

**Community College of Baltimore County**  
**CARES ACT Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund**  
**Fund Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 2021**

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**1. Statement of Use**

On April 10, 2020, the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) was awarded \$4.6 million dollars through the CARES ACT Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. CCBC used these funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 was signed into law. Under this act, CCBC was awarded another \$4.6 million dollars, which CCBC used to make direct payments to students who are enrolled in Spring 2021 semester. Focusing on students with exceptional need.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan was signed into law. Under this act, CCBC was awarded an additional \$19 million dollars, which CCBC plans to use to award up to a maximum of 7 credits/billable hours of in-county tuition and fee for returning CCBC students who attended in Spring 2020, Summer 2020, or Fall 2020 and are financial aid suspended due to SAP regulations with a continued hardship due to COVID.

**2. Award Amount**

CCBC received \$4,674,935 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the original CARES Act. CCBC received another \$4,674,935 under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and \$ \$19,007,265 under the American Rescue Plan.

**3. 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.**

As of June 30, 2021, CCBC has distributed \$4,673,935 to eligible students under the CARES act, and \$3,409,900 under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental appropriations Act. CCBC had not awarded any funds under the American Rescue Plan as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**

We had estimated 9,303 CCBC students were potentially eligible to participate in the program. 5,846 students were eligible based on a verified FAFSA on file, enrollment in a Title IV eligible program, and compliance with other requirements set forth by the Department of Education. An additional 3,457 students were identified as potentially eligible to complete a FAFSA but needed to satisfy other funding requirements.

**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.**

Under the CARES act, 1,456 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid grant under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act.

8,598 students have received stimulus funds awarded based credit hours.

<b>Award Category</b>	<b># of Students Awarded</b>
Full-time students: 12 or more billable hours/credits	2,938
Continuing Education students in Title IV eligible workforce development programs	109
Part-time students: 9 to 11 billable hours/credits	1,798
Part-time students: 1 to 8 billable hours/credits	3,753
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>8,598</b>

Additionally, 1044 awards were made to students who had to withdraw due to COVID and who re-enrolled in the subsequent Summer and/or Fall semester.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 13,132 students that were enrolled in the Spring, 2021 semester and that exhibited need received a stimulus grant.

<b>Award Category</b>	<b># of Students Awarded</b>
FAFSA filers – Pell Eligible- Credit	4,844
FAFSA filers – Pell Eligible- Non-Credit	994
FAFSA filers- Non-Pell Eligible and Non-FAFSA fillers	7,294
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>13,132</b>

**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.**

Under the CARES act, the size of the award was determined by the number of credits each student was taking:

Full-time students: 12 or more billable hours/credits:	\$500
Continuing Education Students in Title IV eligible Workforce development programs	\$500
Part-time students: 9 to 11 billable hours/credits:	\$300
Part-time students: 1 to 8 billable hours/credits:	\$150

Funds were automatically disbursed to students who have a verified FAFSA on file, were enrolled in a Title IV eligible program of study, and satisfied all other eligibility requirements of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

For students who do not have a verified FAFSA on file, CCBC developed a simple online application on which students identified how grant funds will assist them as a result of COVID-19 impact. The application also requires students to self-certify they:

- are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements for repayment
- do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to refund the scholarship
- will notify their college if they default on a federal student loan;
- will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one college for the same period of time.

Additionally, emergency grants were made available to students who had to withdraw due to COVID in the Spring semester and who decided to re-enroll for the following Summer or Fall semester.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, awards were broken down into two categories:

- FAFSA filers – Pell Eligible (including CE students FAFSA on file) = \$350.00
- FAFSA Filers and non-FAFSA filers = \$150.00

CCBC also disbursed \$272,500 in Momentum awards under HEERII funding to 326 students. The students were required to complete an application and report a COVID hardship. These awards were for Spring and Summer, 2021. The students also were given the choice to authorize CCBC to use their award to pay their student balance. Of the 326 students awarded between April and June, 271 elected to have their balances credited while 55 elected to have the monies disbursed directly to them.

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

Instructions, directions, and guidance to students concerning Emergency Financial Aid grants can be found on CCBC's [CARES Act web page](#). Eligible students have also received emails and text messages informing them of the grant awards and directing them to the proper instructions, and forms.