

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. In addition to the CARES Act funding TBCC received and spent out during fall term, 2020, the college also received \$315,778 from the adoption of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 (CRRSAA). 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 funds allocated to students will be as grants to students. This funding allowed the college to ensure students in Tillamook County have the support they need to continue their education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During spring term - 2021 (April –June),TBCC disbursed \$33,301 in CRRSAA funds to 42 students for expenses related to attendance during the pandemic, funds to pay off existing tuition and fee balances (with student consent), and emergency requests. An application for emergency funds was available to all students through the TBCC student portal, MyTBCC.

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 and resources if the amount was insufficient to meet needs caused by campus disruptions.

All CRRSAA funds have been awarded and disbursed to TBCC students per established guidelines by the Department of Education and TBCC.

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