

FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING

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Alignment to STIP

Goal 5. All students have access to new and continued educational opportunities supported by funding that is administered **transparently, consistently, and in accordance with legislative or grant guidelines.**

Goal 6. All students and adults **learn and work together in safe environments** where identities and relationships are valued and celebrated.

Community: NDE collaborates with educators, districts, families, stakeholders, and partner agencies to lead a high-performing and responsive system of education for all Nevadans

Transparency: Districts, schools, and communities are served through efficient and effective use of public funds and high-quality customer service

Presentation Outcomes

State Board of Education Members will receive an update on the amounts, applicable dates, and allowances of the following funding sources:

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021

NDE's Statewide Priorities in Response to COVID-19

- 1) **Closing opportunity gaps for students who have been traditionally underserved**
- 2) Safe, efficient, and equitable re-opening of school buildings
- 3) Access to technological capacity for educators, students, and families
- 4) Social and emotional support of students in response to COVID-19
- 5) Access to high-quality professional development in delivering distance education for educators
- 6) Access to high-quality instructional materials through distance education for educators and students
- 7) Support of parents, families, and communities
- 8) Access to adult education and workforce development opportunities

CARES ACT FUNDING

CARES Education Funds Summary

Name	Purpose	Amount	Allocation	Spent By
ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief)	Instructional support & family wraparound	\$117,185,045	\$105+ distributed by Title IA formula and \$11M competitive grant review	09/30/2022
GEER (Governor's Emergency Education Relief)	Flexible funds to provide emergency support	\$26,477,349	Census Bureau data and Title IA formula	09/30/2022
AB 3 (2020)	Support deficits as a result of the loss of in-person intensive instruction	\$50,000,000	Distributed to the categories of pupils most likely to develop the largest deficits in educational attainment as a result of the loss of in-person intensive instruction	12/30/20
CRF (Coronavirus Relief Funds)	Public health expenditures	\$10,000,000	Reimburse school districts and charter schools for allowable expenses incurred 07/01 – 12/30.	12/30/20



CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FUNDING

CRRSA Education Funds Summary

Name	Purpose	Amount	Allocation	Spent By
ESSER II (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief)	Instructional support & family wraparound	\$477,322,438	Title IA formula but used by all students	09/30/2022
GEER II (Governor's Emergency Education Relief)	Flexible funds to provide emergency support	\$31,385,542	US Census Bureau data and Title IA formula	9/30/2022

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Round 2

- Allocation is based on Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I, Part A formula
- Nevada will receive **\$477,322,438** in round 2
- Nevada may reserve up to 10% or \$47,732,244, including 0.5% of total State award for administration
 - Maximum of **\$47,732,244** for Statewide activities
 - Maximum of **\$2,386,612** for SEA Administration
- Funds must be expended by September 30, 2022
- No equitable services requirements for districts
- Department working closely with the Governor's Finance Office and school districts to ensure allocation.

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Round 2

Education Stabilization Fund - \$81.9 billion

½ of 1 percent for the outlying areas;

- ½ of 1 percent for Bureau of Indian Education funded programs; then:
- 5 percent for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund) = approximately \$4.1 billion;
- 67 percent for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund) = approximately \$54.3 billion; and
- 28 percent for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEER Fund) – approximately \$21.7 billion.

Source: CCSSO

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Round 2 Award

- Total award of \$31,385,542 in GEER funds will be available to Nevada under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.
- The portion reserved for Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) is \$19,375,550. The balance, \$12,009,992, is referred to as Nevada's GEER II Fund award.
- Maximum Reservation of EANS Funds for Administration by the Nevada Department of Education is \$200,000.

Questions?

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Round 1

- Nevada was awarded \$117,185,045 in Round 1 Elementary and Secondary School Relief (ESSER) funding through the CARES Act.
- Section 18003(b) of the CARES Act requires the Department to allocate the ESSER Fund based on the proportion that each State received under Title I, Part A in the 2019 fiscal year.
- Ninety percent, or over \$105 million, of that funding was distributed to local education agencies through a formula determined by the U.S. Department of Education.
- The remaining funds were set aside for Statewide activities to be allocated through a competitive grant process.
- The three priority areas identified by the Department for ESSER competitive allocations were:
 - (1) high-quality professional development,
 - (2) high-quality digital instructional materials, and
 - (3) wraparound services for students, families, and communities.

