



**Current Report Date: September 30, 2020** 

Award Date: April 25, 2020

Prior Report Dates: May 25, 2020; July 9, 2020; August 23, 2020

To be compliant with reporting requirements as provided by the Department of Education and the CARES Act, Bridgerland Technical College (the College) reports the following information regarding:

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

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.

On April 13, 2020, the College signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement as required. The College intends to follow the stipulations to use no less than 50 percent for 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.

\$205,816

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).

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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.

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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.

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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.

The College determined funds would be allocated to the largest number of students possible due to impacts of COVID-19 related events. Following Secretary of Education DeVos's guidance, Pell eligible students received priority funding. Disbursed emergency grant funds were released to students by check. Payment was not a reflection of a student's current student account balance, as these funds are disbursed directly to a student no matter if a current balance is owed to the institution.

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

Initially, students who had not applied for 2019 or 2020 FAFSA were sent an email informing them of the following:

You may be aware that the government has passed the CARES Act under which federal dollars are available to assist students in meeting expenses related to educational disruptions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be eligible for these Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF).

Regulation requires HEERF recipients to be eligible for Title IV aid. Bridgerland Technical College will determine student eligibility using the results of the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you are interested in being considered for these funds, submit your 2019-2020 FAFSA online at fafsa.gov. Be sure to include Bridgerland's school code on the FAFSA so we will receive your results: 014257.

The following information was included with each initial disbursement:

Dear [Student Name],

Due to the impact that COVID-19 has had on the world around us, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump. This allows Colleges to provide emergency grants to students whose education has been disrupted by the Coronavirus outbreak.

Enclosed is a relief grant intended to assist you during this time. We do not want any unmet financial needs due to the Coronavirus to derail your learning and hope this will be helpful. Because you had filled out the 2019-2020 FASFA application and/or the BTECH Request for Help application, you are eligible to receive [Dollar Amount].

Please let us know if you have further needs and/or questions. We look forward to you continuing your education at Bridgerland Technical College.

The following information was included with each subsequent disbursement:

Dear [Student Name],

Due to the impact that COVID-19 has had on the world around us, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump. This allows Colleges to provide emergency funds to students whose education was disrupted by the Coronavirus outbreak.

We do not want any unmet financial needs due to the Coronavirus to derail your educational plans. You are eligible for these funds because you submitted a FAFSA and/or BTECH Request for Help application. Enclosed is a check with relief funds intended to assist you during this time. Please be aware this will be the last disbursement of this kind as the available funds are now completely awarded.

Best of luck as you continue at Bridgerland Technical College.