Stockton University CARES
Emergency Grants to Students
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report, May 21, 2020
Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”)), Pub. L. No.
116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to
submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds
distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).
Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from
Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related
to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of
attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care). On April 9, 2020, the
Department published documents related to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including a letter from Secretary
Betsy DeVos, the Certification and Agreement form for signing and returning by institutions to access the funds,
and a list of institutional allocations under 18004(a)(1).
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a) The total enrollment during the Spring 2020 semester is 9,367. Of those students, Stockton University
estimates that at least 85% of the students meet the Secretary’s prescribed student eligibility criteria and
are therefore eligible to receive these grants, assuming they incurred expenses related to the disruption in
campus operations due to the coronavirus.
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.
a) As of May 21, 2020, 1,049 students have received a payment of Stockton CARES Emergency Grant.
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.
a) Stockton University determined student eligibility by reviewing the criteria set forth by the Secretary of
Education. The amount of each grant was determined using the expenses incurred as reported by the
student on their request document and the funding available. Special consideration was given to those
students who have demonstrated need such as unemployment and Pell Grant eligibility. In some cases the
total requested amounts were capped by the maximum Pell Grant of 2019/2020.
7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency
Financial Aid Grants.
a) The instructions and guidance provided to students are published on Stockton University’s CARES page
located at www.stockton.edu/CARES.