



COVID Funding Update

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CARES Funding to Minnesota for Education

(March 2020)

CARES 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
Governor's Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)	\$244,800,000
Total: \$594,227,394	

GEER I Update

- Minnesota schools have spent 46% of their GEER (FIN153) funds.
 - Funds can be spent through September of 2022.
 - Must drawn down from SERVS before drawing ESSER II funds.
 - Nonpublic Equitable Share applies.
- Grants in the amount of \$5m for other educational entities, wrap around services, have spent about 49%.

ESSER I Update

Minnesota schools have spent about 47% of their ESSER I (FIN151/FIN152) funds.

- Schools have until 9/30/22 to spend these funds.
- Must drawn down from SERVS before drawing ESSER II funds.
- Nonpublic Equitable Share applies.

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.

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

(December 2020)

CRRSA Program	Dollars
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) - 90%	\$529,232,631
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) - 9.5%	\$55,863,445
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) - Admin	\$2,940,181
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER II)	\$61,390,849
<i>GEER - Non Public Schools</i>	<i>\$41,697,717</i>
<i>GEER - Other</i>	<i>\$19,693,132</i>
National Lunch Program	\$4,906,978
Child and Adult Care Food Program	\$5,932,448
Head Start	\$3,250,000
Total:	\$663,516,532

ESSER II (FIN155 or FIN156)

Minnesota's Allocation: \$529,232,631

- FIN155 follows the Title I, Part A formula, FIN156 is for LEAs not eligible for FIN155.
- ESSER I (FIN151) 90% must be spent before ESSER II (FIN155/156) 90% can be spent.
- Same uses as ESSER I
- No nonpublic equitable share

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.

ESSER II 9.5%

Expand Summer Programming

- 4.5m – To school who didn't receive Title IA formula-based allocations (FIN156)
 - These funds are available for summer programming through September of 2022
- 53m – To all schools who indicated they would be offering summer programming
 - First 25% of funding was sent out
 - Balance will be paid out after final data has been provided by the LEAs
 - 10-15m will be available for schools offering summer programming next summer

GEER II Funds

Allocations:

- \$19,483,596 for other educational uses
- \$41,697,717 for nonpublic schools
- \$209,536 for grant administration

Update (May, 2021):

- EANS spending is occurring through a 3rd party vendor.
- Coops - \$1m out
- Support for School Age Care (FinCd)
 - ELSA Waitlist – \$6.473m out to 7 Area Administrator's
 - All certified childcare centers – \$6.473m distributed
 - Wrap around services - \$3m
- Additional FRP Applications - \$2.4m – pending final calculations

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding

(March 2021)

ARP Program	Dollars
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) 90%	\$1,188,581,000
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) 9.5%	\$125,461,000
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Admin	\$6,603,230
Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS)	\$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
Governor's State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)	\$67,864,000
	Total: \$1,502,292,165

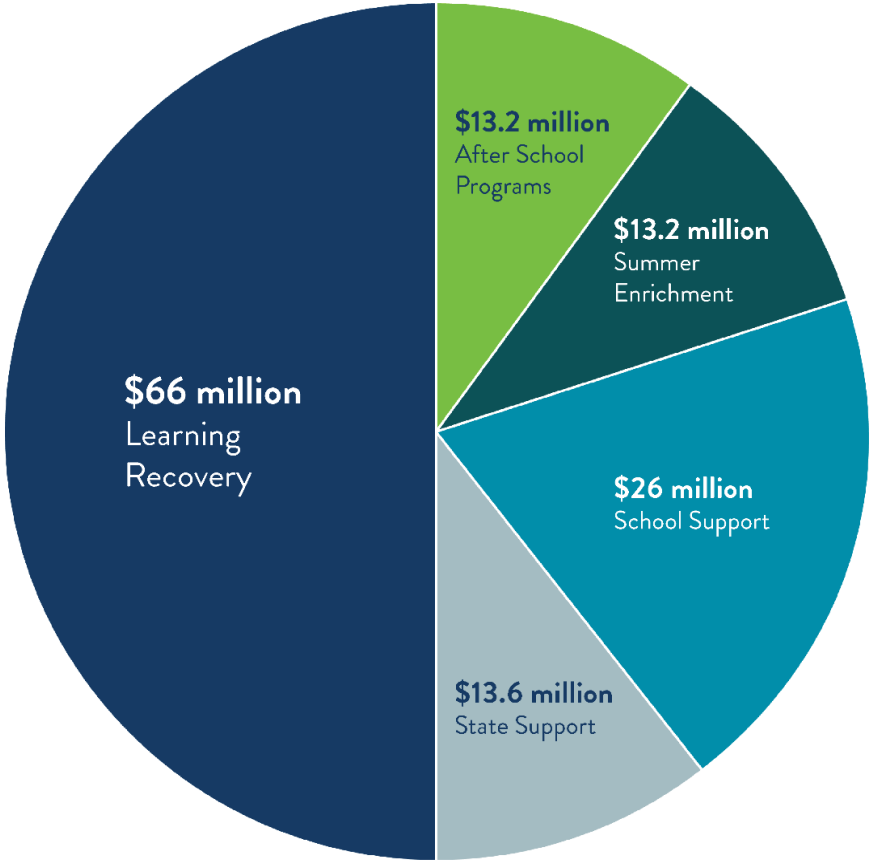
ESSER III 90%

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

- None of the 90% has been drawn to date.
- FIN160: 80% of the 90% same uses as ESSER I and ESSER II
- FIN161: 20% of the 90% must be designated for addressing the impact of lost learning time
- Applications/Budgets due by October 1st / Robust community engagement is required
- MDE received 2/3 of the funding in May. Balance to come our state plan is approved.
 - State plan submitted at the end of June.

