Federal COVID Education Funding

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Federal Funds for COVID Relief
## Total Federal USDOE COVID Grant Assistance ($ in thousands)

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III): $121.9 billion
- Emergency to Non-Public Schools: $2.75 billion
  - Must spend by September 2023
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: $3.0 billion
- Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER III): $39.6 billion
  - Must spend by September 2023
# Alabama Federal COVID Grant Assistance ($ in thousands)

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<td><strong>$1,862,311</strong></td>
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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III): $2.0 billion
- Emergency to Non-Public Schools: $42.3 million
  - Must spend by September 2023
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: $46.3 million
- Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER III): $591.4 million
  - Must spend by September 2023
### Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER)

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<tr>
<th>Act</th>
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<th>Flexible</th>
<th>Private Schools (EANS)</th>
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<th>Applications Approved by SDE</th>
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GEER Continued

- GEER Funds allowable uses:
  - Funds can be used for preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19
  - May provide subgrants to LEAs and IHEs within jurisdiction that have been most significantly impacted by coronavirus
  - May use funds to provide support through a subgrant or contract to other LEAs, IHEs, and education-related entities deemed essential by Governor
- GEER I Funds must be obligated by September 2022
- GEER II Flexible Funds allowable uses, same as GEER Funds.
- GEER II Flexible Funds must be obligated by September 2023
- Private School Funds must be awarded six months from receipt and recipients have until September 2023 to obligate
## Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)

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<th>Act</th>
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<th>SEA Set-Aside Amount</th>
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Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)

- ESSER I Funds
  - Funds used for preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19
  - Funds can be used for personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning and sanitizing materials, and similar supplies necessary to maintain school operations
  - Additional LEA allowable uses include:
    - Addressing learning loss
    - Providing mental health services and supports
    - Preparing schools for reopening
    - Testing
    - Repairing
    - Upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings
  - Funds can be used for activities to support remote learning for all students
  - Funds must be obligated by September 2022
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)

- ESSER II Funds
  - Same as ESSER Funds
  - SDE’s proposed use of set-aside amount
    - Technological capacity and access to support remote learning
    - Remote learning by developing new informational and academic resources and expanding awareness of, and access to, best practices and innovations in remote learning and support for students, families, and educators
  - Funds must be obligated by September 2023
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)

- ESSER III Funds (Alabama share: $2.02 billion)
  - Same allowed uses as ESSER Funds appropriated for FY 2021
  - Exceptions include:
    - States that receive a grant shall use
      - Not less than 90% of grant for subgrant to LEAs; and
      - Not less than 5% of such grant to carry out activities to address learning loss, 1% for after school activities, and 1% for summer learning programs
    - LEAs that receive funds from a subgrant shall
      - Reserve not less than 20% of such funds to address learning loss
      - Remaining funds are flexible and can address a variety of needs
  - Funds must be expended by September 2023
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - CARES Act:
  - General: $199.12 million (no less than 50% for emergency financial aid to students)
  - HBCUs: $73.12 million
  - Unmet Needs: $1.86 million
  - Total: $274.1 million

- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - CRRSA Act:
  - Public and non-profit student aid: $94.9 million
  - Public and non-profit institutions: $238.8 million
  - Proprietary Schools: $4.5 million
  - Total: $338.2 million

- Total from Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund: $612.3 million
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

- **HEER Funds**
  - **Student Aid Portion Funds or Proprietary Grant Funds for Students**
    - Institutions make emergency financial aid grants to in-person students
    - Grants must be for expenses related to disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus
  - **Institutional Portion Funds**
    - May be used for costs that have clear nexus to significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to coronavirus
  - Funds must be used within one year from date of application
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

◊ **HEER II Funds**
  ◊ **Student Aid Portion Funds or Proprietary Grant Funds for Students**
    ◊ Institutions must make financial aid grants to students
      ◊ Can be used for any component of student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus
    ◊ Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSA Act requires institutions to prioritize students with exceptional need and authorizes grants to students exclusively enrolled in distance education
  ◊ **Institutional Portion Funds**
    ◊ May be used to defray expenses associated with coronavirus
      ◊ Includes lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll
    ◊ Carry out student support activities authorized by HEA that address needs related to coronavirus
    ◊ Funds may be used to make additional financial aid grants to students
  ◊ Funds must be used within one year
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

◊ HEER III Funds (Alabama share: $591.4 million)

◊ Same allowed uses as HEER Funds appropriated for FY 2021

◊ An institution receiving an allocation

◊ Shall not use less than 50% of allocation to provide emergency financial aid

◊ Remaining funds may be used to replace lost revenue, reimburse for emergency expenses, and more.

◊ Funds must be expended by September 2023
Q&A