

CCSSO Webinar on COVID-19 (coronavirus)



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Emergency Supplemental Funding

Education Stabilization Fund: \$30.75 billion

- **1% (\$307 million) for grants to states with highest coronavirus burden**
 - ED must release public notice inviting applications w/in 30 days
- **\$13.5 billion for elementary and secondary education formula grants**
 - .5% set-aside for outlying areas and .5% set-aside for BIE schools
 - Federal – state – local by Title I formula (FY19) through SEAs
 - 90% distributed to LEAs by Title I formula
 - SEAs may reserve up to 10% (~\$1.35 billion) for grants and statewide emergency needs, including up to 0.5% for admin
 - USED must issue notice inviting applications to SEAs within 30 days and approve SEA applications within 30 days

LEA Uses of K-12 Formula Funds

⌘ Substantial local authority and discretion:

- Any activities authorized under ESSA, IDEA, Perkins, Subtitle B of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
- Coordinate emergency response
- Support school leaders
- Ensure preparedness and coordination
- Purchase cleaning supplies
- Purchase education technology
- Mental health supports
- Summer learning
- Etc.

Additional Requirements

- ⌘ SEA must provide assurance it will maintain support for elementary and secondary education and postsecondary education
 - Waivable by USED
- ⌘ SEAs and LEAs must “to the greatest extent practicable” continue to pay employees and contractors
- ⌘ Equitable Participation of Non-Public Schools
- ⌘ USED may consider additional application and reporting requirements, but should not substantially increase burdens to states and districts

USED Waiver Authority for 2019-20 School Year

⌘ Authorizes streamlined process for SEA waivers of:

- Assessments
- Certain accountability requirements
- Certain school improvement requirements
- ESEA report card requirements
- Periods to obligate federal funds

⌘ Authorizes SEA, tribe, LEA waiver submissions of fiscal LEA issues:

- Schoolwide Program poverty threshold
- Maintenance of Effort
- Carryover limitations
- Title IV-A restrictions – including limit on ed tech hardware and broadband supports
- Certain requirements under Title II-A for professional development

USED Report on Possible Additional Waivers

- ⌘ Secretary shall provide a report to Congress within 30 days with recommendations on additional waivers under:
 - IDEA
 - Rehabilitation Act
 - ESSA
 - Perkins

- ⌘ Please communicate additional requests for flexibility to CCSSO

Additional Education and Education-Related Funding

- \$3 billion for governors education fund
 - Broad discretionary fund for higher education and/or K-12 supports to LEAs that the SEA has deemed most significantly impacted by COVID-19
- \$14.25 billion for higher education
- \$3.5 billion for the Child Care Development Block Grant
 - To provide child care assistance to health care providers, first responders, sanitation workers, and other essential workers in the response to COVID-19
- \$75 million for Head Start
- \$8.8 billion for Child Nutrition programs
- \$15.5 billion – SNAP (food assistance)
- \$100 million – SERV

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Key Education Funding Takeaways

- ⌘ SEAs will play a major role in targeting emergency funds to highly impacted COVID-19 communities
- ⌘ States need to start thinking now about how to distribute these funds in a strategic, efficient, equitable way
- ⌘ There will be strict oversight of the ways these funds are spent
- ⌘ CCSSO is developing resources to support states in making key spending decisions