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Connecticut State Colleges and Universities:

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”). Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care). On April 9, 2020, the Department published documents related to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including a [letter](#) from Secretary Betsy DeVos, a form [Certification and Agreement](#) for signing and returning by institutions to access the funds, and a list of [institutional allocations under 18004\(a\)\(1\)](#).

This document provides reporting as required by Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act, and is the “30-day Fund Report” to the Secretary of Education, for the following institutions:

IHE	OPEID
Asnuntuck CC	01115000
Capital CC	00763500
Gateway CC	00803700
Housatonic CC	00451300
Manchester CC	00139200
Middlesex CC	00803800
Naugatuck Valley CC	00698200
Northwestern CT CC	00139800
Norwalk CC	00139900
Quinebaug Valley CC	01053000
Three Rivers CC	00976500
Tunxis CC	00976400
Western Connecticut State University	00138000

Note that Central Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, and Eastern Connecticut State University are providing separate reporting on the CARES Act funds.

1. Each of the listed institutions 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.
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:

IHE	Amount Received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Asnuntuck CC	\$ 607,719
Capital CC	\$ 1,016,011
Gateway CC	\$ 2,148,362
Housatonic CC	\$ 1,725,435
Manchester CC	\$ 1,617,601
Middlesex CC	\$ 661,690
Naugatuck Valley CC	\$ 1,909,764
Northwestern CT CC	\$ 301,133
Norwalk CC	\$ 1,594,831
Quinebaug Valley CC	\$ 444,524
Three Rivers CC	\$ 1,126,615
Tunxis CC	\$ 1,092,753
Western Connecticut State University	\$ 2,128,197

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).

IHE	Amount distributed to students as of 5/27/20
Asnuntuck CC	\$ 360,970
Capital CC	\$ 752,210
Gateway CC	\$ 1,275,504
Housatonic CC	\$ 1,118,920
Manchester CC	\$ 941,879
Middlesex CC	\$ 361,484
Naugatuck Valley CC	\$ 1,125,264
Northwestern CT CC	\$ 166,142
Norwalk CC	\$ 746,196
Quinebaug Valley CC	\$ 272,684
Three Rivers CC	\$ 732,230
Tunxis CC	\$ 692,210
Western Connecticut State University	\$ 1,837,678

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:

IHE	Number of Students who have received a grant as of 5/27/2020
Asnuntuck CC	1,229
Capital CC	2,592
Gateway CC	5,501
Housatonic CC	3,741
Manchester CC	4,479
Middlesex CC	1,944
Naugatuck Valley CC	4,881
Northwestern CT CC	1,102
Norwalk CC	4,125
Quinebaug Valley CC	1,058
Three Rivers CC	3,108
Tunxis CC	3,241
Western Connecticut State University	3,370

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:

	Total Distributions as of 5/27/20
IHE	
Asnuntuck CC	730
Capital CC	1,919
Gateway CC	3,266
Housatonic CC	2,426
Manchester CC	2,608
Middlesex CC	1,062
Naugatuck Valley CC	2,876
Northwestern CT CC	608
Norwalk CC	1,930
Quinebaug Valley CC	649
Three Rivers CC	2,020
Tunxis CC	2,053
Western Connecticut State University	3,370

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.

For the Community Colleges listed above, all students with a Spring 2020 FAFSA on file were eligible. Each eligible student received a grant in the following amounts:

	Per- student grant
IHE	
Asnuntuck CC	\$ 494.48
Capital CC	\$ 391.98
Gateway CC	\$ 390.54
Housatonic CC	\$ 461.22
Manchester CC	\$ 361.15
Middlesex CC	\$ 340.38
Naugatuck Valley CC	\$ 391.26
Northwestern CT CC	\$ 273.26
Norwalk CC	\$ 386.63
Quinebaug Valley CC	\$ 420.16
Three Rivers CC	\$ 362.49
Tunxis CC	\$ 337.17

For Western CT State University, all students with a Spring 20 FAFSA on file are eligible. Full Time Non-Pell eligible = \$500. Full Time Pell eligible = \$700 (40% more). Part Time Non-Pell eligible = \$30 per credit. Part Time Pell eligible = \$42 per credit (40% more)

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Community college students received the following information on or around May 6, 2020:

Dear Students,

We are writing to inform you of our plans to distribute CARES Act emergency grants. The U.S. Department of Education recently issued guidance on distribution of these emergency grants to students, requiring that all recipients be Title IV eligible. This means that students must have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application for the 2019-20 academic year. To satisfy the Department of Education's guidance, we will only be issuing grants to students who have met the Title IV eligibility requirements by completing a FAFSA and have satisfied all outstanding requirements related to completing a FAFSA. Completing a FAFSA does not mean a student has to be in receipt of financial aid. A completed FAFSA is one that fully determines a student's eligibility for a Pell Grant, including the federal Expected Family Contribution calculation.

In addition, the following students will **not** be eligible for the CARES Act emergency grants:

- Students exclusively enrolled in non-credit courses
- CSCU employees attending classes for free (not student workers) and students on dependent waivers
- Second Chance Pell students
- High School Partnership/Dual Enrollment students
- Undocumented, DACA, International students

We plan to begin issuing payments to eligible students next week. If you have not already done so, please sign up for Direct Deposit to expedite distribution of funds at <https://my.comnet.edu>

WCSU posted the following information on their website:

<https://www.wcsu.edu/finaid/faq-cares-act/>