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Title: CARES Act Funding Report

Report Name: 30-Day Fund Report

Application Date: April 17, 2020 **Funding Received:** May 18, 2020 **Report Due Date:** June 18, 2020

More Information: CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Mandated Report on CARES Act Student Emergency Assistance Grants - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Student Portion, PR/AWARD NUMBER P425E202491

Overview:

Ogden-Weber Technical College (OTECH) established a Student Emergency Assistance Grant to assist students through federal funds provided under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The CARES Act, which establishes and provides funding for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), has enabled institutions of higher education to use allocated funds to provide direct assistance to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

OTECH has been allocated \$298,022 to disburse directly to eligible students.

Certification and Agreement:

OTECH signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the Dept. of Education (DOE) on April 17, 2020. The college assured that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

Total Funds Received:

OTECH received \$298,022 from DOE pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid for Students.

Funds Distributed:

OTECH will distribute 100 percent of the \$298,022 in emergency financial aid grant funds to eligible students by **April 20, 2021**. As of June 12, 2020, the college has received **185** requests for funding, disbursed **\$153,755** of CARES Act funds to **173** eligible students.

Eligible Participants:

OTECH identified **337** students eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and, therefore, eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES act.

Students Receiving Funds:

As of June 12, 2020, **173** students have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES act.

Determining Eligibility & Amount of Award:

OTECH used a comprehensive method for determining student eligibility. The college's goal was to award funds to as many students as possible.

- Must have either been enrolled in a certificate program or scheduled to start in a certificate program effective March 13, 2020. Online programs, such as Business, were excluded.
- Cumulative attendance and progress of 67 percent or higher for enrolled students.
- OTECH's Financial Aid Office must have had a valid FAFSA on file by May 7, 2020 or earlier.
- A FAFSA was considered valid if:
 - Student had not defaulted on any federal student loan.
 - FAFSA included an EFC number (Expected Family Contribution).
 - o Registration of Selective Service verified (males).
 - Proof of U.S. citizenship verified.
 - Social Security number verified.
 - No drug convictions within certain time limits.

Two categories were established:

Full-time Students (12+ hours)	\$925	313 eligible students
Part-time Students (Under 12 hours)	\$355	24 eligible students

Exceptions:

OTECH's online Business program was excluded.

Instructions & Guidance Provided:

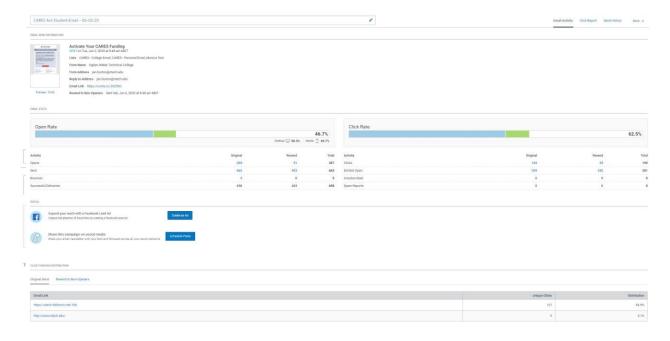
A CARES Funding webpage was established at https://www.otech.edu/coronavirus-aid/ for eligibility information.

On June 2, 2020, CARES funding notification letters were mailed and emails sent to eligible students. Students accepted CARES funding at https://otech.tfaforms.net/108

All college faculty and staff were notified of the funding availability on June 2, 2020.



	EMAIL SEND HISTORY				
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	Sat, Jun 6, 2020 8:48 am MDT	403	Your email has been successfully re-sent to non-openers.		
	Tue, Jun 2, 2020 8:48 am MDT	663	Your email has been successfully sent.		



CARES funding notifications were posted on OTECH's social media channels. The Facebook notification reached 497 people, with 168 views, and 29 clicks.



Students can submit a request to have their eligibility reviewed at https://owatc.wufoo.com/forms/m1ms2l2k0stne9q/

Conclusion:

This report documents the status of CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) as of June 15, 2020. Additional reports will be posted on OTECH's website every 45 days.

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