



## **December 31, 2020 Quarterly Report**

### **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting**

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) requires Northeast Community College to publish the following information regarding the awarding and disbursement of CARES Act funds to students. This report serves as the College's requirement to comply with the quarterly report required by the U.S. Department of Education.

Northeast Community College signed and returned the Certification and Agreement and intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency grants to students. Northeast was awarded \$1,729,207 from the CARES Act and at least \$864,603 is to be used for emergency grants that are disbursed directly to the student. After additional guidance was released from the Department of Education, Northeast estimates that there were 1,804 students that were Title IV eligible in the spring 2020 semester. The College provided an online application for students to request assistance. Each request for assistance form is reviewed and Northeast is using the FAFSA to determine Title IV eligibility. The Project Director reviews each request to determine student eligibility based on guidance from the Department of Education and the amount of assistance awarded is determined by following suggested award amounts as determined by the College using a prorated amount of the 2019-2020 financial aid cost of attendance budget.

In addition to the online application, Northeast awarded all Title IV eligible students that were enrolled in the spring semester that had not previously received funding an emergency grant in the amount of \$400. The funds were awarded due to the financial challenges students faced during the spring 2020 semester as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact students attending the 2020-2021 academic year a portion of the institutional funds were identified to assist students.

As of December 31, 2020, the College has distributed a total of \$1,165,900 of Cares funding to 1809 students enrolled in the Spring 2020 and/or Fall 2020 terms. In addition, Northeast used \$750.00 to purchase 25 Wi-Fi hotspots to provide to students who did not have internet access for their online coursework in the fall 2020 term. The hotspots provided hi speed internet service at an internet expense of \$1923.00.