Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report

Institutional Aid

BTC CARES Act Institutional Aid Expenditures, Report #2 – 7/20/2020
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On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act, H.R. 748), which provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CARES Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.”

On May 5, 2020, Bellingham Technical College (BTC) received a HEERF award to provide emergency relief and help defray expenses incurred by the college related to the disruption of campus operations. The funding is meant to reimburse institutional costs under Section 18004 (A)(2) of the act.

1. BTC signed and returned the U.S. Department of Education’s Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Potion of HEERF funds on April 22, 2020. BTC received notification of grant award on May 5, 2020.

2. BTC has received a total of $1,833,051 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. No less than 50% of the funds received are being used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students. The remaining $916,525 is being allocated for institutional costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus. The institutional use of the funds will be made in accordance to section 18004(c) of the Act.

3. BTC has distributed no funds to defray expenses as of July 20, 2020.