

**Barton Community College's
CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Report #2
July 29, 2020**

While the U.S. Department of Education (ED) develops a process for institutions of higher education to directly provide the required reporting data, institutions must provide interim reporting which is easily accessible to the public – via the institution's website – inclusive of the following items:

- **An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned the certification and agreement form and that the institution has used, or intends to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.**

On May 19, 2020, Barton Community College signed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) the Certification and Agreement for a formula grant under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) specifically in regard to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF). Barton certified and agreed to use these funds for emergency aid to students. In compliance with the mandate, 50% of the total Barton Community College CARES/HEERF funds awarded go directly to students. Barton was awarded a total of \$896,181, of which \$448,091 (50% of total award) has been designated for payments directly to students. These funds are intended to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

- **The total amount of funds that the institution will receive, or has received under the HEERF student portion.**

Barton has received \$448,091 to be used for CARES/HEERF funding directly to students of which \$427,000 has been received.

- **Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students as of the date of reporting (i.e. the first 30-day deadline, and then every 45 days thereafter).**

\$426,250.00 has been distributed as of June 8, 2020.

\$423,000.00* has been distributed as of July 13, 2020.

*There is a difference in these amounts due to some distributions were unable to be delivered to students due to either an undeliverable mailing address or an incorrect checking account number.

- **The total number of students who have received a CARES grant.**

493 students have received a CARES/HEERF grant as of June 8, 2020.

497 students have received a CARES/HEERF grant as of July 13, 2020.

- **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 therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.**

503 students were estimated to be eligible to participate in the CARES/HEERF program.

- **How the institution determined which students did, or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did, or will receive.**

Upon careful review of all guidance provided by the U.S. Department of education, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the Kansas Association of Community Colleges, participation in discussion with state and national peer institutions, study of the spirit of the CARES/HEERF provisions, and a review of Barton data, a methodology was designed to address unexpected student expenses in a meaningful amount.

Barton estimated 503 students were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive CARES/HEERF grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

- ✓ Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program.
- ✓ Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school.
- ✓ For currently enrolled students, be making satisfactory academic progress.
- ✓ Not owe an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans.
- ✓ Not be in default on a Title IV loan.
- ✓ File “as part of the original financial aid application process” a certification that includes: 1) A statement of educational purpose; and, 2) Student’s SSN.
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen.
- ✓ Have returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges.
- ✓ Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits.
- ✓ Have repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently.
- ✓ Have Selective Service registration verified.
- ✓ Have Social Security Number verified.
- ✓ Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

In addition, determination was made the student were taking a least one face-to-face class at one of three locations, Great Bend, Ft. Riley, or Ft. Leavenworth, where on-campus operations were switched to an online format for the safety of students and employees during the coronavirus outbreak.

Tier	Class	Number of Students	Amount per Student	Total
1	0 EFC Pell	132	\$1,500.00	\$198,000.00
2	EFC Pell-Eligible	148	\$1,000.00	\$148,000.00

3	EFC to COA	129	\$ 500.00	\$ 64,500.00
4	EFC above COA	94	\$ 250.00	\$ 23,500.00
*Total:				\$ 434,000.00
*Allowance left for students petitioning for additional funds due to higher average estimated cost.				

- **Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants.**

Students were given advance notice of the funding with a general website communication posted on the Barton website May 20, 2020.

<https://docs.bartonccc.edu/community/boardoftrustees/transparency/heerf/cares-funding.pdf>

On June 5, 2020, students who were determined to be eligible for CARES/HEERF were emailed a direct communication with additional information.

[Link to Direct Communication to Students](#)