

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. Additionally, \$418,076 has been received by Tillamook Bay Community College in HEERF III (ARP) to disburse in the same fashion as CRRSAA funding. 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.

TBCC awarded 53 students with \$55,686 in CRRSAA HEERF II) funding to close out that fund. Additionally, 297 students received HEERF III (ARP) funding to assist with financial aid grant relief and emergency funding. The entire amount of \$55,686 (CRRSAA) and \$127,719 (ARP) was distributed to eligible students by the close of fall term, 2021.

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.

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 and community resources. 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.