ARP Emergency Grant Reporting

1. South Plains College acknowledges signing and returning to the Department of Education, the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

2. The total amount of funds that South Plains College has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) program is $9,175,072.

3. Between January 1, 2022, and March 31, 2022, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) program is $536,889.91*.

4. The estimated total number of students at South Plains College that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) program is 6000.

5. Between January 1, 2022, and March 31, 2022, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) program is 386.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) program is:

   1. South Plains College sends first communications to those students who have completed the FAFSA process for Title IV funds and are Pell Grant eligible. After approximately one week of responses, we send an announcement to all students noting that funds are available.

   2. The College adopted a rubric rating for student needs. All students who apply for the ARP grants are asked to complete the online questionnaire and rank needs based on a scale ranging from 1 (I’m good) to 5 (I’m in
crisis). Areas of interest include academic support, academic needs for technology and course materials, housing insecurity, utilities, food insecurity, childcare, transportation, healthcare, and mental health care. The student is also given an opportunity to supply documentation and to write a narrative on the need for funds and other resources they have tried to secure. The questionnaire ensures that SPC is providing needed HEERF relief to students with need, as well as connecting the student to additional institutional and community resources. Requested data is maintained through the Maxient system.

7. The instructions, directions, or guidance provided by South Plains College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants is located here: https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/paying-for-school/financial-aid/ ARP.php

*The amount of funds drawn down for this period include aid disbursed in December 2021 prior to the college being closed for Christmas Break. The drawdown was done on 1-3-22 immediately after the college reopened after Christmas Break.