



# COVID Funding Update

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# CARES Funding to Minnesota for Education Round 1

Program	Dollars
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER)	\$38,127,249
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)	\$140,137,253
Child Nutrition Grants to States	\$160,263,207
Library Grants to States	\$509,589
Head Start and Early Head Start	\$10,390,096
Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)	\$244,800,000

# GEER I Update

- Minnesota schools have spent 38% of their GEER funds
- Grants in the amount of \$5m for other educational entities, wrap around services, have spent about 30%.
- May 1, 2021 was the deadline for submitting an application for GEER I funds. Funds not encumbered through an application will be considered declined and reallocated
- ESSER/GEER I funds must be obligated by May 21<sup>st</sup> or go back to USDOE
- Funds can be spent through September of 2022.

# ESSER I Update

Minnesota schools have spent about 31% of their ESSER funds. A few key factors to point out.

- Schools have until 9/30/22 to spend these funds.
- May 1, 2021 was the deadline for submitting an application for ESSER or GEER funds. Funds not encumbered through an application will be considered declined and reallocated
- ESSER/GEER I funds must be obligated by May 21<sup>st</sup> or go back to USDOE.

# Child Nutrition State Grants

**Minnesota's State Allocation:**                    **\$160,263,207**

**Purpose:** Additional funding to cover the reimbursable meal costs of National School Lunch/Breakfast, Special Milk, Child and Adult Care Food and Summer Food Service Programs, in anticipation of there being more need.

**Status:**

- All funds were spent as of October 27, 2020, for meals provided by September 30, 2020.
- Funds were used to reimburse schools for the Summer Food Service Program.

# Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States

**Minnesota's State Allocation:                   \$509,589**

**Purpose:** To prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID 19), including to expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide technical support services.

**Status:**

- 7 grants were awarded for the purpose of expanding access to the internet, supporting digital inclusion, educational activities, providing job search and career development and other resources for public libraries and public library patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- \$82,250 has been spent to date, all funds are allocated to grantees.
- The grants awarded can be spent through September 30, 2021. We are working with grantees to ensure spending.

# Head Start and Early Head Start

**Minnesota's Allocation: \$10,390,096**

**Purpose:** Federal funds were made available through The Office of Head Start for one-time supplemental funding awarded to existing Head Start grantees. Head Start grantees can use these funds to operate supplemental summer programs and/or repurpose funds for other one-time activities related to COVID-19.

**Status:**

\$10,390,096 was awarded to 45 HeadStart entities across the state.

# Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

**MDE's Allocation: \$244,800,000**

**Purpose:** Two areas of support were offered to the schools:

- Operational costs such as cleaning and screening supplies, PPE and transportation costs.
  - Supporting student, family and educator needs such as:
    - Digital navigators, technology devices and internet access,
    - Tutors/mentors,
    - Translation services,
    - School-aged care for essential works, and
    - Professional development focused on Academic Response to Intervention (RtI); Social Emotional Learning; competency-based learning; diversity, equity, and inclusion; anti-bias practices
- Status:** All funds have been spent.



# Coronavirus Relief Funds: Status Update

## Status:

- \$244.5 m to schools - All but 17k has been spent in the following categories:
  - Operational Costs \$90,690,267
  - School Aged Care \$11,337,219
  - Student, Family Staff Support \$142,472,497
- 300k was spent on administration of the grants, the SERVS application, and digital navigator work.

# Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Funding

Program	Dollars
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II)	\$588,036,257
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER II)	\$61,390,849
Head Start	\$3,250,000

# GEER II Funds

## Allocations:

- \$19,483,596 for public schools
- \$41,697,717 for non-public schools
- \$209,536 for grant administration

## Update (May, 2021):

- EANS application was due last week / final allocations will be posted next week
- Coops - \$1m out
- Support for School Age Care
  - ✓ ELSA Waitlist – \$6.473m out to 7 Area Administrator's
  - ✓ All certified childcare centers – \$6.473m working on this one
  - ✓ Wrap around services - \$3m
- Additional FRP Applications - \$2.4m – on hold

# Funding for Staff at Service Cooperatives

\$1 million to support the Minnesota Service Cooperatives

- 9 Educational Service Cooperatives that create the Minnesota Service Coop
- Geographically distributed across the state
- Serve the unique needs of the members in their districts
- This will provide funding for one full - time position at each of the nine cooperatives and allow them to partner with organizations to provide summer programing through subgrants.

