

Dear Auburn Career Center Adult Workforce Students, Staff, and Community,

I am pleased once again to tell you that Auburn Career Center Adult Workforce Education was awarded additional monies from the Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, provided by Congress under Section 18004(a)(2) and Section 18004 (a)(3) of the CARES Act. The amount Auburn Career Center Adult Workforce Education has received totals \$375,966. This amount brings Auburn's total dollars from the CARES Act received from Congress up to \$500,000.

The funds under Section under 18004(a)(2) and Section 18004 (a)(3) of the CARES Act may be used for grants to students for any component of the student's cost of attendance, including tuition, course materials, and technology. However, to receive grants under these sections, students must be eligible to receive Federal financial student aid under Section 484 of the HEA. Students may demonstrate eligibility by completing FAFSA, by having completed a FAFSA and received an ISIR in the past, or by completing an application designed by the institution in which the student attests under the penalty of perjury to meeting the requirements of Section 484 of the HEA.

Auburn Career Center Adult Workforce Education may also use these funds to defray institutional expenses which may include: lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with the transition to distance education, faculty and staff training, and payroll. Specifically, Auburn can use these funds for: covering the cost of providing additional technology to students, such as laptops or tablets; operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, which includes hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations; purchasing additional instructional equipment and supplies; replacing lost revenue due to reduced enrollments; purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction; purchasing additional equipment and software to enable distance learning. Other approved uses of funds may be used as long as the public is made aware of the categories.

Auburn Career Center Adult Workforce Education's adult director, treasurer, financial aid designee, executive director and the director of adult programming are working on plans to best utilize these funds. So far funds have been set aside for items including: the reimbursement to adult welding students for the last module of the program; tuition reimbursement to practical nursing students and other adult workforce students who either dropped the program due to COVID 19 or need to retake the program in the fall/winter; computers for public safety students and faculty to transition online as needed and to upgrade the technology for those programs; reimbursements to Auburn for teacher salaries and benefits needed to cover the costs for running multiple sections for programs to adhere to social distancing rules; replacing lost revenue due to students dropping from programs due to the pandemic, among other items. As Auburn Career Center finalizes the amounts that will be distributed to these various areas, we will post these dollar amounts to the website under the COVID 19 CARES Act section.

Auburn Career Center has signed and returned to the Department the necessary agreements and assurances. Questions related to the use of these funds can be directed to the Director of Adult Workforce Education, Michelle Rodewald, or the Treasurer, Sherry Williamson.

Sincerely,

Michelle Rodewald

Director of Adult Workforce Education and Business Partnerships

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