

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Quarterly Student Aid Portion Public Reporting Requirement
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 student assistance funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) prescribed by the CARES Act of 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021. Pub. L. No. 116–260.

1. GCSC signed and returned the “Certification and Agreement” that the U.S. Department of Education (ED) required for receipt of HEERF funds on Friday, April 10, 2020. Furthermore, GCSC assures that we intend to use no less than the applicable amount of funds designated under the CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. GCSC has received, or will receive, a total of \$6,877,694.00 from ED pursuant to our “Certification and Agreement” for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. \$5,800,320.00 of Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding has been distributed to students under the CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARP as of September 30, 2021.
4. GCSC estimates that approximately 4,500 students at our institution were potentially eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP based on current federal guidance on eligibility.
5. 4,204 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARP as of September 30, 2021.
6. GCSC automatically provided Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding to most students enrolled in either the spring or summer semesters. Prior amounts of assistance were taken into account as well as whether the student completed the spring semester or were currently enrolled in the summer semester. Students qualifying for need-based financial aid were given priority by awarding them a larger amount first, followed by all other students. High school dual-enrolled students, students only enrolled in recreation and leisure courses or Continuing Education courses, and withdrawn students were not provided funding.
7. GCSC typically uses email to communicate with students.