The College applied for and was awarded funding under Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The provisions of the Certification and Agreement require the College to post the following update:

- The College has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement.

- The College received a total of $809,015 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants, and it intends to use no less than 50 percent of funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- The College developed a method to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants, based on student financial need. The College reviewed Title IV eligible students who had filed a FASFA with the Department of Education. A tiered approach with a graduated award amount based on the student’s expected family contribution was used in determining grant amounts. Any remaining funds will be awarded based on a supplemental grant application process, whereby a qualifying Title IV eligible student could request funding for expenditures due to a disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.

- The College notified and released instructions, directions, and guidance to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants via email and through a letter included with their grant payment.

- Through July 1, 2020, the College disbursed 701 grants to eligible students.

- Through July 1, 2020, the total amount disbursed by the College equals $376,300.

- In addition, the College developed a process for eligible students to request additional grant funds through November 16, 2020. These requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by a committee facilitated through the Dean of Students’ Office. As of October 1, 2020, the committee has received and reviewed thirty-five applications for additional grant funds. They have approved thirty of these applications, and will be awarding $28,208 in additional grants later this month.