

Web Content Required for CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds – Emergency Grants to Students.

Each institution applying for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds is required to comply with Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and must post the information listed below on the institution's primary website, in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public, 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

1. Los Medanos Colleges acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance 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.
2. The total amount of funds the institution has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is \$1,919,486.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of August 31, 2020 is \$1,181,500.
4. The estimated total number of students at Los Medanos College eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 3000.
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 as of August 31, 2020 is 2338.
6. The methods used by Los Medanos College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act are as follows:
 - a. District Office Institutional Research provided a list of all eligible students to the campus, and they were invited via email to apply online.
 - b. The application and eligibility criteria was also posted to the LMC Financial Aid webpage at <https://www.losmedanos.edu/financialaid/care.aspx>.
 - c. Applications are reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid and awarded based on demonstrated need related to the campus closure due to Coronavirus.
 - d. Awards are \$500 each.
 - e. Students were allowed to request additional funds if the initial funding did not cover their COVID-19 emergency expenses related to the campus closure and were approved on a case-by-case basis.

7. The following instructions, directions, or guidance was provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
 - a. All eligible students were sent communications via email and text and invited to apply for the COVID-19 Emergency Grant Application.
 - b. Grant eligibility criteria and the application was made available on the LMC Financial Aid webpage notifying students of the grant opportunity.
 - c. Students were advised demand would exceed available funds, so not all eligible students will qualify for an emergency grant.
 - d. Students were advised that review of their application would take 2-3 weeks processing time.
 - e. Students were advised they would be notified of the status of their application via student Insite email.