

Westmont College – Department of Education – CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Section 18004(a)(1) Student Portion Reporting Disclosure

September 30, 2020

As provided for by the Department of Education (DOE) as a provision of the CARES Act, Westmont College (Westmont) has received funds and distributed those funds directly to students to assist them with emergency financial relief related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

Westmont received a total of \$950,992 from the DOE as part of the CARES Act. The DOE has required institutions to use no less than 50 percent (\$475,496) of the total funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) provisions to go directly to students to provide emergency relief as described above. Westmont has distributed \$950,992 (100%) of these grants directly to students.

Westmont signed the Certification and Agreement for the first 50% of these funds provided for under Section 18004(a)(1) on April 9, 2020, and these funds were allocated to Westmont from the DOE on April 22, 2020. The remaining CARES Act funds were allocated to Westmont from the DOE on May 6, 2020.

On May 5, 2020, Westmont's President announced to students and parents via conference call that checks to eligible students would be mailed within two weeks. On May 14, 2020, Westmont mailed checks directly to 927 students. Students eligible for consideration to receive a check included those who were eligible to receive Title IV Federal Financial Aid during the 2019-20 academic year and those who no longer resided on campus after March 15, 2020.

The amount of individual grants was based on a number of factors, including students' demonstrated financial need as determined by filing the FAFSA, the extent to which loans were used to pay for each student's education, and the proportion of the semester's educational expenses paid for by the student. Grants were more heavily targeted to Westmont's financially needier students. The average total grant to each student was \$1,015. Students who had additional expenses beyond this amount related to Westmont's disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus were encouraged to complete and submit by June 15, 2020, an application to request additional grant funding. In total, fifty-three (53) students submitted an application. All applications were considered for a supplemental grant, with forty-nine (49) students receiving additional funds. The average supplemental grant amount was \$944. Checks were mailed to students on June 26, 2020.

Since all funds have been distributed, this is the final report covering all section 18004(a)(1) Student Portion funds.