

CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants at East West College

East West College of the Healing Arts (EWC) was given the opportunity and has chosen to participate in receiving and disbursing emergency financial aid grant funding under the CARES Act. EWC has completed and filed an agreement with the US Department of Education (the Department) 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.

The total amount of funds that the EWC will receive from the Department under Section 18004(a)(1) is \$95,528.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants that were distributed as of September 30th, 2020 was \$38,419.36.

There are 115 EWC students that are 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.

There are 55 EWC students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of August 18, 2020.

East West College contacted the currently enrolled students with a valid 2019-2020 FAFSA application on file with the school who were determined to be eligible for Pell grants. Eligible students were sent an email with a survey asking them to indicate the areas of financial need due to the COVID-19 pandemic and with an opportunity to indicate the level of financial need in each area.

Students were also invited to contact the EWC Financial Aid, Student Accounts or Student Services staff directly, with any questions regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants or their educational and personal situations.

As of July 2020, East West College continues to distribute additional grant funds to assist in student PPE supplies to enrolled students who continue to be eligible under the federal Title IV programs, verifiable through a 2020-2021 FAFSA application.