

# 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 4: January 1 through March 31, 2021**

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, P425E203481, for \$99,640 was for the sole purpose of providing Emergency Financial Aid for students. The second award, P425F202614, 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.

The CRRSAA Act provided for a second award under 84.425E for tribal colleges. On February 19, 2021 a supplemental award in the amount of \$99,640 was awarded to TOCC for Emergency Financial Aid for students under 84.425E, bringing the total funding to \$199,280. The total amount was expended by March 31, 2021. **Therefore this report is a final report for this award, P425E203481.**

On February 20, 2021 a supplemental award under the CRRSAA Act under 84,425F in the amount of \$409,238 was awarded for Emergency and Institutional Aid, bringing the total funding to \$508,877 for TOCC. As of March 31, 2021 a total of \$441,570 was spent for P425F202614.

TOCC's method to determine students' eligibility under Section 1800(a)(1) of the CARES Act remained the same for Quarter 4:

- 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 reviewing the determination of student's course levels and the amounts awarded, as listed below. As the report is cumulative the amounts from Quarters 1, 2 and 3 are included.

### **Quarter 1: Spring 2020**

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

**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 emergency aid.

**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
  - Students taking 7 or more credits: \$500
- 224 total applicants with 194 students being awarded emergency aid.

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

### **Quarter 4: Spring 2021**

- Awards were granted in the following amounts for Spring 2021:
  - Students taking 3-5 credits: \$600
  - Students taking 6-8 credits: \$1,200
  - Students taking 9 or more credits: \$1,800
- Awards are still being made for the Spring 2021 Semester. The numbers here are awards that were made between January 1 and March 31, 2021.
  - 430 total applicants with 396 students being awarded emergency aid.

**Total expenditures: \$448,000.**

Student surveys and analysis of students' needs during the pandemic acknowledged the great financial needs including everything from online access for courses to childcare. The second awards enabled TOCC to more than double the awards as shown in the Quarter 4 summary.