



American Samoa Community College

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
Economic Security (CARES) Act –
Compliance

3rd Reporting Requirement
Quarter Ending: September 30, 2020

US CARES Act Compliance Statement

August 31, 2020 Update Publication of Reporting Criteria: *The revised Electronic Announcement (EA) maintains the same seven reporting elements, but it adds a definition for total number of eligible students and decreases the frequency of reporting after the initial 30-day period from every 45 days thereafter to no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30) thereafter.*

- 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 American Samoa Community College (ASCC) signed the Recipient's Funding Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and Certification on April 22, 2020. The Agreement and Certification was submitted on May 13, 2020. The CARES Act award of \$1,617,885 was allocated to ASCC on May 19, 2020. Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is \$808,943.00

- 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:**

The ASCC received \$808,943.00 from the United States Department of Education for emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

- 3. 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 after).**

The ASCC reconciled the listing of all its Spring 2020 student enrollment data and had distributed an overall total of \$829,631.02 to 842 students.

- 4. 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 ASCC determined the final number of students that are eligible to receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 842 due to the fact that all Spring 2020 enrolled students were affected of the sudden change of course delivery via online back in March 2020. The Emergency Financial Aid funds were issued and released for all Spring 2020 enrolled students prior to the final June 17, 2020 USDE final ruling.

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

The total of \$829,631.02 of Emergency Financial Aid Grant was distributed to 842 students.

6. 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 calculation used by the College to determine the amount of grant assistance to students was based on the required minimum allocation to be awarded for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students \$808,943.00 divided by the College's Spring 2020 total Enrollment 821. The total amount of grant assistance issued per student is \$985.31. The American Samoa Community College determined that all students enrolled in Spring 2020 will be awarded emergency financial grants to cover cost related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus.

The College reconciled its Spring 2020 enrollment data. The American Samoa Community College final Spring 2020 enrollment is 842. The College decided that the original calculation that was used to determine the amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants for each student will remain at \$985.31 for equity and fairness to all its students, given the COVID – 19 status in American Samoa and adherence to the Governor's Territorial Code Blue Declaration.

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

The ASCC students were informed through the Territory's local media - KVZK news on May 13, 2020 and again on the 12th of June, 2020 on the Emergency Financial Aid Grant that the College has received funds from the Department, the allocation, the expenses that the students can use the funds for and the schedule for the releasing of stimulus checks. Stimulus checks that were not picked up on the scheduled dates of release were mailed out to the student's official mailing address on file.

Each student received a stimulus check with the letter notifying the student of the instructions provided by the institution concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. This information was also posted on the MOODLE and the ASCC website, www.amsamoa.edu, for student access.