

**Final CARES Act (HEERF I) Quarterly Student Portion Public Reporting
For Gulf Coast State College (001490-00)**

Per section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281, and <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/heerfreporting.html>, the following describes Gulf Coast State College’s (GCSC) use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

1. GCSC signed and returned the “Certification and Agreement” that the U.S. Department of Education (ED) required for receipt of HEERF funds allocated by section 18004(a) of the CARES Act on Friday, April 10, 2020. Furthermore, GCSC assures that we intend 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.
2. GCSC has received, or will receive, a total of \$1,207,735.00 from ED pursuant to our “Certification and Agreement” for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. \$1,209,050 of Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding has been distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of June 30, 2020. \$1,315 of the funds distributed came from the institutional portion of the allocation.
4. GCSC estimates that approximately 1,492 spring students and 767 summer students at our institution are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus [possibly] eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. *Note – This estimate will likely grow as more students complete the FAFSA to determine eligibility for these and other funds.*
5. 1,507 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of July 2nd, 2020.
6. GCSC automatically awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding to certificate and degree-seeking students who were enrolled in at least one course and received a Pell grant disbursement during our spring and summer 2020 semesters. Other certificate and degree-seeking students enrolling in the spring or summer semesters who meet the eligibility requirements specified in section 484 of the Higher Education Act and incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 (including but not limited to food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare) have been encouraged to apply for Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding online by visiting our <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/covid-19-grant-application> webpage.
7. GCSC utilized email and press releases to encourage certificate and degree-seeking students who meet the eligibility requirements specified in section 484 of the Higher Education Act and incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 (including but not limited to food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare) to apply for Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding.

July 2nd, 2020