

HEERF II Emergency Student Financial Aid Grants

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 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). EWC has completed and filed an agreement with the US Department of Education (the Department) to use 100 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The total amount of funds that the EWC will receive from the Department under Section 314(a)(1) is \$167,217

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants that were distributed as of June 30, 2021 was \$96,482.96.

There are 109 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 52 EWC students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of June 30, 2021.

East West College contacted the currently enrolled students with a valid 2020-2021 FAFSA application on file with the school who were determined to be eligible for Pell grants based on the estimated family contribution calculation on the FAFSA application. 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.

As of April 2021, students who responded to this survey were awarded the maximum Pell grant award per their current schedule in the massage therapy program. The awards totaled an amount of \$86,773 that was issued directly to the surveyed students.

As of June 30, 2021, East West College continues to distribute to students eligible under the federal Title IV programs who had dependents, notification of reimbursement available for childcare costs. This is through September 2021. Eligible students were notified by email to submit receipts for reimbursement.

Currently attending students, who were determined to be Pell eligible from the 2020-2021 FAFSA application, were contacted 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 who responded to this survey were awarded the maximum Pell grant award per the massage therapy program at ¾ time attendance. This utilized a total of \$9,709.96 issued directly to the surveyed students, as well as exhausting the school's remaining student CARES grant funding.

The college plans to continue to distribute additional grant funds directly to students to assist in PPE costs for those who continue to be eligible under the federal Title IV programs, verifiable through a 2020-2021 (21-22 following July 1, 2021) FAFSA application.

Students are 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.