

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

CARES Act

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U.S. Department of Education CARES Act

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
- The CARES Act (S. 3548/ H.R. 748) is the third federal stimulus packet in response to the Coronavirus
- On April 9, the U.S. Secretary of Education announced that \$6 billion of the total \$13.95 billion Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund will be **distributed immediately to colleges and universities to provide direct emergency cash grants to college students**
- California Community Colleges received \$579,679,078

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- Minimum 50% of formula grant funds (the “advance funds”) must be reserved for **emergency financial aid grants to students** to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.
- Institutions are encouraged to **prioritize students with the greatest need.**
- Institutions shall **not use the advanced funds to reimburse itself** for any costs or expenses, including but not limited to any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus and/or any refunds or other benefits that recipient previously issued to students.

SMCCCD CARES Act Funding Allocations

| College | Total Allocation | Amount for Direct Student Aid (75% of Total) | Amount for Other Institutional Related COVID Expenses (25% of Total) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| Cañada | \$ 1,098,544 | \$ 823,908 | \$ 274,636 |
| College of San Mateo | \$ 2,042,860 | \$ 1,532,145 | \$ 510,715 |
| Skyline | \$ 2,491,971 | \$ 1,868,978 | \$ 622,993 |
| Total | \$ 5,633,375 | \$ 4,225,031 | \$ 1,408,344 |

SMCCCD CARES Act Distribution to Students

| College | Direct Student Aid Amount | Estimated Spring 2020 (67%) | Estimated Fall 2020 (33%) |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cañada | \$ 823,908 | \$ 552,018 | \$ 271,890 |
| College of San Mateo | \$ 1,532,145 | \$ 1,026,537 | \$ 505,608 |
| Skyline | \$ 1,868,978 | \$ 1,252,215 | \$ 616,763 |
| Total | \$ 4,225,031 | \$ 2,830,771 | \$ 1,394,260 |

CARES Act Eligibility

Guidance released by the US Department of Education indicates that only students who are or could be eligible for Title IV or Free Application For Federal Student Aid(FAFSA) may receive emergency grants.

Students Eligible for CARES Act Funding

- US Citizens or Eligible Non-Citizens
- Students with a Valid Social Security Number
- Students Registered with Selective Service
- Students with a High School Diploma or GED
- Students in a Program Leading to a Degree or Certificate

CARES Act: District Alignment in Serving Students

Students Eligible and Prioritized for CARES Act Emergency Funds

Pell Grant Students

- Low-income
- High unmet need
- Homeless
- Foster Youth
- Veterans

Non-Pell Grant Students

- California College Promise Grant (CCPG) A* and B**
- Homeless
- Foster Youth
- Veterans

* A: TANF/CAIWORks, Supplement Security Income/State Supplement Program, General Assistance (SSI/SSP)

** B: Income

ADDITIONAL FUNDING: **Minority-Serving Institutions (MSI)**

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- The CARES Act (S. 18004) also provides grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), and other **Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)** as well as other institutions eligible for the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP).
- Institutions are **not** required to use at least 50% of these funds for grants to students.
- The funds may be used for grants to students for any component of the student's cost of attendance, including tuition, course materials, and technology.

SMCCCD CARES Act: Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Funding

| College | Strengthening Asian American & Native American Pacific Islander- Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) | Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) | Total MSI Funding |
|-----------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| Cañada | \$ 4,600 | \$ 77,465 | \$ 82,065 |
| College of San Mateo | | | \$ - |
| Skyline | \$ 10,346 | \$ 171,818 | \$ 182,164 |
| Total | \$ 14,946 | \$ 249,283 | \$ 264,229 |

Next Steps: CARES Act

- Send student communications for CARES Act funding
- Finalize allocations and process for MSI Funding – CARES Act
- Make Spring 2020 distribution to students

