

CARES ACT Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Disclosure

San Joaquin Valley College (OPEID 02120700) – Updated 8/17/20

As an institution of higher learning participating in the Title IV Federal Financial Aid Program, San Joaquin Valley College has been allocated Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, that was signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020.

According to the Department of Education’s methodology, San Joaquin Valley College (which includes branch campuses in Atascadero, CA, Bakersfield, CA, Delano, CA, Fresno, CA, Fresno Trades Education Center, Hanford, CA, Hesperia, CA Lancaster, CA, Madera, CA, Porterville, CA, Ontario, CA, Rancho Cordova, CA, Rancho Mirage, CA, Salida, CA, Santa Maria, CA, and Temecula, CA.) is eligible to receive \$12,014,128 in funds. The Department’s methodology for institutional grants can be found at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/heerf90percentformulaallocationexplanation.pdf>

On April 21, San Joaquin Valley College (SJVC) agreed to receive the first half of available funds (\$6,052,064), and certified that all of those funds will be made directly available to eligible students via emergency aid grants. This grant aid is intended to reimburse students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course material, technology, health care and child-care expenses.

Eligible students are defined as individuals that meet four key conditions:

- 1) The student is eligible for Federal Financial Aid;
- 2) The student was enrolled in a campus-based or blended program at an SJVC campus as of March 13, 2020 and was still attending or an approved leave of absence on March 31, 2020;
- 3) The student has signed a statement attesting to their having incurred qualified expenses, such as food, housing, course material, technology, health care and child-care expenses;
- 4) The student was currently attending as of the date the attestation was returned to SJVC, graduated from the program that they were enrolled in on the date of the disruption, or were on an approved Leave of Absence which started after March 13, 2020.

On April 25, the College was selected for funding by the Department of Education. The funds were first available to the College to award on Friday, May 8. On Monday, May 11, SJVC distributed Attestation Statements to all students who meet the first two eligibility criteria.

Based on the May 27 revised guidance for the Department of Education additional student groups have been identified and included for eligibility. The attestations have been sent via DocuSign to the student email address on file with the College.

As of August 17, San Joaquin Valley College reports the following progress:

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Number of Students Awarded an Emergency Grants	3,709
Total Emergency Grant Aid Disbursed	\$5,357,545

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SJVC created an award schedule whereby all eligible students attesting to expenses would receive a base emergency grant amount. In consideration of student need, those that had received Pell Grant funds as part of their financial aid package will receive approximately an additional 50% over the standard award amount.

Based on the estimated number of emergency grant distributions, SJVC has retained a small reserve for: any subsequent clarification of student eligibility requirements from the Department of Education; student appeals to the determination of eligibility or grant aid amount; and the potential for a subsequent application-based grant aid program.

The following table demonstrates the anticipated distribution of the HEERF funds allocated wholly to student aid, based on currently available data and eligibility criteria:

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CARES Act HEERF for Student Distribution	\$6,052,064
Emergency Grants to Eligible Students	
• Pell recipients, n=3,250 x \$1,545	\$5,021,250
• Non-Pell recipients, n=908 x \$1,030	\$935,240
• Reserve for Appeals, Eligibility Changes and Future Grant Aid	\$95,574