

CARES Act HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grants Public Disclosures

This document is designed to disclose various CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Emergency Financial Aid Grant facts and data required in Del Mar College's CARES Act Certification and Agreement.

[Allocation Stable Institutional Portion \(PDF\)](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/allocationstableinstitutionalportion.pdf)

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[Acknowledgement DOE \(PDF\)](http://www.delmar.edu/becoming-a-viking/afford/_resources/acknowledgement-doe.pdf)

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Overview and Reporting Requirements

Section 18004(a)(1) of [the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) (www2.ed.gov/programs/heerf) authorized the Secretary of Education (Secretary) to allocate formula grant funds to Del Mar College (DMC) in the amount of \$3,854,029. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires DMC to use no less than fifty percent of the funds received (\$1,927,015) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of DMC campus operations due to coronavirus.

In April 2020, DMC executed a CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) that provides assurance that DMC intends to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants available to students and directs DMC to submit a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the HEERF.

Allocation and Award Data

- DMC received \$1,927,015 (50% of the total allocation) from the DOE pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- As of May 21, 2020, DMC has distributed \$1,250,700 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 3524 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for both award categories listed in the next section of this webpage.
- As of September 23, 2020, DMC has distributed \$1,758,200 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
- As of January 7, 2021, DMC has distributed \$1,877,015 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Categories/Methods

DMC has established two categories of students eligible to receive CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Category 1: Meet Federal requirements while getting funds to students quickly to address emergency financial needs as a result of COVID-19. Structured in multiple tiers to address highest need students as identified by FASFA EFC calculations. Provides student grant funds to mitigate financial emergencies disrupting education including course materials and technology, food, housing, health care and childcare.

Requirements include: meet FASFA eligible requirements, enrolled at DMC as of March 13, 2020; enrolled in a minimum of one classroom based course of March 13, 2020 (excludes students enrolled in exclusively online classes). Funds must go to students and cannot be used to pay any outstanding student account balances.

1. **FA students with EFC scores of 0-2000:** Target highest need Financial Aid students with emergency assistance at \$500 for full time students and \$300 for part time students. These students have an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of between \$0 to \$2,000. With little to no financial ability to assist in funding their educational pursuit, they are also predicted to be the most at risk financially with the onset of COVID-19. Funds are tiered to help full-time students at a higher rate as those students are less likely to have had full employment to help offset expenses. A slightly lower rate for par- time students. In both cases, there is objective FAFSA data to support the case for high need.
 - a. Full time 959 at \$500 = \$479,500
 - b. Part time 1,236 at \$300 = \$370,800
2. **FA students:** Target students with qualified financial need but with EFC scores that indicate higher family contributions estimates at grant support of \$300 per student regardless of FT or PT. While these students have higher potential contributions per family, the level of \$300 would make significant difference per student, regardless of FT or PT.
 - a. 1269 Students at \$300 = \$380,700)

Category 2: Online Request Grant

Remaining 50% after Category 1 award \$695,015 provided to students filling out new FASFA application prior to June 30, 2020 with distribution as established in Phase I. Continuing Education students who complete the FASFA need to be enrolled or **have been enrolled** in high demand workforce courses including health care, commercial truck driving and other careering training focuses **as of March 13, 2020**. These students are geared to enter the workforce quickly in high demand job areas responding to critical COVID-19 support and recovery efforts.

[CARES Emergency Funding Request \(PDF\)](#)

(www.delmar.edu/becoming-a-viking/afford/cares-emergency-funding-request.pdf)

- Students will complete an online request form to document which semester they experience a disruption to campus operations due to COVID-19 and the amount of the expense they paid.
 - Students will be required to answer 4 questions and identify how they intend to use their CARES Act Funding.
- Eligible students can qualify for \$300 or \$500 grants, based on the availability of funding and application request submitted by the student.
- Students will be limited one request form.
- As of May 19, 2020, DMC has distributed \$1,092,450 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 2431 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for category 2.
- DMC provided the following instructions, directions, or guidance to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants for category 2:
 - Information about HEERF emergency grants was published on DMC's social media sites and in the announcements banner of DMC's main webpage and financial aid webpage.