

July 20, 2020

As an update to the information published on June 23, 2020 (below), we have the following:

1. AMBI acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. AMBI received a total of \$75,979 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of today is \$75,979.12.
4. The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is 76;
5. of which 67 students have proven eligibility and have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. The method used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants was:

To: Eligible Students

From: Scott Deidun

Re: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

June 30, 2020

Dear Eligible Student,

As a follow up, we did have some remaining grant money as provided under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. You have previously proven your eligibility to receive funding under this grant, so we thought the only fair thing to do was divide this remainder by the total number of previously eligible student's. As such, please see your enclosed check for \$117.61.

As was the case before, the individual student can elect what expenses they wish to pay with these resources. This is money that will not be paid back, it is yours to use. The grant will be distributed in accordance with federal guidelines.

For most of you, you have either completed your training, or have been assigned a date to return. For a few of you currently on a leave of absence, I will reach out in the coming weeks to discuss a return plan individually with you. Rest assured, I want you to know that we are here to support you in your mission to complete your massage therapy training.

As the country continues to reopen, we hope that you stay safe and well as we truly care for each of you!

Sincerely,

Scott Deidun

### **Previous Announcement**

June 23, 2020

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities Act (“CARES Act” or “Act”) directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”). Section 18004© of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50% pf the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

The certification and agreement directs each institution applying for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report (the “30-day Fund Report”) to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution’s Certification and Agreement to the Department. The HEERF participating institution must also post the information listed below on the institution’s primary website.

7. AMBI acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
8. AMBI received a total of \$75,979 from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
9. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of today is \$66,981.91. This number will be updated again in 45 days (August 7, 2020).
10. The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is 76;
11. of which 67 students have proven eligibility and have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
12. The method used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants was:  
HEERF Emergency Grants to Students Formal Policy  
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Portion

April 28, 2020

On April 9, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, released a statement to all eligible colleges and universities throughout the country outlining the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we did apply for participation when we formally submitted our agreement and applied for the grant.

To determine eligibility for student participation, our policy required:

Money would be made available to students that were active by April 9, 2020, and that were still in an active (or LOA status due to the coronavirus, more below) status as of April 28, 2020, our date of participation.

- a. Students in a withdrawn status are not eligible.

All students, whether they were recipients of Title IV funds, or cash pay students would be eligible for HEERF grants, provided:

- b. Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 of HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen (all students met criteria); a valid Social Security number (all students met criteria); high school diploma, or GED (all students met criteria); and registration with Selective Service (if student is male). We identified 4 cash paying males that we will reach out to so that we can determine if they registered for selective service, if they were required to do so;

If a student requested a leave of absence because they were unable to participate in the new distance education, then it was assumed that the disruption to normal campus operations is what caused the LOA, and therefore, the student was given access to emergency grants as a regular, current active student would.

- c. If the student was on a LOA prior, or if the prior LOA was not due to the coronavirus, it was determined that the student did not suffer from a hardship and they would be excluded from consideration.

The money provided by the CARES Act, specifically for Financial Aid Grants to Students, or \$75,979, would then be divided equally by all eligible students, and checks would be sent directly to their address of record.

- d. A spreadsheet detailing eligible participants and check deposit records will be maintained by the school for examination whether by (i) the U.S. Department of Education and/or its Inspector General; or (ii) any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction an authority.

13. The directions and communication AMBI used to communicate this grant is below:

To: Eligible Students

From: Scott Deidun

## Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

May 1, 2020

Dear Eligible Student,

These are unprecedented and challenging times for you and your families. We are all grappling with issues we never imagined. I want you to know that we are here to support you in your mission to complete your massage therapy training.

AMBI has been given an institutional grant to use, with its discretion to award to students. The purpose of this grant is to provide students with emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of normal campus operations due to the coronavirus. These eligible expenses can be used for items such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. The individual student can elect what expenses they wish to pay with their own resources. This is money that will not be paid back, it is yours to use.

I am asking for each of you to log into the student supportal website to verify your address. If your address is not correct, please email me to get it updated. We do expect to receive the grant in May, and then a check for **\$999.73** will be sent directly to your listed address. The grant will be distributed in accordance with federal guidelines.

If we need to verify any required information to determine eligibility, you will receive follow-up email from Stasia. Please read and respond to this as soon as possible.

These are trying times; I hope that you know that we truly care about each of you. Please stay safe, and let me know if there is anything else we can do to help you.

Sincerely,

Scott Deidun