

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 June 30, 2021 was \$95,528.

There are 138 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 73 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. 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. Student who may have not been Pell eligible due to previous education but reflected a financial need through their EFC calculation were also extended the offer of the CARES grant.

As of December 2020, East West College continued to distribute to students eligible under the federal Title IV programs who had dependents, notification of reimbursement available for childcare costs. Eligible students are able to submit receipts through May 2021 to be reimbursed for up to \$500 per month in childcare expenses. In addition to this, the 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.

As of April 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 May 2021. The college also distributes 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.

As of June 30, 2021, East West College evaluated the level of need of students with dependent care and reimbursed students for all childcare costs reflected through receipt documentation. The 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.

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ time attendance.

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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.