

**University of South Carolina – Columbia**  
**CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**  
**Report as of December 31, 2020**  
**FINAL**

**Acknowledgement and Assurances**

The University of South Carolina - Columbia acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and assures that the institution 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.

**CARES Act Funding**

The University of South Carolina – Columbia received the following funding for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

<b>CARES Act Funding</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>Minimum Allocation to Emergency Financial Aid Grants</b>	<b>Institutional Portion</b>
<b>University of South Carolina - Columbia</b>	\$ 21,415,130	\$ 10,707,565	\$ 10,707,565

**Total Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

<b>CARES Act Funding</b>	<b>Total Disbursements to Date</b>
<b>University of South Carolina - Columbia</b>	\$ 10,707,565

**Total # of Students Eligible under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965**

<b>CARES Act Funding</b>	<b>Total # of Eligible Students</b>
<b>University of South Carolina - Columbia</b>	19,723

**Total # of Students receiving Emergency Financial Aid Grants - Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act**

<b>CARES Act Funding</b>	<b>Total # of Students Receiving Aid</b>
<b>University of South Carolina - Columbia</b>	17,475

## **Methodology for Emergency Financial Aid Grants Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act**

### **Financial Aid Plans for Emergency Aid Distribution (Approved):**

- Award \$800 to each Spring 2020 Pell Grant Recipient currently enrolled.
- Award \$400 to each remaining Title IV eligible student currently enrolled for Spring 2020.
- Exclude fluid populations such as visiting transient students and non-degree-seeking students enrolled for less than half-time during Spring 2020. Also exclude students enrolled in 100% online, per the CARES Act guidance.
- The award notice sent to each will explain the purpose of the CARES funds awarded to them and the process by which they can accept or decline them.
- Awards will be made to students via the already-established aid awarding process. These awards will be refunded regardless of any balance on the students' account, per statute. Refunds will be sent via direct deposit or paper check, depending upon the student's already-chosen method with the Bursar's Office.

## **Instructions, Direction and Guidance to Students about CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

Information and direction provided to students about the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found on the Financial Aid website at the following link:

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/grants/federal\\_grants/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/grants/federal_grants/index.php)