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Mr. Ted Blazel, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
17 West Main Street, Rm. 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

I am pleased to share with you the attached report in compliance with section 38.42 of the Wisconsin Statutes. This provision requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) to submit an annual report regarding Grants to Students to Meet Emergency Financial Need. The report is to be submitted to the Chief Clerk of each house of the legislature.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Dr. Colleen McCabe, Provost and Vice President at 608-266-9399 or colleen.mccabe@wtcsystem.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morna K. Foy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. Morna K. Foy
President

Cc: Dave Loppnow, Legislative Fiscal Bureau



WTCS 20-21 Grants to Meet Emergency Financial Need Final Report

In March 2016, the Wisconsin state legislature passed Act 282, establishing the first state publicly funded student emergency grant program in the US. The Wisconsin Technical College System received \$320,000 in aid to directly address student emergency financial needs.

Grants were limited to Pell eligible students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$5,000 - not all Pell eligible students, but the very neediest. The grants could be used for unplanned, unanticipated expenses such as medical related, vehicle repairs, dependent care, housing, utilities and/or transportation. Below is a summary of the outcomes of the WTCS Student Emergency Assistance Grants.

1. Number of student emergency grants awarded – 752
2. The number of student emergency grant requests denied – 1,203
3. The number of students receiving student emergency grants (unduplicated) - 714
4. The total amount of student emergency grant money awarded - \$320,000
5. The total amount of grant money available but not awarded - \$0
6. The number of students who received a grant and completed their degree or credential - 186
7. The number of students who received a student emergency grant and transferred to another postsecondary institution – 28
*This information is collected through the National Student Clearinghouse, and the student who intends to transfer in fall 2021 is not reported until the semester is underway.
8. The number of students who received a student emergency grant and did not complete the term in which the grant was awarded - 69
9. The types of expenses for which students requested student emergency grants: Housing assistance, utility payments, transportation related expenses or issues, emergency dependent care, medical/dental related expenses, technology internet/phone needs.