

## COLORADO

**Department of Education** 

# **CDE Office Hours**

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#### We Survived 2020!!!

## **ESSER** Office Hours

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!
- <u>http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefisgrant/grant\_distribution\_reports</u>





## Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CCRRSA) 2021

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#### **CCRRSA – General Information**



- 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



#### ESSER II

"...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  $\rightarrow$  States  $\rightarrow$  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)

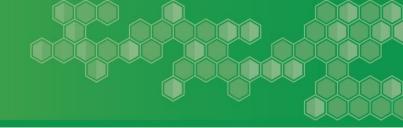


## ESSER I v. ESSER II Comparisons

Торіс	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



Торіс	ESSER I (CARES Act)	ESSER II (CCRRSA)
Period of Availability	Costs dating back to 3/13/20 Expended by <b>9/30/2022</b>	Costs dating back to 3/13/20 Expended by <b>9/30/2023</b>
Use of Funds	Costs related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 (including addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings*)	
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 (FFAFTA) 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 *New clarifying language	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)



#### 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 (<u>Executive Order D 2020 070</u>) 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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