

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
Under Section 18004 (E) of the CARES Act & CRRSAA
Reporting and Disclosure
Otero Junior College**

Quarter 1 2021
January 1, 2021 – March 30, 2021

The Department would like to receive the most current information from the date when the institution received its allocation for emergency financial aid grants to students, and the institution should have received its allocation within a few days after submitting the Certification and Agreement. Accordingly, 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 and then quarterly 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.
 - Otero Junior College (OJC) acknowledges that on April 20, 2020, the institution signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement form. OJC has used, or intends to use, at least 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide HEERF Funded OJC CARES 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.
 - The total amount of HEERF-I funding that OJC received to distribute to students is \$451,461.
 - The total amount of HEERF-II funding that OJC received to distribute to students is \$451,461.

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.
 - The total amount of HEERF-I funded OJC CARES Grants that have been distributed to OJC students as of June 30, 2021 is \$451,461.
 - The total amount of HEERF-II funded CRRSAA grants that have been distributed to OJC students in the quarter ending March 30, 2021 is \$371,520.
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 funded by HEERF.
 - The total number of students estimated to be eligible under Section 484 in Title IV is 672.
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.
 - The total number of students who have received an OJC Emergency Financial Aid HEERF grant in Quarter 1 (1/1/21 - 3/30/21) is 672.
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.
 - OJC awarded HEERF II grants to all eligible students, prioritizing those students with the highest need as demonstrated by their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Grants were awarded per credit hour at a rate determined by EFC ranges. Those rates are as follows.
 - EFC 0 – 1900: \$60 per credit hour
 - EFC 1901 – 3900: \$55 per credit hour
 - EFC 3901 – 5711: \$50 per credit hour
 - Other/No EFC: \$25 per credit hourAwards were capped at \$2000 per student for full-time

enrollment (12 or more credits), \$1500 for three quarter time enrollment (9-11 credit hours), and \$1000 for part-time students (1-8 credit hours). To be eligible, a student must have been enrolled at OJC for the Spring 2021 semester and meet Title IV citizenship criteria.

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