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
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