**Eastern Maine Community College**

**Emergency Grant Report**

**July 10, 2021**

On April 24, 2020 Eastern Maine Community College received **$713,387** from the U.S. Department of Education under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. On May 29, 2020 Eastern Maine Community College received **$69,814** from the U.S. Department of Education under Section 18004(a)(3) of the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to our rural student population. On January 17, 2021 Eastern Maine Community College received **$713,387** from the U.S. Department of Education under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. Over time, 1as federal guidance has been updated, more students have become eligible to receive funding.

**During the spring 2020 and summer 2020 semesters**, the following criteria were used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES Act:

1. The student had completed a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the basic eligibility criteria for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
3. The student had to be enrolled in spring 2020 courses or summer 2020 courses at EMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **1,189**.

Students were invited to participate via e-mail to both their student and personal e-mail accounts inviting them to complete the online application. Those e-mails were sent on May 5, 2020 and then again on June 4, 2020. We also posted an announcement on the MyEMCC student portal that the application period was open.

**During the fall 2020 semester,** the following criteria was used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES act:

1. The student had completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the basic eligibility criteria for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
3. The student had to be enrolled in fall 2020 courses at EMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **1,103.** Students were sent an invitation on September 21, 2020 and again on October 7, 2020.

**During the spring 2021 semester,** the following criteria was used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES act:

1. The student had completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the basic eligibility criteria for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
3. The student had to be enrolled in spring 2021 courses at EMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **955.** We sent e-mails to eligible students to apply on January 27, 2021.

**During the summer 2021 semester,** because the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act removed many of the previous restrictions to student eligibility in the spring 2021 semester, an invitation only system was no longer needed. Students who were enrolled in the spring 2021 semester or the summer 2021 semester were eligible to apply for funding; a FAFSA was no longer required.

**As of July 10, 2021,** Eastern Maine Community College has disbursed $1,035,468.23 grant funding to 675 individual students. These grant funds consist of CARES Act and CRRSA funds.

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| Fund | Awarded | Students |
| Federal CARES Act Grant | 713,387.00 | 1,000 |
| Federal CARES Act Sip Funds | 69,814.00 | 117 |
| Federal CRRSA Act Grant | 252,715.25 | 292 |