ARP ESSER 9.5%

- State Plan



ESSER 5% - Learning Recovery

MDE will allocate funds directly to public schools to support those closest to our students using a formula based on the number of historically underserved students (HUS) with a particular emphasis on students receiving special education services.

- HUS is defined as students of color, American Indian students, students eligible for free or reduced-priced meals, students receiving special education services, students who are English learners and students experiencing homelessness.
- A comparison will be made to what districts received from the 90% title-based allocation and only unmet need will be funded.

ESSER 1% Summer Enrichment

- Competitive grant opportunity from MDE to educational entities
- 50% of funds to community organizations
- 50% to culturally specific community organizations
- Target support for historically underserved students
- Implement evidence based programs that meet academic, social, emotional and mental health needs
- Prioritize applicants that partner with schools and libraries

ESSER 1% Afterschool Programs

MDE will allocate funds to Ignite Afterschool, an organization and network leader with expertise in evidence-based after school programming, for grant distribution.

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ESSER 2.5% - Flexible Funding

- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support - \$5m
- Full Service Community Schools - \$5m
- Expand Rigorous Coursework - \$5m
- Trauma Informed/Anti-Bias Instructional Practices - \$4m
- Non-exclusionary Discipline Training and policy Refinement - \$3m
- Life Skills/Transition Programs - \$2m
- Mentor Program - \$2m
- Early Learning Parent Child/Reach out and Read - \$1.5m
- Tribal State Relations Training - \$500k
- EdFi Data Disaggregation System - \$6m
- Community Engagement - \$2m

Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS)

Minnesota's Allocation: \$40,286,213

- 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 PRIORITIZED based on that.

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
- Applications have been loaded for SFY 2022
- Funds are intended to help recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and to safely reopen schools and sustain safe operations

The Office of Special Education Programs has issued general guidance around uses of these funds and reminds LEAs to consider sustainability. LEAs should focus on challenges from the pandemic, including:

- School re-entry
- Disruption in the education of children with disabilities
- Mental health services

LEAs should also focus on the issue of equity in special education and early intervention services.

FINCodes:

- Part B 611 (140)
- Part B 619 (141)
- Part C (142)

Support for Homeless Youth

Minnesota's Allocation: \$8,655,053.

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
 - ✓ Amended current McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth grants
 - ✓ FinCode 158
 - ✓ Funds expire September 30, 2021
- Homeless II: On-going needs - \$6,488,201
 - ✓ Formula-based allocation based on Title 1a and the number of homeless children and youth in 2018-19
 - ✓ FinCode 159
 - ✓ Allocations announced in August, available through September 30, 2024

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: approx. \$950,000

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

ARP: State Fiscal recovery Funds

Summer Academic and Mental Health Supports – \$34.614m

Provide public schools and districts a general allocation to create partnerships and provide services in the following areas:

- FinCode – 150
- Expand mental health and well-being supports to youth and adolescents attending school district and charter school summer learning programs.
- Partner with community businesses and organizations to develop a summer mentor and/or tutoring model that covers enrichment programming and other costs such as transportation and meals to increase student participation.
- Bring school-based summer programs into the community, providing opportunities for enrichment, social and emotional skill building, mental health supports, and tutoring services.
- Provide students with summer field trips for hands-on learning opportunities. Hands-on learning opportunities include activities such as trips to nature centers, state parks, zoos, museums or theaters.

ARP: State Fiscal recovery Funds

- **Preschool for 4-5 year olds - \$20m**

An allocation to provide preschool or pre - kindergarten to 4- and 5-year-olds. These funds can be used in a star-rated, public or private, preschool or pre-kindergarten in-person learning program. (FIN165)

- **Expand Access to tutoring - \$3.25m**

Expand access to services, including: academic enrichment, mental health supports, and other wrap-around services and enrichment opportunities for K-12 children. Grants will be provided to experienced entities, such as community organizations. Two percent of grant funds will be reserved for grant administration. (FIN167)

