

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. CARES funding for summer term was disbursed Between July 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021. The College awarded 47 students with \$37,017 in financial aid grant relief funding.

The funds were used to assist students with balances for tuition and fees, supporting Adult Basic Education participants, CDL students as well as students facing emergencies associated with cost of attendance expenses as they related to the disruption of services/access during COVID 19.

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 in spring of the 2019-2020 academic year, all students attending during the 2020-2021 academic year and summer term of the 2021-2022 academic year, who were eligible under the CARES Act guidelines to receive funding, received it.

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 suffering from hardships during the pandemic, continue to be encouraged by college staff and faculty to apply for emergency funds. An application for emergency funds is 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.