 2020, 678 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 181004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of August 18, 2020, 722 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 11004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of October 8, 2020, 728 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 11004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

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.

Howard College formed a CARES Act Team to create a plan for distributing the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The *attached plan* outlines the method used to determine which students were eligible to apply for funds under the act. Each approved applicant is to receive \$1,000.

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

The application for COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds was posted on the COVID-19 Special Notice page on the college website on April 29, 2020. A news banner link was



placed on the website home page to direct students to the special notice page. Eligibility guidelines and instructions were posted with the application link. Additionally, notifications about the grant were shared multiple times through all social media platforms utilized by the college (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter). An email was sent to all potentially eligible students.

July 1, 2020: Financial Aid staff are working individually with students to complete paperwork to confirm their eligibility. As of July 1, 2020, there are 52 pending applications being processed. The application remains open on the college website.

August 18, 2020: Financial Aid staff have processed 1,071 applications and are working individually with students to complete paperwork to confirm eligibility. As of August 18, 2020, there are 58 pending applications for students that do not have FAFSA paperwork completed. If students are determined to be ineligible for CARES Act funds, Financial Aid staff are working to secure other grant funding for students, as they are eligible, to assist them in some way.

October 8, 2020: Financial Aid staff have processed 1,092 applications and had 61 applications pending for students that did not have FAFSA paperwork completed. There were 303 ineligible applications due to duplication, totally online prior to COVID-19 or not enrolled in Spring 2020 semester. Financial Aid staff made efforts to secure other grant funding for students that were not eligible for CARES Act funds to assist them in some way. All CARES Act funds have been dispersed.