



Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

North Seattle College applied for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) funds and will comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report (the "30-day Fund Report") to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution's Certification and Agreement to the Department by posting the required information to this website and updating every quarter. North Seattle College is posting this information to comply with the reporting requirements listed below.

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.

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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.

North Seattle College received \$897,655 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [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).

North Seattle College has distributed \$897,655 total to date, as of June 30, 2021.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution who are or could be eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

North Seattle College has 5880 estimated students who are eligible for CARES Act Funds.

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.

North Seattle College has disbursed CARES Act Emergency Funds to 828 students as of June 30, 2021.

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.

- In determining student eligibility and award amounts, North Seattle College took the following actions:
 - Created a task force to develop the application process for students, review student eligibility, and meet quarterly for program improvements
 - Required students apply for emergency funds help cover the additional expenses due to the disruption of campus operations caused by COV ID-19, by submitting an online application detailing their expenses. Emergency grants were generally no more than \$2000 per quarter, depending on student need. (Examples of expenses available at <https://northseattle.edu/emergency-assistance-students>)
 - Provided direct disbursements to enrolled Pell recipients who did not apply for emergency funds in the amount of \$565 during the 20-21 academic year

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

- Instructions for applying for emergency funds are located on our public facing website at: <https://northseattle.edu/emergency-assistance-students>
- North Seattle College North Seattle College has compiled a list of expenses our student may have incurred to moving to remote operations due to COVID-19, this list may not reflect all individual expenses.
- Announcement of the availability of funding was provide to students by several methods, including: posting by program cohort advisors to messaging boards used by the program such as Canvas, broad announcement to the student body in the student leadership weekly bulletin, and by faculty and staff when working with students.
- Additional resources and for information on how North Seattle College is addressing the impact of COVID-19, is located at: <https://northseattle.edu/coronavirus>