

COVID-19 CARES Plan for Community College of Denver
 Initial Authorization of \$2,221,589.00
 Revised 8/25/20

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Sec. 18004. (Higher Education), on April 25, 2020, the Community College of Denver (CCD) received an initial authorization of \$2,221,589.00, required to be used only as direct grants to students to provide emergency relief aid for hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic as they look to continue their education.

Student Emergency Aid Distribution Process

This plan has been updated to provide current expenditures (through 8/24/20) for the federal CARES Act Student allocation. Please refer to https://www.ccd.edu/sites/default/files/CCD%20CARES%20Act%20Report_052220.pdf for a detailed summary of the Community College of Denver’s distribution plan.

In May 2020, CCD devised a plan that would allow for pre-determined percentages to be allocated to students in four potential parts: Spring 2020 cash grants, Summer 2020 cash grants, fall 2020 cash grants and through emergency aid applications. The dollar amount of each award was determined by dividing each allocation by the number of enrolled eligible students.

Total CARES Act Student Cash Funds: \$2,221,589		
	%	Original Allocation
Spring 2020 Eligible Students:	50%	\$1,110,794.50
Summer 2020 Eligible Students:	20%	\$444,317.80
Fall 2020 Eligible Students:	20%	\$444,317.80
Emergency Aid Applications:	10%	\$222,158.90
Total Budget:		\$2,221,589.00

The spring 2020 cash-in-hand awards (\$207.59) were delivered in two phases. Phase 1 included the students with their eligibility already confirmed by having a completed FAFSA on file. Phase 2 included all non-FAFSA applicants with eligible citizenship statuses who confirmed their FAFSA eligibility through a survey. Students not maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) are not eligible for CARES Act funding and were excluded from the survey.

The summer 2020 cash-in-hand awards (\$203.07) were delivered in the same fashion as spring’s.

Revised Allocation

It was unknown at the time of original allocation that a number of potentially qualified students would not respond to attempts to confirm “FAFSA eligibility”. Multiple surveys were attempted through

different delivery methods: text, email, Navigate pushed notifications and within the emergency aid application. Due to the lack of response, a portion of Spring’s cash grant allocation was re-provisioned into the emergency aid application category.

Student Cares Act expenditures as of 8/24/20

Total CARES Act Student Cash Funds: \$2,221,589					
	%	Original Allocation	Revised Allocations:	Disbursed	Balance Left
Spring 20 Cash Grants	50%	\$1,110,794.50	\$895,543.70	\$893,052.66	\$2,491.04
Summer 20 Cash Grants	20%	\$444,317.80	\$444,317.80	\$345,422.07	\$98,895.73
Fall 20 Cash Grants	20%	\$444,317.80	\$444,317.80		\$444,317.80
Emergency Aid Applications:	10%	\$222,158.90	\$437,824.84	\$353,184.41	\$84,640.43
Total Budget:		\$2,221,589.00	\$2,222,004.14	\$1,591,659.14	\$630,345.00

Please note the decrease in the Spring Cash Grant expenditures since the 6/24/20 report. This is the result of two unclaimed refunds returned to CCD. This is a growing concern, as BankMobile has communicated that more than multiple spring COVID19 Cash unclaimed refunds are in the pipeline. CCD is monitoring these unclaimed refunds in the same way that it complies with the Title IV cash management regulations. Cancellations will be made if students do not respond to our attempts get them to claim their refunds. No decision has been made yet on the reallocation of the unclaimed dollars.

Disbursement of the fall 20 cash grants is scheduled to occur after census (09/03/20). This allows for the stabilization of individual student course schedules. The \$444,317.80 will be divided evenly amongst all enrolled eligible students and delivered in the same manner as the previous cash grants.