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Round 1

On September 15, 2020, after an expedited application review process, NDE [announced](#) 31 grant awards to 25 recipients totaling \$11,075,467 in ESSER funding as follows:

Award Category	Requested Amount	Applications Received	Preliminary Awards*	Applications Awarded
High-Quality Digital Instructional Materials	\$3,726,289.27	12	\$2,016,457.19	6
High-Quality Professional Development	\$9,789,645.02	24	\$2,099,180.69	12
Wrap-Around Services for Students, Families, and Communities	\$21,431,783.62	33	\$6,959,829.24	13
TOTAL	\$34,947,717.91	69	\$11,075,467.12	31

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Round 1

- Section 18001(b) of the CARES Act required the U.S. Department of Education to allocate \$2,953,230,000 for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund) authorized under section 18002 of the CARES Act.
- Nevada's allocation of GEER funds totaled \$26,477,349 based on:
 - (1) the 2018 State-level population data for residents aged 5 to 24 that the U.S. Census Bureau released in June, 2019, and
 - (2) the Title I, Part A formula count from the fiscal year 2020 preliminary Title I, Part A allocations that the Department provided to Congress on January 22, 2020, and to States on January 23, 2020.

Special Session Assembly Bill 3 (2020)

- As passed during the 31st Special Session of the Nevada Legislature, Section 117.5(4) of Assembly Bill (AB) 3 provided an additional \$50 million in Coronavirus Relief Funding to be distributed to the categories of pupils most likely to develop the largest deficits in educational attainment as a result of the loss of in-person intensive instruction:
 - Elementary school pupils who exhibit a deficiency in the subject area of reading
 - Pupils who are English learners
 - Pupils who are eligible for free-or-reduced-price lunch
 - Pupils who scored at or below the 25th percentile on an assessment of proficiency
 - Pupils who attend a public school which is rated at or below the 10th percentile or lowest performing schools pursuant to the Nevada School Performance Framework
- AB 3 delegated authority to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to identify other categories of pupils; however, it was determined to distribute funding in alignment with the categories determined by the Legislature.

Special Session Assembly Bill 3 (2020)

- Funding as distributed based on the number of pupils in each district falling into the categories as follows:

District Name			
Churchill	\$	291,451.56	Funding \$ 50,000,000.00
Clark	\$	37,100,087.25	Per Student \$ 151.48
Douglas	\$	331,897.28	
Elko	\$	742,716.74	
Esmeralda	\$	9,694.85	
Eureka	\$	16,057.10	
Humboldt	\$	283,877.46	
Lander	\$	70,136.21	
Lincoln	\$	70,893.62	
Lyon	\$	646,677.09	
Mineral	\$	63,016.55	
Nye	\$	808,308.49	
Carson	\$	768,620.18	
Pershing	\$	60,744.32	
Storey	\$	21,964.90	
Washoe	\$	5,470,018.66	
White Pine	\$	98,311.88	
SPCSA	\$	3,145,525.82	
Nevada State Total	\$	50,000,000.00	

Coronavirus Relief Funds

- Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) totaling \$10 million were allocated to the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) for distribution to school districts and the State Public Charter School Authority.
- The CARES Act requires that payments from the CRF only be used to cover expenses that:
 - Are necessary to support expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); Were not accounted for in the annual budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for the State or government (in this instance school district or charter school); and
 - Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends of December 30, 2020.
- These funds awarded through NDE may be used to reimburse school districts and charter schools for allowable expenses that were incurred since July 1, 2020 or will be incurred prior to December 30, 2020.
- The \$10 million of available funding will be allocated as follows:
 - Funding for school districts and charter schools is allocated on a per pupil basis, using the four-quarter average of the Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) reports from the 2019-2020 school year, which is the most recent audited enrollment data available.
 - District sponsored charter school enrollment is included in the sponsoring district's enrollment data and funding allocation.
- Funding for the three new charter schools, that opened at the start of the current school year, is based on the first quarter Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) report.

Coronavirus Relief Funds Allocation

- All school districts will receive a minimum of \$50,000, with the following exceptions:
 - Esmeralda County School District will receive approximately \$31,855, and
 - Eureka County School District has declined additional funding.

District	Allocation
Carson City	\$ 160,521.07
Churchill	\$ 65,304.21
Clark	\$ 6,441,154.36
Douglas	\$ 113,227.56
Elko	\$ 199,728.21
Esmeralda	\$ 31,854.87
Eureka	\$ -
Humboldt	\$ 68,140.68
Lander	\$ 50,000.00
Lincoln	\$ 50,000.00
Lyon	\$ 177,996.96
Mineral	\$ 50,000.00
Nye	\$ 108,417.44
Pershing	\$ 50,000.00
Storey	\$ 50,000.00
Washoe	\$ 1,337,527.79
White Pine	\$ 50,000.00
District Total	\$ 9,003,873.14
SPCSA	\$ 996,126.86
Statewide Total	\$ 10,000,000.00