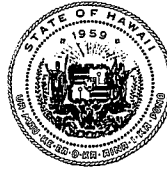


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SUBJECT: CARES Funds via Act 9, SLH 2020 (SB126)  
Status Report: Support for 2020 Graduates of Public High Schools

Pursuant to Act 9 (SB126), which provides that “beginning July 15, 2020, a monthly report that details all allocations be submitted to the governor and legislature”, OCS provides the following status update on the Educational Assistance Program established by Act 9, Part XIX, Section 36.

- **Total Dollars Appropriated, Disbursed and Expended to Date.** Act 9, SLH 2020 Part XIX, Section 36 appropriated \$1,000,000 to the Office of Community Services (OCS) to be used for a public-private partnership to provide support to public high school seniors who were adversely affected by school closures in their final semester of school. To date, no funds have been disbursed or expended.
- **Reason(s) for Unspent Funds.** As of this writing OCS is awaiting program approval, to partner with Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF), from Department of Budget and Finance, per Executive Memorandum No. 20-06.
- **Programs/Services or Other Purchases Have Resulted from the CARES Funds.** None as of this writing.

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- **Who Is Being Served by the Programs/Services or Other Purchases?** HCF estimates that 2,500 University of Hawaii Community College students will receive counseling/mentoring support and approximately 200-250 students will receive scholarships for the Fall 2020 semester. Additionally, HCF has committed to continue providing support for these students for the Spring 2021 semester.
- **Metrics of Performance that Have Been Established to Ensure Funds Will Be Spent by December 2020.** Performance metrics include the spend down rate, number of students receiving scholarships, and number of students utilizing counseling/mentoring services.

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