

# Tohono O'odham Community College

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## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) Student Emergency Aid and Institutional Aid Funding under Section 18004(a)1.**

### **Quarter 3: October 1 through December 31, 2020**

Tohono O'odham Community College acknowledges that it received two Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) grants from the U.S. Department of Education. The CARES Act required that the first award for \$99,640 was for the sole purpose of providing Emergency Financial Aid for students. The second award for \$99,639 had a requirement that at least 50% of the funding was for Emergency Financial Aid and that the remainder could be used for Institutional Aid. Institutional Aid could be used to support college operations disrupted by COVID-19. TOCC leadership determined to use the entire second award for Emergency Financial Aid.

TOCC's method to determine students' eligibility under Section 1800(a)(1) of the CARES Act remained the same for Quarter 3:

- Students were required to submit an online application, which included a survey regarding technology issues in order for us to assess the needs of our students
- Application/Surveys were timestamped upon submission. Staff verified students' eligibility and student received a COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund Notification, which informed them if they were eligible. If students were eligible, the Notification provided the amount of the award and verified the student's mailing address.
- TOCC's Financial Aid Office processed the award. Once processed, TOCC's Finance Office cut a check for the award and mailed directly to the student

Analysis of the student surveys resulted in revising the determination of students' course levels and the amounts awarded, as listed below. As the report is cumulative the amounts for Quarters 1 and 2 are included.

### **QUARTER 1**

#### Spring 2020:

- Awards were granted in the follow amounts for Spring 2020 semester:
  - Student taking 3-5 credits: \$200
  - Student taking 6-8 credits: \$400
  - Students taking 9 or more credits: \$700
- 169 total applicants with 131 students being awarded

**Total expenditures: \$75,900.00**

## QUARTER 2

### Summer 2020:

- Awards were granted in the following amounts for Summer 2020 sessions:
  - Students taking 3-5 credits: \$200
  - Students taking 6 credits or more: \$400
- 177 total applicants with 101 students being awarded

**Total expenditures: \$34,200.00**

## QUARTER 3

### Fall 2020:

- Awards were granted in the following amounts for Fall 2020 semester:
  - Students taking 3-6 credits: \$250
  - Student taking 7 or more credits: \$500
- 224 total applicants with 194 students being awarded

**Total expenditures: \$82,750.00**

The cumulative total expended was **\$192,850** for the first three quarters of the grant awards.

The following graph shows the amounts and percentage of the total expenditures by semester.

