

To keep students and the general public informed, and to be in compliance with Section 18004 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), the Los Rios Community College District publishes the following seven required information areas.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends 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 four Los Rios Colleges, American River College, Cosumnes River College, Folsom Lake College, and Sacramento City College, acknowledge that they signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and intend to distribute 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Los Rios, as a part of the CARES Act, has received \$13,547,260 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

As of May 8, 2020, \$6,546,500 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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.

The total number of students eligible to participate in the program 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) was 21,002.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of May 8, 2020, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was 21,002.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Per guidance from the US Department of Education, Los Rios utilized the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data on "Unmet Need" (the estimated

cost of attendance minus a student's reported access to financial resource, per their FAFSA) to determine student eligibility. These grants ranged between \$100 and \$400, based on the students financial need and the number of units the student was enrolled in this Spring.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Emergency Financial Aid Grant information is included in the [Remote Operations Resources to Students](#). In addition, the following messages were sent to students.

**Notification message send to students on April 23, 2020**

Dear Student,

We recognize that many students are experiencing unexpected financial hardships due to the COVID 19 crisis. The federal CARES Act, recently signed into law, provides some stimulus funds to colleges and universities. The four Los Rios Colleges, American River College, Cosumnes River College, Folsom Lake College, and Sacramento City College, will be providing emergency CARES grants to some students who are currently attending our colleges.

Unfortunately, the funding for this program is limited and not all students will receive a payment. To make sure we get these funds into the hands of the students who need them the most, and in accordance with federal guidelines, we will provide the funds based on enrollment status and demonstrated unmet financial need.

Our goal is to get these resources distributed to students as quickly as possible and will be using the [2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) to identify eligible students. Students who do not have a Social Security number or do not meet the eligibility to complete a FAFSA should complete the [California Dream Act Application \(CADAA\)](#). If you have not already completed the FAFSA or CADAA, we strongly encourage you to do so today particularly if you are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID 19 crisis. It is our intent to do an initial disbursement to our neediest students in early May.

Some of you may have received an email from BankMobile requesting that you make a selection on how you want to receive your funds. Although we fully encourage you to complete the BankMobile selection process, we want to clarify that the receipt of the BankMobile email is not a guarantee you will receive the funds.

For questions about the completing the FAFSA, or CADAA, please contact your college financial aid office.

## Confirmation message to HEERF Emergency Grants awardees

Dear [NAME]

The Los Rios Community College District has received a limited amount of funding from the federal Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for direct emergency grant payments to some students whose lives have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on information provided in your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), **you are eligible for these funds and will be receiving payment as soon as tomorrow**. Emergency grants will be deposited into your BankMobile account or sent via mail to the address on file with your college if you do not have a BankMobile account (please note that checks sent via mail may take up to 10 business days to arrive). Either way, **no action is needed by you**.

The grant is intended for academically related expenses incurred due to COVID-19. Some examples include expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. Your receipt of these funds will serve as verification that you have financial needs in one or more of these areas.

If you have additional questions about the CARES Act or this Emergency Grant, please visit [losrios.edu/CARESact](https://losrios.edu/CARESact).

The faculty, staff, and administrators at the Los Rios Colleges are incredibly proud of our students' resilience and commitment in the midst of this global pandemic and its impacts on our colleges. We remain dedicated to continuing to provide the best possible instruction and services to our students throughout this crisis.