

Notification of CARES Act Funding – Ellsworth Community College

We are pleased to update you on the progress we are making to meet the urgent needs of our students impacted by COVID-19 and its effect on the economy. Ellsworth Community College (ECC) received Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) funding to provide emergency grants for enrolled students. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, Ellsworth Community College is publishing the following information regarding the awarding and disbursement of funds to students in the form of emergency grants.

ECC signed and returned the Certification and Agreement 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.

\$357,972 is the total amount ECC will receive pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

ECC estimates 536 students could be 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.

\$357,972 is the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to 332 ECC students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of September 21, 2020.

ECC utilized an application to award Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Students indicated their categories of need (housing, food, child care, technology, medical expenses, and utilities) on the application and confirmed that they had these needs because of being impacted by COVID-19. Students who were displaced from campus housing due to the COVID-19 interruption and did not return to campus after spring break were not required to complete the application process unless they had other non-housing related expenses for consideration.

ECC students selected to receive the emergency grants were chosen based on eligibility for federal financial aid per FAFSA process. ECC awarded students up to a maximum of \$2,250 based on costs associated with the categories of need outlined on the application (housing, food, child care, technology, medical expenses, and utilities), the expected family contribution from the FAFSA, and the students’ enrollment status (part-time/full-time).

Students who were awarded an emergency grant were issued a check to use at their discretion regardless of whether they owed the College or not. A letter was included with the check providing information on how to make a payment if the student owed money to the College, as well as information on how to repay any outstanding student loans.