Lamar Community College Quarterly CARES/HEERF Reporting September 30, 2020

The Department would like to receive the most current information from the date when the institution received its allocation for emergency financial aid grants to students, and the institution should have received its allocation within a few days after submitting the Certification and Agreement. 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.
 - Lamar Community College signed the assurance and submitted on April 20, 2020 and received the funds on April 25, 2020.
- 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.
 - \$294,210 minimum will be used 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 September 30, 2020 Lamar Community College had distributed \$137,599 to students.
- 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.

- 537 students are estimated to be eligible under Section 484 in Title IV.
- 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 September 30, 211 students have received a grant.
- 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.
 - All students enrolled in Spring 2020 courses that were not solely online were invited to apply. Students who applied were reviewed to determine if they met initial eligibility as designated by the Department of Education specifically enrolled in Title IV eligible programs on campus (not online) as of March 13, 2020 and the nature of the impact (housing, technology, childcare, food, instructional materials, other). Applications are reviewed by Financial Aid professional staff to determine if the student is Title IV eligible or if additional information was needed to assess and affirm Title IV eligibility. The average award is \$652.
- 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
 - The following guidance is posted on the public website under the link, "Paying for College"

COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Students

Lamar Community College's COVID-19 Emergency Fund provides assistance to students at risk of dropping out of college due to unexpected financial emergencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This assistance was created to help students stay in college and meet their educational goals, ultimately, securing a better financial future.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES MAY INCLUDE: Food, Housing, Childcare, Health Care, Course Materials, Technology, Tuition Assistance, and Other Critical Needs.

CURRENT STUDENT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Maximum award not to exceed \$750 for students who meet the following criteria:

- Were enrolled at LCC on or before March 13, 2020
- Have been financially impacted by the disruption to campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Have completed a FAFSA (or who are eligible to complete a FAFSA) so will be eligible to apply, regardless of financial aid status.
- LCC's eligible senior concurrent enrollment high school students will be allowed to apply in a second and third round of funding upon post-graduation enrollment in LCC for Fall Semester 2020 if funds remain available.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete and submit the online application below. Your application will typically be reviewed within 1-2 business days and you will be notified through your student portal. If approved, the refund process will pay within 7-14 days.

APPLY HERE: https://cccs-hflgi.formstack.com/forms/cares grant application

PAYMENTS

If you are approved for funding, funds will be distributed through the regular LCC refund process. You should receive your funds within 7-14 days based on the refund preference you have selected through BankMobile. If you have not selected a preference, then BankMobile will mail a paper check to the address on file with BankMobile. Please make sure your address is correct.

To setup a refund preference:

- Please visit this link
- Enter your Personal Code or choose to get an instant Personal Code
- Choose your preferred delivery (if you are having problems, please call the LCC Cashier at 719-336-1593 during regular business hours).

OUESTIONS?

Please contact Teresa Turner <u>Teresa.turner@lamarcc.edu</u> or Dorothy Choat, <u>Dorothy.choat@lamarcc.edu</u>

Award: Up to \$750.00

First Round Application Deadline: 05/11/2020

Assistance is granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.