# School Age Care and Youth Programming

## \$15.947 million in Federal Funds

- This proposal allocates GEER II funds to address areas of need in school-age care and youth programming.
- The funds would be used to support school-age care, before/after/summer school youth wrap-around programming, and access to high-quality childcare services and supports.
  - \$6.473 million will support school-age care staffing and administration.
  - \$3 million will provide access to increased before, after, and summer school wrap-around services, and
  - \$6.473 million will reduce the Early Learning Scholarship waitlist to the extent possible

# Additional Free and Reduced Price Lunch Applications

**\$2.4 million**

For responding to Minnesota Session Law 2020, 7th Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 6, which requires MDE to use federal funds for the amount of compensatory revenue attributable to the pupils eligible for free and reduced-price lunch that had applications certified between December 16, 2020 and January 4, 2021.

# ESSER II Funds

## Allocations:

- 90% \$529,232,631 To LEA's who receive Title 1 allocations
- 9.5% \$55,863,445 State activities
- .5% \$2,940,181 Administration

## Status:

- 90% - budget is available in SERVS, deadline in June 30, 2021.
- 9.5% - Flexible funding to non Title 1 eligible schools / Expand Summer Programming
  - ✓ \$1.5m flexible funds to schools not eligible for Title 1
  - ✓ \$4.5m of Expand Summer Programming funds to schools not eligible for Title 1
  - ✓ \$53m to all other schools

# Expand Summer Programming

## \$57.5 million in Federal Funds

- Use GEER and ESSER II funds to expand number of teachers to provide in-person academic instruction and support so all students have an opportunity during the summer
- Funds also can be used to
  - reduce class sizes,
  - offer longer hours or more days,
  - partner with community orgs to offer enrichment
  - provide student transportation
  - purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff
- Funded through membership hours.



# Head Start/Early Head Start

**Minnesota Allocation: Approx. \$3.25 million**

**Purpose:** For Minnesota Head Start/Early Head Start programs as an extension of CARES II to address:

- Additional health and safety requirements.
- Support for enrolled families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Program	Dollars
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) 90%	\$1,188,581,000
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) 10%	\$132,063,000
Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools	\$37,734,000
Library Services and Technology Grants	\$3,233,000
Special Education – IDEA Part B (611/619) and Part C	\$52,415,000
Homeless Children and Youth	\$8,650,935
Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)	Unknown
Head Start/Early Head Start	\$11,750,000

# ESSER 90%

## Minnesota's Allocation: \$1,188,581,000

- 80% of the 90% same uses as ESSER I and ESSER II
- 20% of the 90% must be designated for addressing learning loss
- Separate funding source in SERVS
  - ✓ FinCode 161, Learning Loss
  - ✓ FinCode 160, Balance of 90%
- MDE received 2/3 of the funding now. Balance to come after we submit our state plan.
- Applications will be available in SERVS by the end of May.

# ESSER I, II, and III Flexible Funding Uses

1. Activities authorized by federal education law.
2. COVID preparedness and response activities with other agencies and departments.
3. Providing resources to school leaders to address school needs.
4. Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.
5. Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEA's.
6. Training and professional development for staff on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.
7. Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean school facilities.
8. Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures, including provision of meals, access to technology for online learning, and guidance to carry out IDEA and other laws.
9. Purchasing educational technology, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.
10. Providing mental health services and supports.
11. Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs
12. Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services LEA's and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

# ESSER 10%, State Activities

## Minnesota's Allocation: \$

### SEA Required Reservation of Funds:

- 5%      \$66,032,000      Learning Loss
- 1%      \$13,206,000      Summer Enrichment
- 1%      \$13,206,000      Afterschool Programs
- 2.5%    \$33,016,000      Other State Activities (Flexible use)
- .5%     \$6,603,000      Admin

\*These funds **HAVE NOT** yet been approved for spending by the legislature\*

# Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS)

## Minnesota's Allocation: \$37,734,000

- Still evaluating how these funds will be distributed
- Change from CRRSA EANS – must be allocated only to schools who enroll a significant percentage of low-income students and are most impacted by the qualifying emergency. CRRSA funding was just to prioritize based on that.

