



Final Report *for CARES ACT*

Gadsden State Community College has released its third quarter report regarding the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Emergency Student Financial Aid Grants.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Gadsden State Community College signed the Certification and Agreement for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and submitted it to the Department of Education. In the Certification and Agreement, Gadsden State assured that it would spend no less than 50% of the money received under 18004(a)(1) under the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Students receiving checks must be “eligible” as defined by DOE guidelines and may use the funds “for expenses under a student’s cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare.”

The award letter for the grant funds was received on May 4, 2020.

Total Amount of CARES Act funds received by Gadsden State for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students:
\$1,878,083

Total Amount of Aid distributed as of December 31, 2020 (second quarter): \$1,878,783.20

Number of Gadsden State students deemed eligible to receive CARES Act funds: 2,495 students (62% of students en-rolled in Spring Semester)*

Number of students who have received a CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant: 2,495 students

METHOD OF DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FROM THE CARES ACT FUNDS

Students who met all of the following criteria received funds:

- Students working towards a degree or certificate at Gadsden State
- Students enrolled in at least one traditional (in-person) course on one of the five Gadsden State campuses
- Students who have a valid 2019-2020 FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office OR those who are eligible to apply for FAFSA
- Students who have a satisfactory academic progress (SAP) status
- Students enrolled at Gadsden State during the Spring Semester (with exception to those who exclusively attended Spring Mini I Term)

AMOUNT OF FUNDS DISBURSED FROM CARES ACT FUNDS

- **Residence Hall Refunds** – As of March 17, 71 students residing in Fowler Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus are eligible to receive funds. Dates the students left campus were monitored, and refunds were calculated based on a per day of cost for residence. Total spent on Residence Hall Refunds is \$21,609.00.
- **Food Service Refunds** – Using the same list of eligible students from Fowler Hall, 71 students received a partial refund for food service from the date of departure through May 8. Total spent on Food Service Refunds is \$28,339.20.
- **Technology Grants** – A total of 2,495 students have been deemed eligible to receive emergency financial assistance in the amount of \$733 per student for a total of \$1,828,835.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS TO STUDENTS

- A check was mailed to the student to the address on record on May 18.
- If eligible students have not received their checks, they should log into myGadsdenState and verify their home address where the check was mailed.
- Students need to cash their checks within 60 days.

*One check was issued to a student who died before receiving the check. The check was cancelled and the totals updated.

Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting for HEERF I, II, and III (a)(1) Institutional Portion, (a)(2), and (a)(3), if applicable**Institution Name:** Gadsden State Community College **Date of Report:** 06/22/2021 **Covering Quarter Ending:** 3/31/2021**PR/Award Number(s):** P425F 201402 P425J 200122 P425K: _____ P425L _____ P425M: _____ P425N: _____**Total Amount of Funds Awarded:** Section (a)(1) Institutional Portion: \$7,581,323 Section (a)(2): \$5,511,664 Section (a)(3): _____ **Final Report?** ☐

| Category | Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars | Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable | Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable | Explanatory Notes |
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| Providing additional emergency financial aid grants to students. ¹ | \$14,667.00 | \$15,000.00 | | Emergency Student Aid |
| Providing reimbursements for tuition, housing, room and board, or other fee refunds. | | | | |
| Providing tuition discounts. | | | | |
| Covering the cost of providing additional technology hardware to students, such as laptops or tablets, or covering the added cost of technology fees. | | | | |
| Providing or subsidizing the costs of high-speed internet to students or faculty to transition to an online environment. | | | | |
| Subsidizing off-campus housing costs due to dormitory closures or decisions to limit housing to one student per room; subsidizing housing costs to reduce housing density; paying for hotels or other off-campus housing for students who need to be isolated; paying travel expenses for students who need to leave campus early due to coronavirus infections or campus interruptions. | | | | |
| Subsidizing food service to reduce density in eating facilities, to provide pre-packaged meals, or to add hours to food service operations to accommodate social distancing. | | | | |
| Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations. | | | | |

¹ To support expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus consistent with applicable law. This includes eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance under CARES Act Section 18004(c), or any component of a student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care, per Section 314(c) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP).

