



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Apr 13, 2021 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Category	4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Subject	4.2 CARES ACT Update. Presenter: Interim Vice Chancellor Adil Ahmed (15 minutes)
Type	Information

TO: Peralta Board of Trustees

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BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The CARES Act establishes the Higher Ed Relief Fund (HEERF) to help colleges manage acute financial strain due to unclear enrollment and reduced state revenues. Two waves of funding have been established: HEERF I and HEERF II. Funding has been granted for emergency financial aid grants to students for eligible expenses, including food, housing, course materials, health care, and child care. The other half of the funding has been provided to institutions to defray expenses, cover lost revenue, and transition to distance education. A summary of allowable uses for the HEERF funds is provided as guidance for district investments due to the pandemic.

These funds are restrictive to expenses incurred as a direct result of the pandemic such as: shift in mode of curriculum delivery to remote learning (related to students and faculty), materials and resources -program tools needed to create and manage virtual environments, expenses necessary to provide additional health and emergency services (e.g., COVID testing, tracing, and counseling).

CARES Act/ HEERF Funds Allowable Uses:

Emergency Grants to Students

- Emergency grants for students for expenses related to disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus
- Reimbursement to the institution for institutionally-funded emergency grants to CARES eligible students as a result of COVID-19 made **on or after** March 27, 2020
- Applying funds to student accounts to cover outstanding balances posted to the student's account prior to December 27, 2020, so long as that student was enrolled during a period of time for which the national emergency was declared.

Institutional Share

The institutional share can be used at the institution's discretion to cover costs associated with the interruption of instruction and significant changes to the delivery of education due to the coronavirus. Institutions may also use the funds to make additional emergency financial aid grants to students, provided that the grants are for expenses related to the disruptions of campus operations due to the pandemic. Allowable expenses are as follows:

- Costs related to significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus

- Provide additional emergency grants to students (these grants may address food insecurities and other costs incurred by the disruption of the pandemic)
- Reimbursement for the refunds to students for room and board, tuition, and other fees.
- Purchase and reimbursement for previously purchased laptops, hotspots, or other information technology equipment and software to enable students to participate in distance learning due to the coronavirus
- Awarding scholarships and providing payment for future academic terms as long as these are costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus
- Pay a per-student fee to a third-party service provider, including an OPM, for each additional student using the distance learning platform, learning management system, online resources, or other support services
- PPE — health and safety necessities

For your Information:

https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/College-Finance-and-Facilities/CARES/CARES-Act-Analysis_CCCCO_3-27.pdf?la=en&hash=1DCFBF52300267F7AA874760EE7358AB33E4DCD9

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html>

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EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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CARES Act Update rvsd 4-8-21.pdf (103 KB)

BCC CARES Allocation and Spending Plan 4-8-21.pdf (111 KB)

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