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DATA

## "I'm coming back to school because I'm tired of being poor."

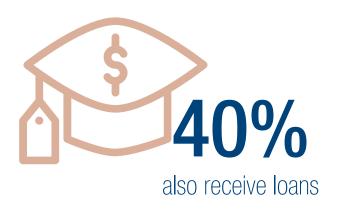
**RE-ENGAGING** 

-Community College Student

## Filling the Gap Between Pell Grants and Need

Many students attend college to make a better life for themselves, but their financial circumstances while they are in college make earning a degree a struggle. As the Center reported in its 2017 publication *Making Ends Meet: The Role of Student Financial Health in Community Colleges*, almost 40% of community college students rely on Pell Grants to help them pay for college, with students of color, women, and students aged 25–39 most likely to receive this funding.

## Among students who receive Pell Grants...





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...and who report that they could come up with no money from cash, credit, family or friends if an unexpected need arose in the next month, **220/0** report working more than 30 hours/week.

For more information, please see *ccsse.org/SR2017* 



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