# Library Grants to States

## Minnesota's Allocation: \$3,233,000

**Purpose:** To prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID 19), including to expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide technical support services.

- Grants to libraries in Minnesota.
- Grants will be going out shortly.
- The grants awarded can be spent through September 30, 2022.

# Special Education Funds

## Minnesota's Allocation: \$52,415,763

Funds are intended to support early intervention and special education services for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities and their families.

- Supplemental funds are for FFY21
- Funds are intended to help recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and to safely reopen schools and sustain safe operations
- Minnesota Allocations:
  - ✓ IDEA Part B, 611                   \$45,023,838
  - ✓ IDEA Part B, 619                   \$3,783,339
  - ✓ IDEA Part C                         \$3,608,586
- <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/leg/arp/index.html>



# Support for Homeless Youth

## Minnesota's Allocation: \$8,650,935.

These funds are in addition to the ARP-ESSER funds which can also be used to support the needs of children experiencing homelessness.

- Homeless I: Immediate Needs - \$2,162,734
  - ✓ Available now, awaiting spending authority
  - ✓ Amend current McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth grants
  - ✓ FinCode 499
- Homeless II: On-going needs - \$6,488,201
  - ✓ Available to MDE around June, some requirements we need to meet
  - ✓ Formula-based allocation based on Title 1a and the number of homeless children and youth in 2018-19
  - ✓ FinCode 159

## Potential uses include:

- All allowable uses of funds under the McKinney Vento homeless education program – Any expenses necessary for identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth.
- Needs of students experiencing homelessness in order to attend class and participate fully in school activities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its extraordinary impact
  - ✓ Providing wraparound services
  - ✓ Supplies such as PPE, eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items
  - ✓ Transportation
  - ✓ Purchasing cell phones or other technological devices for unaccompanied youth
  - ✓ Providing access to reliable, high-speed internet
  - ✓ Paying for short-term, temporary housing
  - ✓ Providing store cards/prepaid debit cards

# Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

## Minnesota's Allocation: Unknown at this time

Operators of National School Lunch, breakfast, and eligible child care facilities are eligible for reimbursement of administrative costs of capturing eligibility information from students and schools.

- This funding is specifically for the schools costs to administer the P-EBT program (costs for confirming eligibility and entering data into the portal).
- Extends FFY2021 P-EBT local level admin cost grant awards to child nutrition state agencies
- To date 280,000 student records have been entered

