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Title: CARES Act Funding Report – Student Portion

Report Name: FUND REPORT

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

Report Due Date: June 18, 2020 – Submitted to grant administrator

Report Due Date: July 18, 2020 (Delayed/tried to use FRFS reporting system) **Report Due Date:** August 18, 2020 (Delayed/tried to use FRFS reporting system)

Report Due Date: September 1, 2020 – Submitted to grant administrator October 1, 2020 – Submitted to grant administrator

More Information: CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Funding Agency:

Department of Education, 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.

Award Amount:

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.

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 October 1, 2020, <u>263</u> students have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES act.

Funds Distributed:

OTech will distribute 100 percent of the \$298,022 in emergency financial aid grant funds to eligible students by **April 20, 2021**.

- June 12, 2020 The college received <u>185</u> requests for funding and disbursed <u>\$153,755</u> of CARES Act funds to <u>173</u> eligible students.
- July 17, 2020 The college received a total of <u>263</u> requests for CARES Act funds and disbursed <u>\$233,015</u>. Of the 337 eligible students, <u>74</u> either declined or did not respond to CARES funding notices. A balance of \$65,007 remains.
- **September 1, 2020** The college is in the process of identifying students attending in March 2020 and affected by COVID-19 but without a FAFSA application. A letter will be sent with a FAFSA link to distribute the remaining balance of \$65,007.
- October 1, 2020 The college identified 119 students attending in March 2020 and affected by COVID-19 but without a FAFSA application. A letter was sent on September 16, 2020, with a FAFSA link to distribute the remaining balance of \$65,007.

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:
 - o Student had not defaulted on any federal student loan.
 - FAFSA included an EFC number (Expected Family Contribution).
 - o Registration of Selective Service verified (males).
 - o 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.

The acceptance portal was open until July 17, 2020.

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



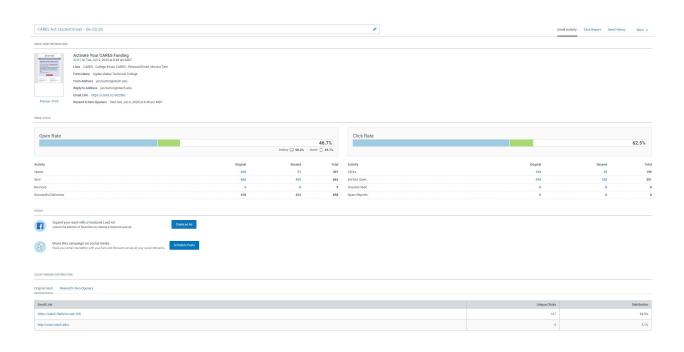
CARES Act Student Email - 06-02-20

EMAIL SEND HISTORY

Date Sent Count Status

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 October 1, 2020. Additional reports will be posted on OTech's website every 30 days.

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