

**Meridian Community College - 2nd Source of CARES Act Funding
Higher Education Stabilization Fund - Institutional Portion
Reports for Compliance with Federal Reporting Requirements and Transparency**

Award Information:

CFDA No.	84.425F
PR/Award Number:	P425F202271
Program Title:	Education Stabilization Fund
Total Awarded:	\$1,470,055.
Budget Period:	05/07/2020 - 05/06/2021
Purpose:	Higher Education Relief Fund for Institutional cost related to COVID-19 for expenses related to moving education and services to students to an online environment.
Opportunity Number:	ED-GRANTS-042120-004
Opportunity Name:	Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - IHE/Institution
Source in CARES Act:	Section 18004(a) (1)

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Guidance

The CARES Act allows institutions who are recipients of these funds to use them to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus so long as costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities, including marketing and advertising; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship (collectively referred to as "Recipient's Institutional Costs."

Examples of Expenditures that have been discussed and are allowable from these funds are:

- Additional Emergency Relief Grants to Students
- Expenses related to shift to online learning.
- Expenses related to campus safety and operations.
- Cost of additional Technological hardware for students, such as laptops or tablets.
- Subsidizing off-campus housing due to dormitory closures or decisions to limit housing to one student per room; subsidizing housing costs to reduce housing density; paying for hotels or other off-campus housing for students who need to be isolated; paying travel expenses for students who need to leave campus early due to coronavirus infections or campus interruptions.
- Subsidizing food service to reduce density in eating facilities, to provide pre-packaged meals, or to add hours to food service operations to accommodate social distancing.
- Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations.
- Additional instructional equipment and supplies (such as laboratory equipment or computers) to reduce the number of students sharing equipment or supplies during a single class period and to provide time for disinfection between uses.
- Replacing Lost revenue due to reduced enrollment.
- Purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction.

Purchasing additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, or upgrading campus wi-fi access or extending open networks to parking lots or public spaces, etc.

Grant Expenditures:

As of 6/06/2020 - initial 30-day
Report:

As of June 6, 2020, \$49,335.54 was expended from these funds. As the college began assessing the needs to move classes online and meet the needs of students, faculty and staff, the college combined the approach of meeting each individual need that arose and yet, also, making decisions that will be wise for any future needs long-term. A summary of the funds spent by purpose are provided below.

Grant Funds are 100% Federal.
3.36% has been spent at this time.

Funds were spent as follows:

17,537.36	Campus Safety and Operations
7,500.00	Other Uses of Funds - Technology Assessment
14,407.22	Purchasing additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, upgrading campus wifi access
5,386.57	Purchase additional instructional equipment and supplies (lab, computers) to reduce # of students sharing equipment/supplies during class and time to disinfect between uses
<u>44,831.15</u>	See Detail Report #1 dated 6/06/2020.