



## **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.

As of September 30, 2020, the College has distributed a total of \$1,158,114 to 1,804 students that were enrolled in the spring 2020 term and an additional \$4,400 to 4 students entering their studies in the summer 2020 and fall 2020 term that had unique challenges due to COVID-19 and the changes in course format to virtual or online learning. The total funds disbursed directly to students is \$1,162,514. In addition, Northeast used \$1,284.55 to purchase 25 WiFi hotspots to provide to students who did not have internet access for their online coursework in the fall 2020 term.