

**Lansing Community College
CARES Act Emergency Aid to Students
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting
Final Report**

Lansing Community College (LCC) signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economics Security (CARES) Act on April 22, 2020. LCC agreed to use no less than 50% of the funds, \$2,902,158, received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Aid Grants to students. As required in the agreement, institutions must report on the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. This document serves as LCC's final report of the student portion of the Federal CARES Act.

A total of \$3,522,850* was distributed to 3,247* students. Funds were distributed for Spring 2020, Summer 2020, and Fall 2020 Semesters. The estimated total number of students eligible to receive Federal CARES funds was 9,826.**

LCC students needed to complete the 2019-20 or the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to determine if the student met the eligibility requirements in section 484 of the Higher Education Act (HEA). Students, who applied for Fall 2020 semester, needed to complete the 2020-21 FAFSA. Students, who applied for the Spring 2020 Semester and/or Summer 2020 Semester, needed to complete either the 2019-20 or the 2020-21 FAFSA.

In addition to completing the FAFSA, students needed to complete the LCC CARES Application. LCC transitioned to a fully online environment, which included all buildings and services offered, in March 2020. Based on moving to the remote environment, LCC determined that the Emergency Financial Aid Grants would be awarded to students experiencing financial hardship due to the disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus to assist with expenses for a computer, printer, food, internet, course materials and/or utilities. Students applying for Fall 2020 Semester were awarded a one-time maximum amount of \$750. Students applying for Spring 2020 Semester and/or Summer 2020 Semester were awarded a total maximum amount of \$1,300 between the two semesters based on the following categories and for the amount specified in each category:

Category	Award Amount
Computer	\$200
Printer	\$50
Food	\$300
Internet Access	\$150
Course Materials (Books, Supplies, Paper, Printer Cartridges, etc.	\$300
Utilities	\$300

Students were notified via their LCC Email if they were approved, denied, or needed to provide additional information. If approved, the funds were sent directly to the student according to the student's refund preference. If a refund preference was not selected, a check was sent to the student's mailing address listed in Banner Self Service. Students needed to ensure their refund preference and/or address was up-to-date. These funds were not used to pay any portion of a student's outstanding account balance.

LCC awarded students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds were exhausted. To be eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds, students needed to meet the following criteria:

- Must identify through the LCC CARES Application or through the Academic Success Coach LCC Cares Needs Assessment process the financial hardship experienced due to the disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus.
- Must meet the eligibility criteria in section 484 of the Higher Education Act (HEA).
- Must not have graduated from LCC in Spring Semester 2020 without future enrollment intentions.
- Must be actively enrolled at LCC on or after March 13, 2020 if applying for Spring 2020 Semester.
- Must be enrolled for Summer 2020 Semester, if applying for Summer 2020 Semester.
- Must be enrolled for Fall 2020 Semester, if applying for Fall 2020 Semester.

*Updated due to returned checks

**Updated based on additional guidance