# Head Start/Early Head Start

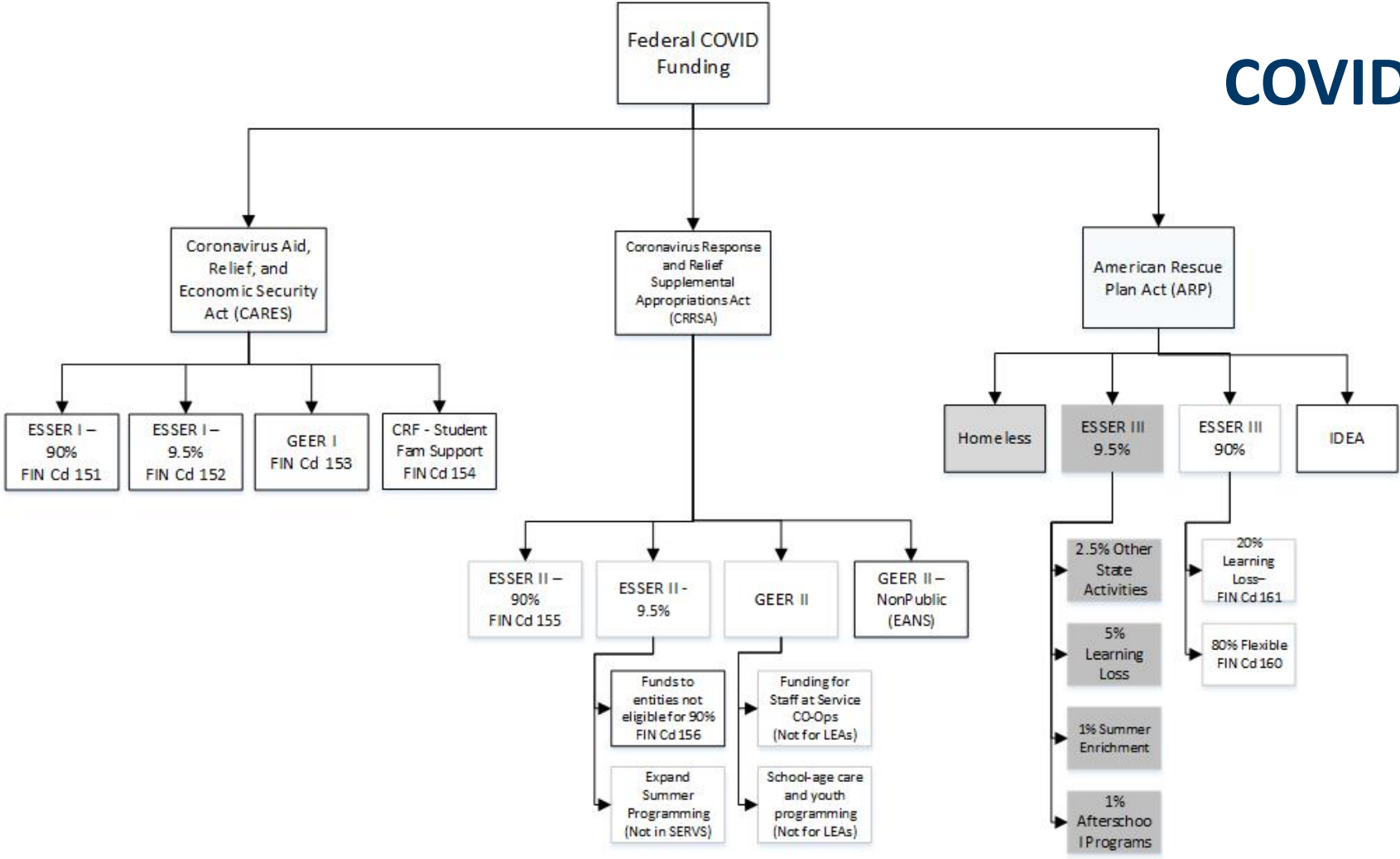
**Minnesota Allocation: Approx. \$11.75 million**

**Purpose:** For Minnesota Head Start/Early Head Start programs to continue mitigation strategies while operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds can address:

- Additional weeks of programming : Prioritizing children transitioning to kindergarten, with disabilities or experiencing food or housing insecurities.
- Summer Programming.
- Full Enrollment efforts for Fall 2021

\*Programs are expecting to receive these funds in the coming months.

# COVID Funding for LEA's



Signed into Law: March 27, 2020  
 Eligible: to September 30, 2022 (CRF available through December 31, 2020)

Signed into Law: December 27, 2020  
 Eligible: to September 30, 2023

Signed into Law: March 11, 2021  
 Eligible: to September 30, 2024 (EANS available through September 30, 2023)

# Timelines

## ESSER/GEER I

- Funds are available for spending from January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022, with budget submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. This applies to FinCodes 151, 152, and 153.

## ESSER/GEER II

- 90% Allocations (FinCodes 155 and 156) are loaded in SERVS and being reviewed for approval as they are submitted.
- ESSER I funds must be spent before ESSER II funds. LEAs may be spending now, they just can't draw until ESSER I funds have been exhausted.
- 9.5% is being allocated through the Governor's Expand Summer Programming initiative now, for use this summer and next.
- GEER II is being distributed through the Governor's Support of School age care and youth programming now for use this summer.

## ARP ESSER III

- 90% has been loaded and will be available for budgeting by the end of May.
- There is no requirement to spend the ESSER II funds before the ESSER III funds.
- 9.5% funding has not yet been approved for spending by the legislature.

# Thank you!

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