



American Samoa Community College

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

US CARES Act Compliance Statement

In accordance to the Higher Education Relief Fund Reporting, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days 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 distributed its first batch of Emergency Financial Aid Grants on May 18, 2020. Sixty-Four (64) students received funding in a total of \$63,059.84. The second batch was released during June 15, 2020. 704 Eligible students received funding, totaling \$693,658.24. Total amount of \$756,718.08 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants was distributed to 768 students.
- 4. 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 ASCC has determined an estimate total number of 770 students enrolled in the spring 2020 semester eligible for Title IV funding/FAFSA filers.

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 amount of \$756,718.08 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants was distributed to 768 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. This includes all Title IV eligible students under the CARES Act while Non-Title IV/FAFSA filing students will be provided under the College's funding.

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

The ASCC students were informed through the 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 of the releasing of stimulus checks. 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 for student access.