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As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into Law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, the Department of Education has made available funding to provide relief to students whose enrollment was disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Davis Technical College has been allocated funding from the ARP Act and must utilize at least \$1,709,922 of the funds as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students, which is 50% of the total funding received from the Department of Education. To comply with requirements to receive the funding and distribute to students, Davis Technical College must provide the following information:

 An acknowledgement that Davis Technical College signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that Davis Technical College has used, or intends to use, no less than \$1,709,922, or 50% of the total funds received under the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

As part of the agreement and certification that was signed by Davis Technical College on April 14, 2020, it is our intention to use at a minimum \$1,709,922, or 50% of funds received as direct payments to students that had their enrollment disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Our application was submitted to the Department of Education using the Grants.Gov system on April 15, 2020.

The total amount of funds that Davis Technical College will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Davis Technical College has received **\$1,709,922** from the Department of Education to use as Emergency Financial Aid Grants as payments to be made directly to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP Act as of the date of submission.

For the reporting period of January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022, Davis Technical College disbursed \$293,325 to 179 students.

As of the date of this report, the entire allocation of ARPA Funds (\$1,709,922) has been paid out to a total of 1,140 students.

4. The estimated total number of students at Davis Technical College that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under ARP Act.

Davis Technical College has approximately 7,500 students that are potentially eligible to receive the ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants. This is the total number of students that have been enrolled or graduated from their program since March 11, 2021. Of those students approximately 1,744 students have completed the FAFSA.

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5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP Act.

As of March 31, 2022, Davis Technical College has disbursed funds to 1,140 students.

6. The method(s) used by Davis Technical College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the ARP Act.

Davis Technical College will use two different methods to distribute ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- EFC From Most Recent FAFSA
- Application Process to Self-Certify Financial Need and COVID impact

The first method used to distribute the grants was the EFC from the FAFSA. A student could have completed either the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 FAFSA. As of March 2022 we began using the 2022-2023 FAFSA to determine eligibility. If a student completed more than 1 FAFSA, the FAFSA with the lowest EFC used. Since the grants are supposed to go to students with the greatest financial need, a tiered EFC range was developed with the highest payments going to students with the lowest EFC. A student had to either be enrolled since March 11, 2021, or graduated from their program. If a student has withdrawn from their program or has not had a schedule for more than 60 days, they were not eligible to receive the direct payments based on the EFC from the FAFSA.

EFC Range	Payment Amount
0 – 1000	\$2,000
1001 – 2500	\$1,750
2501 – 4000	\$1,500
4001 – 5847	\$1,250
5847 – 10000	\$1,000
10001 – 20000	\$750
20001 and greater	\$500

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The second included an electronic application that was developed and placed on the Davis Technical College website. The application was made available on 12/8/2021 on our financial aid website at https://davistech.edu/financial-aid. The application was removed from our website on 2/11/2022 once our allocation of student funds had been spent. A student was able to apply and provide information on how they or their family has been impacted by COVID-19. Any student that has been enrolled at any point since the beginning of the National Emergency (March 13, 2020) was eligible to apply for the ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant. This includes students that are not active or have withdrawn from their program. The student will self-certify how they were impacted by COVID-19 and will not be required to provide any documentation of their financial need. The maximum grant amount will be \$3,000 and a student who received a direct payment based on their FAFSA data can apply and receive the maximum between two separate payments.

Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

For students that will receive the direct payments, an email was sent to notify the students of the ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant and encouraged to complete the direct deposit form, however it was not required. If a student did not complete the direct deposit form a check will be mailed to their mailing address on their student record. A student must confirm with the Davis Technical College Financial Aid Office that they wish to receive the grant. This confirmation can be done over email, phone, or in person.

For students apply for the grant, they will also be encouraged to set up direct deposit and an email will be sent once their application has been reviewed to notify of the approved payment amount. Payments are usually processed within 3 weeks of application. The application will be available on the Davis Technical College website inviting students to apply and students will be instructed to provide information to Davis Technical College on how they or their family were impacted by COVID-19 and to provide an amount that they would like to receive, not to exceed \$3,000.

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