Beaufort County Community College Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students December 3, 2020

- Beaufort County Community College (College) acknowledges the College signed and returned to the Department of Education (Department) the College's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act. This includes assurance that the College has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- The College was funded \$347,710.00 from the Department pursuant to the College's Certification of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- As of the date of this report, the College distributed \$339,696.88 to students.
- The estimated total number of the College's students eligible to participate in the programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 305.
- As of the date of this report, the total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Acts is 287.
- The methods used by the College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including how much a student would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act have been determined. See Exhibit 1.
- Students who are eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant received an email notification. See Exhibit 2.
- Students who are eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant must complete an online application to request funding. See Exhibit 3.

EXHIBIT 1

Beaufort County Community College is pleased to provide grant awarded assistance through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for current curriculum students who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of this funding is to provide financial assistance to students who have been affected by the disruption of the delivery of instruction due to COVID-19. One element of the CARES Act funding is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). HEERF funds are intended to provide emergency grants to help students meet urgent, basic needs such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare and childcare as the result of the coronavirus. BCCC received \$347,710 from HEERF to provide emergency grants to eligible students. The College will adhere to the following principles and methodology for distributing these funds:

CARES Distribution Principles and Methodology

- All CARES Grant funding will adhere to the U.S. Department of Education requirements and guidelines.
- All CARES recipients must apply for the grant using this fillable form below.
 CARES Grant will fund the economically neediest students at BCCC who were enrolled in Spring 2020 curriculum courses as of March 17, 2020, per data from the required 2019-2020 FAFSA. The maximum HEERF Grant is based on the total HEERF allocation as a percentage of the College's total Pell allocation for Spring Semester 2020.
- Only students who qualified for federal Pell grants for Spring 2020 will be eligible to apply for the CARES Grant.
- Students who were enrolled only in online courses during Spring 2020 are ineligible to apply for the CARES Grant.
- The greater the number of academic credits in which a student was enrolled in Spring 2020, the greater percentage of CARES grant funding the student may be eligible to receive.
- The less the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) for a student per the 2019-2020 FAFSA for Spring 2020, the greater percentage of CARES grant funding the student will be eligible to receive.
- Students will receive as a CARES grant a pro-rated share of the amount of Pell funding they received during Spring Semester 2020 based on the number of credit hours in which they were enrolled and the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) for the student, as determined by the 2019-2020 FAFSA.

For questions, please contact:
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EXHIBIT 2

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- 1. Only students who qualified for federal Pell grants for Spring 2020 will be eligible to apply for the CARES Grant. Students who were enrolled only in online courses during Spring 2020 are not eligible.
- 2. The greater the number of academic credits in which a student was enrolled in Spring 2020, the greater percentage of funding the student may be eligible to receive.
- 3. These monies do not have to be paid back, the grant is in direct response to the COVID pandemic.

You must complete an application and we have tried to make the application process as easy as possible. Students can <u>apply online</u>. For questions, please contact <u>Serena Sullivan</u> at 252-940-6326.

Be safe and Take Care!

You **STILL** belong here!

Dr. LaTonya M. Nixon, Vice President of Student Services Beaufort County Community College 5337 US Highway 264 East Washington, NC 27889 (252) 940-6216

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CERTIFICATION: This application contains accurate information to the best of my ability. Falsification of information will result in the termination of any grant awarded. I understand that a copy of my application may be shared with the members of the Beaufort Community College Foundation Grant Awards Committee, and this application becomes the sole property of the College and/or its Foundation. It is my responsibility to inform the College and/or its Foundation if any information on this application changes.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE: By entering your name below you are agreeing to the above statement and agreeing that your electronic signature must be treated in all respects as having the same force and effect as original signatures.

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CARES Act funds can help students who were enrolled during the Spring 2020 semester and faced unexpected hardships

CARES ACT GRANTS AVAILABLE TO CURRENT STUDENTS

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"We know a lot of students or heads of households may have lost jobs or had other unexpected expenses due to the pandemic shutdown," said Serena Sullivan, VP of Institutional Advancement. "Our students are usually on a tight budget, so unexpected situations like this can force them to withdraw or postpone finishing their education. These grant funds are meant to offset some of the hardships our students have faced over the past few months."

"We have tried to make this application process as easy as possible," she said. "You can apply online on our homepage, and the process takes just a few minutes."

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