

## CARES Act Funds support students at Tillamook Bay Community College

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Tillamook, OR – To assist students and the College during the Coronavirus pandemic, Tillamook Bay Community College received \$315,778 under 18004(a)1 of the CARES Act, part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, distributed by the U.S. Department of Education. Fifty percent of the funding is required to be used to support students who were directly impacted because of changes that took place on campus resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Tillamook Bay Community College has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form assuring that all HEERF funds allocated to students will be granted to students. As of November 11, 2020, the College awarded 195 students with \$157,889 in financial aid grant relief and emergency funding.

In fall term, eligible new students received \$600 each. Returning students received \$280 in fall term to support continued needs. The amounts distributed were calculated based on a standard average of funding students, who experienced the campus disruption. Twenty students have applied for and received additional funding support due to an increased hardship caused by the disruption.

The college applied for and received the CARES Act funding to ensure students in Tillamook County have the support they need to continue their education during the COVID-19 pandemic. As of November 11, 2020, all students received funding in spring of the 2019-2020 academic year and summer, and fall terms of the 2020-2021 academic year, who were eligible under the Cares Act guidelines.

TBCC identified high need students using need-based data from application for aid. Eligible students were notified via email they would receive the funds, with information on what expenses the funds can be used to cover and how to apply for additional funding if the amount was insufficient to meet their needs, caused by campus disruptions.

Students who were not eligible to receive the CARES Act funding but suffered hardships during the pandemic, were encouraged to apply for emergency funds available through the TBCC Foundation. An application for emergency funds was available on the TBCC student portal MyTBCC.

For questions about student emergency and relief financial aid grants contact Rhoda Hanson, Vice President of Student Services (503) 842-8222 ext. 1110.