Dear Colleagues,

Per our email on February 16, 2021, $5M in funding has been allocated for undocumented students statewide to address COVID-19 related emergencies (similar to federal funding via CARES/HEER). Funding is for the 2020-21 academic year (to be spent no later than June 30, 2021). The bill was signed into law by Governor Inslee on February 19, 2021.

Attached you will find final guidance on the distribution and eligibility for these funds. Your institution will need to develop a policy using the guidance. Please note, colleges have broad authority related to serving students that meet the eligibility criteria.

We are also providing information that includes feedback from some community organizations and students that WSAC engaged with as we were developing the guidelines. The ideas are for your consideration.

WSAC will be hosting two webinars next week, to provide an overview of the guidance and to answer questions. A Zoom invitation will be sent separately. You can join either day.

- Wednesday, March 10 at 9 a.m.
- Thursday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

WSAC will be sending each institution an addendum to your state aid participation agreement that will need to be electronically signed and returned before WSAC can distribute your college’s allocation of Undocumented Student Relief Grant funds. The email will originate from WSAC and the subject line will read DocuSign PPA Amendment. Funds will be distributed once OFM sends them to WSAC and the signed addendum is returned to WSAC.

Thank you for your partnership and work on behalf of students,

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