



**Proposed Agenda Item
Board of Trustees Meeting**

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Date of Board Meeting: November 20, 2018 Date of This Proposal: November 1, 2018

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):

Information Item: Federal funding for Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education Program from the Department of Education.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review information item.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The program funds will be used to continue the work that was started in the fall of 2017 when Hurricane Harvey displaced the residents of the community. As we start the fall semester of 2018 many students and staff are still living in temporary housing. Many homes in Wharton have been abandoned and there are no vacancies at apartment complexes. The funds will be utilized for three activities: outreach, enrollment recovery efforts, and for direct financial assistance.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$500,000.00

No cost to the College. Grant funds will be deposited for expenditure from the Current Restricted Fund.

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Marybelle Perez, Director of Grant Writing & Compliance

SIGNATURES:

Marybelle Perez
Originator

11-1-18
Date

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

Betty G. McCaslin

11-1-18



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OVERVIEW

Grant Award: Department of Education

Grant Title: Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education Program

Award Period: October 22, 2018 – December 31, 2020

Award Amount: \$500,000.00

Matching Requirement: None

Requirements for Consideration:

Wharton County Junior College is deeply committed to a quality education for all students. The WCJC Harvey Displaced Students Project will continue this commitment by providing equal treatment of students traditionally underrepresented in education including racial or ethnic and language minority groups, and individuals with disabilities.

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