

CARES Act Funds Update
May 7, 2020

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students:

As you know, the federal CARES Act provides funding for colleges and universities. CCC will receive a total of \$25,452,267, of which 50% is for emergency aid to students for housing, food, and materials related to disruptions caused by COVID-19. Last week, our seven colleges received a total of \$12.7 million from the CARES Act, earmarked to go directly to eligible students as described by the U.S. Department of Education [here](#).

The USDOE allocated CARES Act funds based on a formula that takes into account the number of Pell eligible students and other factors. CCC is comprised of seven independent colleges. As such, the funds go directly to each college in a manner similar to financial aid distributions. Each college received different amounts of funds based on the underlying formula. The chart below shows the amount of funds designated to each college.

CARES Act Funding Allocation to CCC			
USDOE OPEID #/ Campus	Total Allocation	50% Allocation to be Awarded for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students	%
00164900 Richard J Daley College-City Colleges Of Chicago	\$2,993,998	\$1,496,999	12%
00165200 Harold Washington College	\$5,708,949	\$2,854,475	22%
00165400 City Colleges Of Chicago - Kennedy King College	\$2,144,024	\$1,072,012	8%
00165000 City Colleges Of Chicago - Malcolm X College	\$4,919,757	\$2,459,879	19%
00976700 Olive-Harvey College	\$1,429,900	\$714,950	6%
00164800 City Colleges Of Chicago Harry S Truman College	\$3,220,360	\$1,610,180	13%
00165500 Wilbur Wright College	\$5,035,279	\$2,517,640	20%
	\$25,452,267	\$12,726,134	100%

I am writing to keep you informed about our decisions and actions as they relate to the distribution of such funds to CCC students.

Based on the language of the CARES Act and initial guidance provided by USDOE, City Colleges of Chicago was preparing to distribute the \$12.7 million to all credit students enrolled as of March 13th, the date a national emergency was declared by the White House.

On April 23rd, US Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos issued restrictions limiting the use of CARES Act funds to students who are or could be eligible to participate in Title IV (federal financial aid) programs. The effect of these changes was to eliminate DACA, undocumented and international students from consideration. The USDOE also deemed students in the following circumstances ineligible for CARES Act funds: those with defaulted student loans, who are not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress, who have a federal overpayment, who are non-degree seeking, males with incomplete Selective Service Registration, and/or students with an incomplete Statement of Educational Purpose. As U.S. Department of Education guidance changes, City Colleges continues to adjust its processes in the interest of supporting students with as much impact as possible.

We are taking measures to ensure student eligibility based on the USDOE guidelines before distributing federal funds to students.

First, we are requiring that eligible students have a FAFSA for academic year 2019/2020 or 2020/2021 on file. Second, students must complete a simple application attesting to their needs.

Once eligible students have completed a FAFSA, a simple statement of need form, and selected an electronic means to receive payment, funds can be available in one to three days. Eligible students have received direct communications from City Colleges about the next steps to secure financial assistance.

As of today, more than 7,000 students have submitted an application. We expect these students will receive payment this week. Students are receiving up to a maximum of \$350 dollars per student based on their selection. This amount allows CCC to distribute some funds to all eligible students.

CCC also plans to distribute a portion of the CARES Act funds based on need. CCC will seek to provide need-based funds to students experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity and food insecurity. The table below shows the expected distribution of funds based on headcount and need to all eligible students. You will notice the funds remaining for need-based support vary by campus. This is a function of the formula used by USDOE.

Campus	CARES Act Allocations	Spring 2020 Eligible* Headcount	\$ Per Student Disbursement	CARES Act Planned Award Disbursements	CARES Act Remaining Funds "Need Based"	% CARES Act Remaining Funds "Need Based"
Daley	\$ 1,496,999	2,608	350	\$ 912,800	\$ 584,199	39%
HWC	2,854,475	5,148	350	1,801,800	1,052,675	37%
KKC	1,072,012	1,441	350	504,350	567,662	53%
MXC	2,459,879	4,779	350	1,672,650	787,229	32%
OHC	714,950	1,308	350	457,800	257,150	36%
Truman	1,610,180	2,350	350	822,500	787,680	49%
WWC	2,517,640	5,008	350	1,752,800	764,840	30%
Total	\$ 12,726,135	22,642		\$ 7,924,700	\$ 4,801,435	38%

*Title IV eligible students

Should a student not apply, the funds designated to them will be added to the need-based distribution pool. All funds will be distributed before the end of calendar year 2020.

Thank you to all of those helping our students complete this process to receive financial support. I will continue to keep you updated on our progress distributing these funds in the coming weeks and months via the finance website: www.ccc.edu/finance.

Chancellor Juan Salgado