

# Eastern Arizona College Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Quarterly Report As of December 31, 2020

## First Wave of CARES Funding, Student Aid (18004 (a) (1) CFDA 84.425E, Grant # P425F200373)

### Acknowledgement of signed agreement and assurance of use.

Eastern Arizona College (EAC) President Todd Haynie signed the “Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement, Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act” on April 9, 2020. The agreement requires EAC to act in the nature of a fiduciary with respect to awarding CARES Act emergency grant aid to eligible students and with respect to reporting and audit requirements. EAC makes assurance that the College has used 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.

### Total amount of funds that the institution has received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for students.

EAC received \$1,111,136 from the U.S. Department of Education for making Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

### Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students is \$1,111,136. The first wave of CARES funding has been completely depleted.

The estimated total number of Eastern Arizona College students 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.

EAC’s Institutional Research Department estimates that there are approximately 1,410 students who may be eligible to apply for an Emergency Financial Aid grant.

### Total number of Eastern Arizona College students who have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act.

As of December 31, 2020, one thousand and twenty-nine students have received emergency financial aid grants.

The method(s) used by Eastern Arizona College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Grant awards were made as follows.

EAC identified groups of eligible students and automatically disbursed CARES Act grants in three different waves.

1. The first wave of grants was awarded for \$1000 to students who have filed a FAFSA and who have been awarded a Pell grant.
2. The second wave of grants was awarded to students with an estimated family contribution between \$5,712 and \$9,000 (the cutoff range for Pell eligibility). This encompassed income ranges of approximately \$60,000 to \$128,000 per year.
3. The third wave of grants was awarded to Pell eligible students until funds were depleted.

In compliance with guidelines of the CARES Act, funds awarded were not applied to any student balances owed to the college. Students, who wished to resolve a balance owed to the college, were instructed to contact the Fiscal Control Office at (928) 428-8221.

For questions about this emergency aid grant, students were directed to contact the Financial Aid Office at [finaid@eac.edu](mailto:finaid@eac.edu) or (928) 428-8287.

[Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by Eastern Arizona College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.](#)

Only students, who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, may receive the emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 or the 2020-2021 Academic Year, and the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in Section 484 programs, they are eligible for emergency grants. Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires the following to be eligible. A student must: (1) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree, certificate, or other program leading to a recognized educational credential; (2) Maintain satisfactory progress in the course of study; (3) Not owe a refund on grants previously received under Title IV Federal Student Aid; (4) Have filed a FAFSA; (5) Be a U.S. Citizen or National of the United States, a permanent resident of the United States, or able to provide evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service that s/he is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident; and (6) If the student has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving fraud in obtaining funds under Title IV Federal Financial Aid, the student must have completed the repayment of such funds and be able to provide appropriate documentation.

Students enrolled **exclusively** in an online program prior to March 13, 2020 are **NOT** eligible for emergency financial aid grants.

The grant funds provided by this program are designated for eligible students enrolled at EAC as of March 13, 2020 or thereafter. This funding is intended to provide money to eligible students as a result of the disruption from coronavirus to be used for food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare expenses.

Students enrolled in prison education, dual enrollment, and personal interest courses are not eligible for this emergency grant.