

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) Student Emergency Aid and Institutional Aid Funding under Section 18004 (a)(1). Quarter 5: April 1 through June 30, 2021

Tohono O'odham Community College acknowledges that it has received three Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) grants from the U.S. Department of Education.

The CARES Act required that the first grant under 84.425E, award number **P425E203481**, for Emergency Student Aid for \$99,640 was for the sole purpose of providing Emergency Financial Aid for students. The CRRSAA Act provided for a second award on February 19, 2021 under 84.425E for tribal college. A supplemental award in the amount of \$99,640 was awarded to TOCC bringing the total funding to \$199,280. The total amount for the two awards was expended by March 31, 2021, resulting in a final report for these two awards for grant **P425E203481.** On May 25, 2021 the American Recovery Program (ARP) awarded a third supplement in the amount of \$424,742.

The second grant awarded under 84.425F, **P425F202614** for Emergency Aid for Student and Institutional Aid 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. 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. TOCC leadership determined to use the entire first and second awards for Emergency Financial Aid. As of March 31, 2021 a total of \$441,570 was spent for P425F202614, leaving a balance of \$67,307. The \$67,307 was expended in April 2021, completing the expenditures for the two awards under this CFDA. On May 10, 2021 the ARP awarded a third supplement in the amount of \$415,946.

#### **Student Eligibility**

TOCC's method to determine students' eligibility under Section 1800(a)(1) of the CARES Act remained the same for Quarter 5 as for the first four quarters:

- 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 it directly to the student.

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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, 3 and 4 are included in this report for Quarter 5.

### Quarter 1: April 1 through June 30, 2020 (Spring 2020)

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

Total expenditures: \$75,900.00

#### Quarter 2: July 1 through September 30, 2020 (Summer 2020)

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

Total expenditures: \$34,200.00

### Quarter 3: October 1 through December 31, 2020 (Fall 2020)

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

Total expenditures: \$82,750.00

## Quarter 4: January 1 through March 31, 2021 (Spring 2021)

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

Total expenditures: \$448,000.

#### Quarter 5: April 1 through June 30, 2021 (Summer 2021)

- The following amounts awarded in April 2021 for the Spring semester for an additional 42 students:
  - o 5 Students taking 3-5 credits: \$600
  - $\circ$  16 students taking 6 8 credits: \$1,200
  - o 21 students taking 9 or more credits: \$1,800

Total expenditures: \$67,307. This completed the expenditures for the first and second awards for 84.425F, totaling \$508,877.

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For the Summer semester the following awarded were granted:

- Awards were granted in the following amounts for Summer session 2021:Students taking 3-5 credits: \$400
- o Students taking 6 or more credits: \$800
- o Ninety-nine students were awarded emergency aid.

## Total expenditures: \$254,700.

As this was emergency aid it is being reported here although the awards were paid out of the TOCC HEERF MSI-TCCU CFDA 84.425K and the amount was reported on the quarterly report form for that grant.

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 amount of funding provided for the students as shown in the Quarter 4 and Quarter 5 summaries. As of June 30, 2021 the ARP awards had not been used. Planning was in place for the Fall 2021 semester distribution of funding.