Wayland Baptist University has been notified it will receive $2.5 million in emergency grant funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economy Security (CARES) Act. Those funds are made available through the Department of Education. When the funds and guidance become available from the Department of Education, Wayland will advise students of the process for disbursement.

As members of Congress, U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, along with Representative Jodey Arrington approved the Education Provisions for H.R. 748. According to the bill, each school is required to award 50 percent of the grant they receive to students to help cover expenses caused by the closure of campuses due to COVID-19.

“We are so thankful that our congressional leaders worked hard to get this educational arm of emergency legislation passed as part of the overall CARES Act relief package,” said Dr. Bobby L. Hall, president of Wayland Baptist University. “This funding is desperately needed and greatly appreciated by both our institution and our students as we navigate this most unusual period in our history.”