



COLORADO
Department of Education

CDE Office Hours

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We Survived 2020!!!



Topics:

- ESEA 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Funds
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CCRSA)
 - General Information
 - ESSER II
 - Side by Side ESSER I and II Comparison
 - Non-Public School Program under GEER
 - CRF Funds – Extension
- Q&A Session

ESEA Reminders



Drawing Down ESEA Funds



- 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 ESEA funds will expire on September 30, 2021!
- http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefisgrant/grant_distribution_reports

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CCRRSA) 2021



- Enacted December 27, 2020
- H.R. 113 ~ \$1.4 trillion in omnibus appropriations and \$900 billion for Coronavirus Relief
 - \$82 billion in Education Stabilization Fund (ESF)
 - \$54.3 billion for ESSER II Fund
 - \$4.05 billion for Governors' Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund



“...intended to help States and school districts safely reopen schools, measure and effectively address significant learning loss, and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the students and families who depend on our K-12 schools.”

- Supplemental funding to ESSER I
- Title I formula to make awards
 - USDE → States → LEAs
 - Used fiscal year 2020 State shares of Title I, Part A without the application of hold harmless provisions in ESEA Section 1122
- CDE does not have to apply for these funds
 - Grant Award Notification
- LEAs will revise budgets within ESSER I application (more to come on this later)
- States are encouraged to spend down ESSER I funds before using ESSER II funds (in letter from USDE)

ESSER I v. ESSER II Comparisons

Topic	ESSER I (CARES Act)	ESSER II (CCRRSA)
Colorado Award	\$120,993,782	~ \$519,324,311
LEA Award	90% direct allocation to LEAs	
90% to LEAs	\$108,894,404	~\$467,391,880
SEA Award	10% state reserve (up to .5% for administration)	
10% to CDE	\$12,099,378	~\$51,932,431
SEA Admin Max	No more than 0.5% of the total award	
CDE Admin	\$604,969	~\$2,596,622

ESSER I v. ESSER II Comparisons

Topic	ESSER I (CARES Act)	ESSER II (CCRRSA)
Period of Availability	Costs dating back to 3/13/20 Expended by 9/30/2022	Costs dating back to 3/13/20 Expended by 9/30/2023
Use of Funds	Costs related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 (including <i>addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings*</i>)	
Equitable Services	Proportionate share for Non-Public Schools	Separate program under GEER
Tracking Funds	Must be tracked separately	
Reporting	Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) and other reporting required by the Secretary	ESSER I Reporting + detailed accounting of the use of funds, including measuring and addressing learning loss for disproportionately affected populations
Maintenance of Effort	FY 2020 and 2021 based on at least the average of support for education for 3 preceding years (FYs 2017, 2018, & 2019)	FY 2022 based on proportional share of the State's support for education in 3 years prior to pandemic (FYs 2017, 2018, & 2019)

*New clarifying language in CCRRSA





Non-public Schools Appropriation

Funding through GEER Funds

- \$4 billion
 - \$2.25 for non-public schools
- SEA will manage the funds
 - Must release an application within 30 days of award
 - NPS have 15 days to respond
 - No regulations will be issued
 - Guidance will be provided
- No funds can be distributed to non-public schools
- Funding can be back dated to March 13, 2020

CRF Reporting: Grant codes 4012, 5012 and 6012

- Initially CRF funds expired on December 30, 2020
- The new federal legislation (CCRSA) extended the period of availability for the CRF funds to December 31, 2021
- The Governor ([Executive Order D 2020 070](#)) allows any unspent/unobligated funds to be utilized for expenditures through December 31, 2021
- No changes to the allowability guidelines or reporting guidelines
- Quarter 3 CRF reporting templates for 4012, 5012 and 6012 were due to the Grants Fiscal Office by January 4, 2021
- GFMU will reach out to those LEAs with missing reports
- Quarter 4 CRF reporting will be due in early April
- We encourage district all recipients expend any remaining funds in the first quarter of 2021

Questions?

Requests for Future Topics?

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