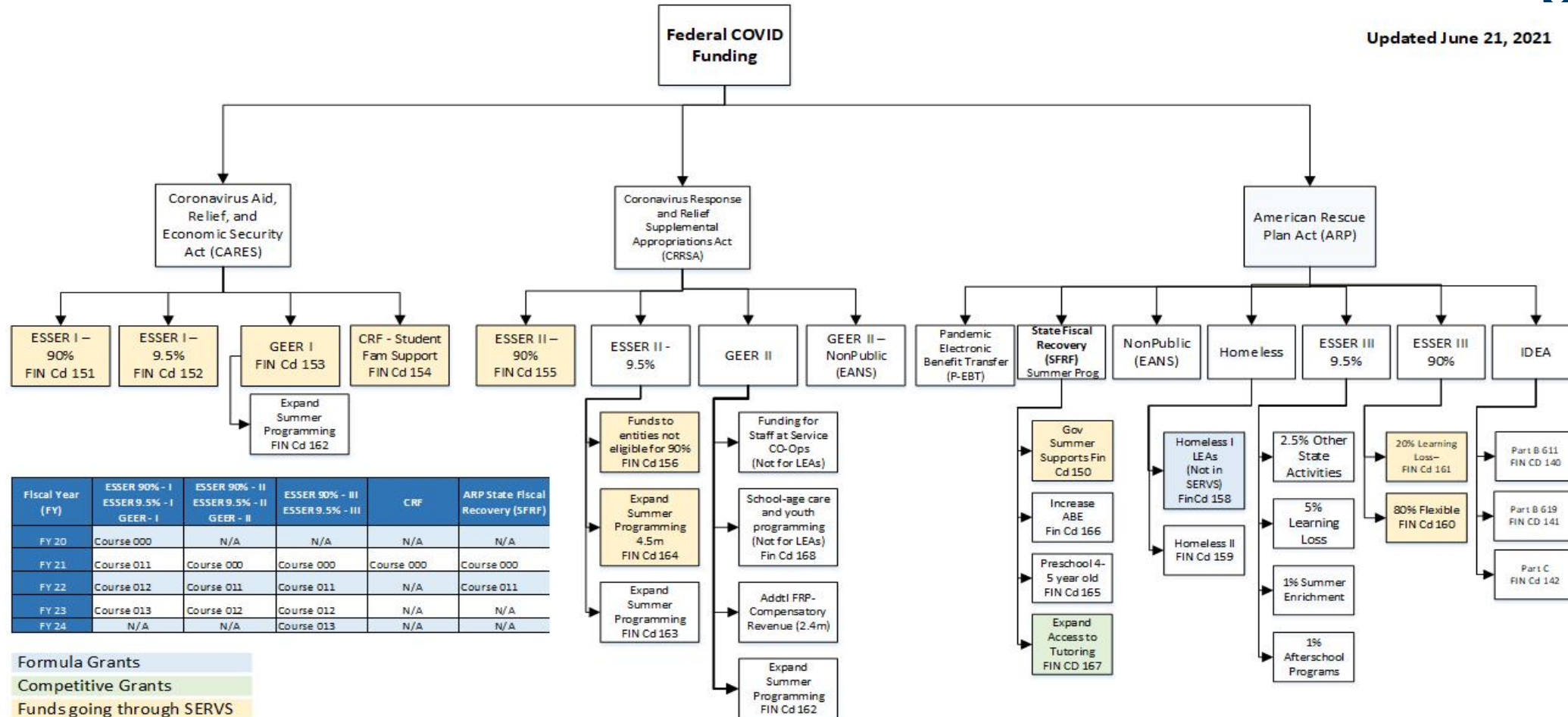
ARP: State Fiscal recovery Funds

- **Increase Adult Basic Education Program Funding - \$10m**

Strengthen Adult Basic Education (ABE) programming statewide to ensure access to, enhance the quality of, and to increase the ABE programming available. This will fund expanded ABE programming for the summer of 2021 and, if funding remains available, will be used throughout fiscal year 2022 to build and help sustain enhanced programming year-round. (FIN166)

COVID Funding for LEA's

Updated June 21, 2021



Fiscal Year (FY)	ESSER 90% - I ESSER 9.5% - I GEER - I	ESSER 90% - II ESSER 9.5% - II GEER - II	ESSER 90% - III ESSER 9.5% - III	CRF	ARP State Fiscal Recovery (SFRF)
FY 20	Course 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY 21	Course 011	Course 000	Course 000	Course 000	Course 000
FY 22	Course 012	Course 011	Course 011	N/A	Course 011
FY 23	Course 013	Course 012	Course 012	N/A	N/A
FY 24	N/A	N/A	Course 013	N/A	N/A

- Formula Grants
- Competitive Grants
- Funds going through SERVS

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)

Available Summer Funding

- GEER I: Formula funds to Schools (FIN153)
- Expand Summer Programming (FINs 162/163/164)
- Governor Summer Programs (FINs 150/165/166/167)
- Additional Services for Homeless Students (FIN158)
- Support for School Age Care for Certified Centers (FIN168)

Timelines

CARES: ESSER/GEER I

- Funds are available for spending from July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2022, with application/budget submitted by May 1, 2021. This applies to FinCodes 151, 152, and 153.

CRRSA: ESSER/GEER II

- Funds are available for spending from July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2023, with application/budget submitted by June 30, 2021. This applies to FinCodes 155 and 156.
- 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 drawn down.
- 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

- Funds are available for spending from July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2024, with application/budget submitted by October 1, 2021. This applies to FinCodes 160 and 161.
- There is no requirement to spend the ESSER II funds before the ESSER III funds.

Thank you!

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