

Central Maine Community College 00527600
CARES and CRRSA Acts Emergency Grant Report
March 23, 2021

On April 25, 2020 Central Maine Community College received **\$941,360** from the U.S. Department of Education under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. On January 16, 2021 Central Maine Community College received an additional **\$941,360** from the U.S. Department of Education under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

During the spring 2020 and summer 2020 semesters, the following criteria were used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES Act:

1. The student had completed a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the "[basic eligibility criteria](#)" for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
3. The student had to be enrolled in spring 2020 courses at CMCC, and was pre-registered for fall 2020 courses at CMCC. Priority consideration was given to students who were also enrolled in a summer 2020 course at CMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **810**. Students were placed into invitation groups based on their spring 2020, fall 2020, and summer 2020 enrollment.

The students in the first invitation group were sent an email on May 19, 2020 to their personal and college email addresses, inviting them to complete the online application. The students in the second invitation group were sent an email on May 26, 2020. The students in the third invitation group were sent an email on June 1, 2020. The students in the fourth invitation group were sent an email on June 8, 2020.

During the fall 2020 semester, the following criteria have been used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES Act:

1. The student has completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the "[basic eligibility criteria](#)" for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
3. The student has to be enrolled in fall 2020 courses at CMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **708**. Students were sent an invitation on October 13, 2020 and again on November 10, 2020.

On February 1, 2021, after the spring 2021 add-drop period ended, the application for CARES and CRRSA Act emergency grants was re-opened to currently-enrolled students. Students were notified in the weekly Mustang Message email. Because the CRRSA Act removed many of the previous restrictions to student eligibility, an invitation-only system was no longer needed.

As of March 23, 2021, Central Maine Community College has disbursed **\$1,178,808** in Federal CARES and CRRSA Act emergency grant funding to a total of **547** students. In addition to CARES Act funding, Central Maine Community College has disbursed an additional **\$79,095** in other emergency grants to **75** additional students.