

COVID-19 K-12 Federal Relief Funding Overview

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Update

- › CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020
- › Education Stabilization Fund - \$30.75 billion in emergency relief funds
 1. Approximately \$3 billion for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER I Fund)
 2. Approximately \$13.5 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER I Fund)
 3. Approximately \$14.25 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund



Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Update (con't)

- › Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) I Fund
 - State of Alaska's Allocation \$38,407,914
 - › Local Education Agencies (school districts) minimum allocation \$34,567,123
 - School districts have until September 30, 2022 to obligate funding
 - As of January 29, 2021, school districts requested reimbursement for \$11.3 million and \$22.8 million has been encumbered for approved school districts budgets based on an approved application
 - › State Education Agency (DEED) reservation maximum allocation \$3,840,791
 - Of this, \$192,040 may be used for Administration
- › Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) I Fund
 - State of Alaska's Allocation \$6,503,527
 - › Governor Dunleavy allocated funding as follows:
 - \$3,728,856 for grants to 35 school districts
 - \$1,500,000 to the University of Alaska
 - \$1,055,174 for competitive grant awards to education and education related entities
 - \$200,000 to the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program



Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Update

- › CRRSA Act was signed into law on December 27, 2020
- › Education Stabilization Fund - \$82 billion in additional relief funds
 1. Approximately \$4.1 billion for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II Fund)
 2. Approximately \$54.3 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II Fund)
 3. Approximately \$21.7 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund



Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Update (con't)

› ESSER II Fund

– State of Alaska's allocation \$159,719,422

› Local Education Agencies (school districts) minimum allocation \$143,747,480

- School districts have until September 30, 2023 to obligate funding

- Application for school districts was made available on February 15, 2021

› State Education Agency (DEED) reservation maximum allocation \$15,173,345

- Of this, \$789,597 may be used for Administration

– Expanded list of allowable activities

- › Addressing learning loss among students

- › Summer programming

- › School facility repairs and improvements to reduce the risk of virus transmission

- › Improving air quality in school facilities



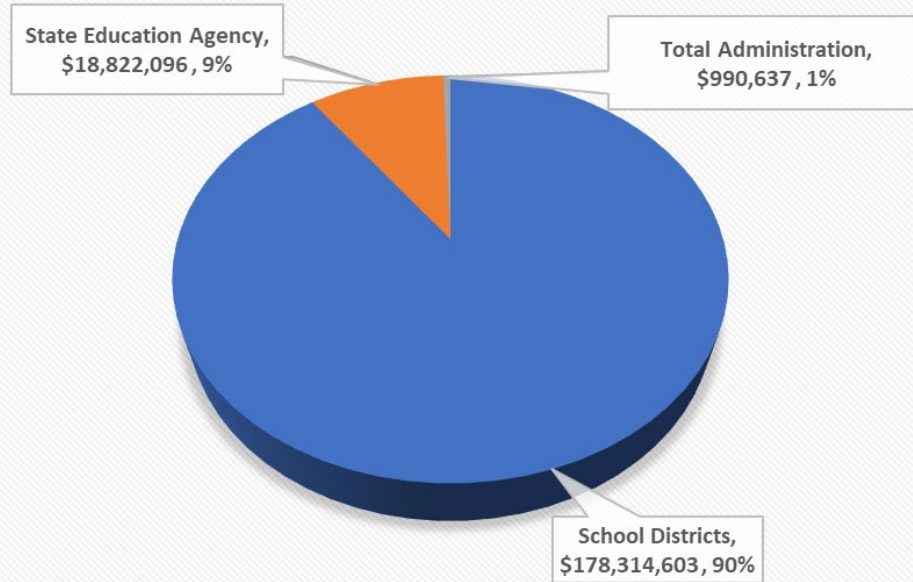
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Update (con't)

- › Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) II Fund
 - State of Alaska's allocation \$8,191,720
 - › Governor's Supplemental allocation \$2,824,017
 - Governor has not determined how funding will be allocated
 - Allowable uses include preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19
 - › Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools allocation \$5,367,703
 - Application for Non-Public Schools was made available on February 12, 2021
 - Of this, \$200,000 may be used for Administration

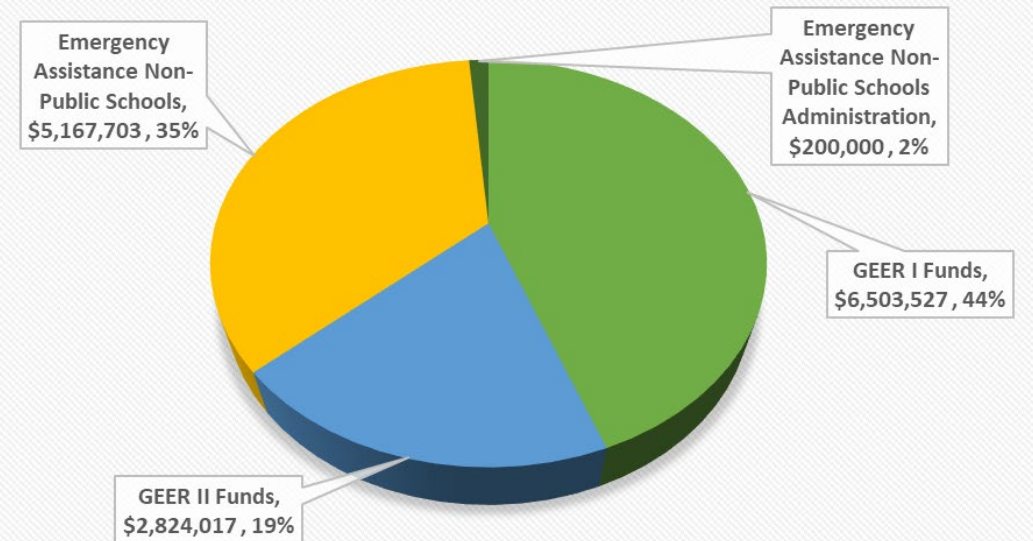


Total Education Stabilization Funds

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds
State of Alaska Total \$198,127,336



Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds
State of Alaska Total \$14,695,247





Additional CARES Act Allocations

› Child Nutrition Programs

- Awarded \$42.2 million for food service programs
- As of January 29, 2021, \$28.3 million has been expended
- Limited period of availability – March 2020 through September 2020
- These funds supplanted the DEED federal funds, they were not in addition to the federal funds DEED receives

› Libraries, Archives, and Museums

- Awarded \$66.1 thousand for grants to museums and libraries in Alaska
- As of January 29, 2021, \$63.5 thousand has been awarded

› Alaska State Council on the Arts

- Awarded \$421.5 thousand for grants to Alaskan artists
- As of January 29, 2021, \$385.8 thousand has been awarded



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