

CARES Act

As of 6/9/2020

Institutional Funds

(Also referred to as Recipient's Institutional Costs Funds, Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, and Section 18004 Institutional Funds)

- Can be used at the institution's discretion to cover costs associated with the interruption of instruction and significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus.
- Institutions may also use the funds to make additional emergency financial aid grants to students, provided that such emergency financial aid grants are for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.
- Institutions have reasonable discretion on how they use the money as long as they can demonstrate a valid connection between the eligible expense and "significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus"
- Institutions can use the funds to reimburse themselves for student refunds (e.g., room and board, tuition, and other fees) or technology (e.g., laptops, hotspots) they purchased for students, if done so on or after March 13th
- Institutions should spend the funds within one year
- The CARES Act also provides for the Secretary of Education to allocate an additional award or grant under Sec. 18004(a)(2) for minority serving institutions or Sec. 18004(a)(3) for smaller institutions particularly impacted by coronavirus, as determined by the Secretary. If your college receives these funds, those additional funds may be used to defray expenses (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll).

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