



# Institutional Aid Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

## October 10, 2020

Pursuant to Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act (“Institutional Aid Portion”), the USDOE allocated \$2,193,339.00 to the Augusta Technical College. This award is separate from the funding made available for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The college has signed and returned to the USDOE the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the College intends to use the award for any costs associated with significant changes to the college's delivery of instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Such costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities, including marketing and advertising; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship.

Pursuant to the CARES Act, Augusta Technical College retains discretion in determining how to allocate and use the award provided, as long as the funds are spent only on those costs for which the College has a reasoned basis for concluding such costs have a clear nexus to significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus. Allowable costs include the college’s Institutional Costs first incurred on or after March 13, 2020 (the date of the Proclamation of National Emergency (Federal Register Vol. 85, No. 53 at 15337-38)), such as reimbursing itself for costs related to refunds made to students for housing, food, or other services that the college could no longer provide; for lost revenues; or for hardware, software, or internet connectivity that the College may have purchased on behalf of students or provided to students; or the college’s technology costs associated with a transition to distance education.

Consistent with Section 18006 of the CARES Act and to the greatest extent practicable, the College will pay all of its full-time employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to the coronavirus. The following expenditures are disallowed: senior administrator and/or executive salaries, benefits, bonuses, contracts, incentives; stock buybacks, shareholder dividends, capital distributions, and stock options; and any other cash or other benefit for a senior administrator or executive.

The college will comply with all reporting requirements (including those in Section 1501 I(b)(2) of Division B of the CARES Act) and submit required quarterly reports to the USDOE, at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the USDOE may reasonably require.

As of September 30, 2020, the College has drawn the Institutional Aid Portion for the following allowable costs:

PPE/Thermometers/Hand Sanitizer Products	\$ 21,048.97
Disinfectants/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 31,449.62
IT Purchases	\$ 98,689.49
Maintenance Purchases (Air Filters, Signage, Plexi Glass Barriers)	\$ 4,533.79
Revenue Loss (Student Activity Fee, Transportation Fee)	\$ 144,790.00