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| Campus safety and operations. ² | \$421,503.28 | \$97,414.87 | | Additional campus security for temperature checks. Thermometers, additional cleaning supplies and additional PPE. |
| Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional instructional equipment and supplies (such as laboratory equipment or computers) to reduce the number of students sharing equipment or supplies during a class period and to provide time for disinfection between uses. | \$182,692.12 | \$194,112.95 | | Additional lab supplies, hand tools, and instructional items so students did not have to share tools or instruments for social distancing. |
| Replacing lost revenue from academic sources. ³ | | | | |
| Replacing lost revenue from auxiliary services sources (i.e., cancelled ancillary events; disruption of food service, dorms, childcare, or other facilities; cancellation of use of campus venues by other organizations, lost parking revenue, etc.). ³ | | | | |
| Purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction; or paying additional funds to staff who are providing training in addition to their regular job responsibilities. | | | | |
| Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, or upgrading campus wi-fi access or extending open networks to parking lots or public spaces, etc. | \$296,504.22 | \$601,565.05 | | IT infrastructure. |
| Other Uses of (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds. ⁴ | | | | |
| Other Uses of (a)(2) or (a)(3) funds, if applicable. ⁵ | | | | |

² Including costs or expenses related to the disinfecting and cleaning of dorms and other campus facilities, purchases of personal protective equipment (PPE), purchases of cleaning supplies, adding personnel to increase the frequency of cleaning, the reconfiguration of facilities to promote social distancing, etc.

³ Please see the Department's [HEERF Lost Revenue FAQs](#) (March 19, 2021) for more information regarding what may be appropriately included in an estimate of lost revenue.

⁴ Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the "Explanatory Notes" section. Please note that funds for (a)(1) Institutional Portion may be used to defray expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll).

⁵ Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the "Explanatory Notes" section. Please note that funds for (a)(2) and (a)(3) may be used to defray expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll).

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| Quarterly Expenditures for Each Program | \$915,366.62 | \$908,092.87 | | There were no HEERF II expenditures. |
| Total of Quarterly Expenditures | \$1,823,459.49 | | | |

Form Instructions

Completing the Form: On each form, fill out the institution of higher education (IHE or institution) name, the date of the report, the appropriate quarter the report covers (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30), the 11-digit PR/Award Number (number is found in Box 2 of your Grant Award Notification (GAN)) for each HEERF grant funding stream as applicable, the total amount of funds awarded by the Department (including reserve funds if awarded), and check the box if the report is a “final report.” Institutions that expended HEERF grant funds during the calendar quarter from January 1 – March 30, 2021 are required to post the quarterly report that involved the expenditure of HEERF II CRRSAA and HEERF I CARES Act funds. The Department did not previously affirmatively indicate this reporting requirement was in place for HEERF II CRRSAA funds. As such, institutions may have until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 2021, to post these retroactive reports if they have not already done so. For the July 10, 2021 quarterly reporting deadline, institutions are encouraged, but not required to, submit the quarterly reports (this institutional reporting form and the student quarterly report) to the Department by emailing those reports as PDF attachments to HEERFreporting@ed.gov.

In the chart, an institution must specify the amount of expended HEERF I, II, and III funds for each funding category: (a)(1) Institutional Portion; (a)(2), and (a)(3), if applicable. (a)(2) funds include Assistance Listing Numbers (ALNs) 84.425J (Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)), 84.425K (Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)), 84.425L (Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)), 84.425M (Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)); (a)(3) funds are for ALN 84.425N (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Formula Grant) and 84.425S (SAIHE). Each category is deliberately broad and may not capture specific grant program requirements. Explanatory footnotes help clarify certain reporting categories. While some items in the chart are blocked out, please note that the blocking of such items is consistent with Department guidance and FAQs and is not definitive. Provide brief explanatory notes for how funds were expended, including the title and brief description of each project or activity in which funds were expended. Do not include personally identifiable information (PII). Calculate the amount of the (a)(1) Institutional Portion, (a)(2) and (a)(3) funds in the “Quarterly Expenditures for each Program” row, and the grand total of all three in the “Total of Quarterly Expenditures” row. Round expenditures to the nearest dollar.

Posting the Form: This form must be conspicuously posted on the institution’s primary website on the same page the reports of the IHE’s activities as to the emergency financial aid grants to students made with funds from the IHE’s allocation under (a)(1) of the CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARP (Student Aid Portion) are posted. It may be posted in an HTML webpage format or as a link to a PDF. A new separate form must be posted covering each quarterly reporting period (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30), concluding after either (1) posting the quarterly report ending September 30, 2023 or (2) when an institution has expended and liquidated all (a)(1) Institutional Portion, (a)(2), and (a)(3) funds and checks the “final report” box. IHEs must post this quarterly report form no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (October 10, January 10, April 10, July 10). Each quarterly report must be separately maintained on an IHE’s website or in a PDF document linked directly from the IHE’s HEERF reporting webpage. Reports must be maintained for at least three years after the submission of the final report per 2 CFR § 200.333. Any changes or updates after initial posting must be conspicuously noted after initial posting and the date of the change must be noted in the “Date of Report” line.

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