

Coronavirus Aid,
Relief, and Economic
Security (CARES) Act
Elementary &
Secondary School
Emergency Relief
(ESSER) Fund

PURPOSE – *“providing LEAs...with emergency relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools”*

ALLOCATION - Utah’s Total ESSER Fund Allocation - \$67,821,787

-90% allocated to LEAs based upon FFY 2019 Title IA funds

“the SEA will allocate these funds to LEAs on the basis of their respective shares of funds received under title I, part A of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act of 1965 [federal] fiscal year 2019.”

-10% SEA Reserve “for emergency needs...to address issues related to COVID-19”

TIMELINE - Grant Timeline extends through FFY 2021 (September 30, 2021)

APPLICATION – U.S. Department of Education responded with initial approval of Utah’s ESSER Fund grant application last week

GRANTS to LEAs – USBE will begin working on LEA allocations in the next few weeks

Allowable Uses of ESSER Funds “any purposes listed in section 18003(d) of the CARES Act”

- Any activity authorized by the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (**ESEA**): IDEA; Adult Education & Family Literacy Act; Carl D. Perkins CTE; other federal programs.
- **Coordination** of preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with other agencies
- Providing **principals and other school leaders** with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.
- Activities to address the **unique needs** of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial/ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, foster care youth
- Developing and implementing procedures and **systems to improve** the **preparedness and response** efforts of LEAs.
- **Training and professional development** for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.

Allowable Uses of ESSER Funds cont.

- **Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean** the facilities of a LEA, including buildings operated by such agency.
- Planning for and coordinating during **long-term [building] closures** (meals, online learning, guidance to schools, other educational services).
- **Purchasing educational technology**...that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction.
- Providing **mental health services** and supports.
- Planning and implementing activities related to **summer learning** and supplemental afterschool programs.
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and **continuity of services** in LEAs and continuing to employ existing staff.

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

PURPOSE

“providing LEAs, IHEs, and other education related entities with emergency assistance to address the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had, and continues to have, on students and parents across the nation”

ALLOCATION

Utah's total GEER funding is \$29,189,663 for K-12, higher education and other education institutions' emergency needs

USE OF FUNDS

“Provide emergency support through grants to LEAs that the SEA deems to have been most significantly impacted by COVID-19”

