

CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT

Student Application for Emergency Aid
Criteria for Determining Aid and Execution Plan for
Distribution

UPDATED April 27, 2020

RCCD

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT

MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE | NORCO COLLEGE | RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

CARES Act Funding Levels for RCCD

	<u>Total Allocation</u>	<u>50% for Emergency Aid to Students</u>
MVC	\$3,681,844	\$1,840,922
NC	\$3,523,056	\$1,761,528
RCC	\$10,831,532	\$5,415,766

- Funds must be distributed to students for COVID-19 related financial needs due to disruption in in-person instruction
- Remaining 50% are discretionary funds to support institutional needs related to COVID-19 – Further information is forthcoming

RCCD CARES Act Distribution Decision Making Process

- RCCD formed a Task Force to discuss how funds should be distributed and developed recommendations for review
- Recommendations were brought to the Chancellor's Policy Committee that meets daily to address COVID-19
- Recommendations were brought to Student Leaders by Chancellor and Vice Chancellors
- Final recommendations for distribution was determined

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- Dr. Jeannie Kim, AVC Grants & Economic Development
- Mr. Aaron Brown, VC Business Services
- Dr. Susan Mills, VC Educational Services
- Dr. Ferita Carter, VPSS, RCC
- Dr. Kaneesha Tarrant, VPSS, NC
- Dr. Michael Paul Wong, Acting VPSS, MVC
- Mr. John Geraghty, Controller
- Ms. Kyla O'Connor, Dean Enrollment Management, RCC
- Ms. Elizabeth Hilton, Director of Financial Aid, RCC
- Dr. Maria Gonzalez, Director Student Financial Services, NC
- Ms. Dricena Martinez, Accounting Services, RCCD
- Ms. Sandra Martinez, Director Student Financial Services, MVC
- Ms. Laurie McQuay-Peninger, Executive Director, Grants & Sponsored Programs
- Ms. Marisa Yeager, Director of Government Relations

Considerations for Determining Criteria

- Support Vulnerable Populations as identified in CCCCCO Vision for Success
- RCCD “shall cooperate with any examination of records with respect to the advanced funds by making records and authorized individuals available when requested, whether by (i) the U.S. Department of Education and/or its Inspector General; or (ii) any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority” CARES Act Section 18004(e).
- This means students’ personal information will be shared with any and all federal agencies, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of Education, as requested.
 - Implications for DACA Students

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be enrolled in Spring 2020 at the time of application for aid
- Must declare an RCCD college as the home college of record
- Must have COVID-19 related financial needs
- US Residency Requirement must be met
- FAFSA Eligibility must be met (per US Dept of Ed guidance)

Determining Need

Based on Student Records*	Based on Application Answers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pell Eligible (2 points) • California Promise Program Eligible (1 point) • EOPS (1 point) • Foster Youth (1 point) • Veteran (1 point) • Documented Disability (1 point) • CalWORKs (1 point) • First Generation (1 point) <p>*This information is currently being compiled by the District IE Team and IT using Spring 2020 data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduction in work hours due to COVID 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student (1 point) ▪ Family Member(s) (1 point) ○ Laid off due to COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student (1 point) ▪ Family Member(s) (1 point) ○ Food Insecurity / Hunger (1 point) ○ Housing Insecurity / Homelessness (1 point) ○ Food Cost (1 point) ○ Housing Cost (1 point) ○ Technology Expenses (1 point) ○ Health Care/Medical Expenses (1 point) ○ Child Care Expenses (1 point) ○ Transportation Expenses (1 point) ○ Other (1 point)
<p>Category Total Points Possible: 9</p>	<p>Category Total Points Possible: 13</p>
<p>TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 22</p>	

Distribution

- Funding will be distributed to eligible students who apply beginning with those who have the highest total;
- The district will utilize a tiered rubric to determine award amounts using the number of points students receive, as outlined:
 - Tier 1 - \$500
 - Tier 2 - \$400
 - Tier 3 - \$300
- Funding will be distributed until all available funds are dispersed. “Funding down the slate” is a common practice for federal grant awards within the U.S. Department of Education and for Cal Grants.
- If funds remain after awarding students, remaining funds will be allocated to students with the maximum need in the top tier.
- TIE BREAKER - In the event there is more than one student with the same total score, priority will be ranked according to submission time/date – “first come, first-served” similar to how CCCCO/College Futures Funds were distributed.

Timeline for Implementation and Grant Awards

- Secure Student Records Data for Spring 2020 – April 20, 2020
- Web-based Application Process Built - April 24, 2020
- Announce Application Process via Various Mediums – April 20, 2020 thru **May 8, 2020 (extended)**
- Distribute Applications to ALL Students – April 27, 2020
- Applications Due – **May 8, 2020, 11:59 P.M. PDT (extended)**
- Determine Award Allocations List (Calculated automatically and reviewed by financial aid offices) – **May 11, 2020 (updated)**
- Distribute Awards to Students – **Week of May 18, 2020 (updated)**
- Submit First Report to U.S. Dept of Ed – 30 Days after First Distribution