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Summary of Colorado Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding

Colorado Education Recovery Effort

Federal Pandemic Relief Funding Summary



Federal Program (Enacting Legislation)	Direct Allocation	State Allocation/Activities	State Administration	Total
CRF (CARES)	\$ 510,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 510,000,000
ESSER I (CARES)	\$ 108,894,404	\$ 11,494,409	\$ 604,969	\$ 120,993,782
CRF for At-Risk Students (CARES)	\$ 37,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 37,000,000
Safe Schools Reopening Grant (CARES)	\$ 14,404,967	\$ 0	\$ 595,033	\$ 15,000,000
GEER I (CARES)	\$ 9,179,681	\$ 0	\$ 117,527	\$ 9,297,208
LSTA (CARES)	\$ 492,824	\$ 7,128	\$ 20,399	\$ 520,351
ESSER II (CRRSA)	\$ 467,391,880	\$ 49,335,809	\$ 2,596,622	\$ 519,324,311
EANS I (CRRSA)	\$ 28,233,931	\$ 0	\$ 200,000	\$ 28,433,931

Federal Pandemic Relief Funding Summary (Cont.)

Federal Program (Enacting Legislation)	Direct Allocation	State Allocation/Activities	State Administration	Total
ESSER III (ARP)	\$1,050,438,565	\$ 110,879,626	\$ 5,835,770	\$ 1,167,153,961
IDEA (ARP)	\$ 41,260,993	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 41,260,993
EANS II (ARP)	\$ 28,509,729	\$ 0	\$ 200,000	\$ 28,709,729
Emergency Costs for Child Nutrition	\$ 10,083,303	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,083,303
ARP-HCY (ARP)	\$ 5,732,832	\$ 1,528,755	\$ 382,189	\$ 7,643,776
LSTA (ARP)	\$ 3,147,212	\$ 15,000	\$ 103,209	\$ 3,265,421

ESSER Funding

Total ESSER Funding Detail

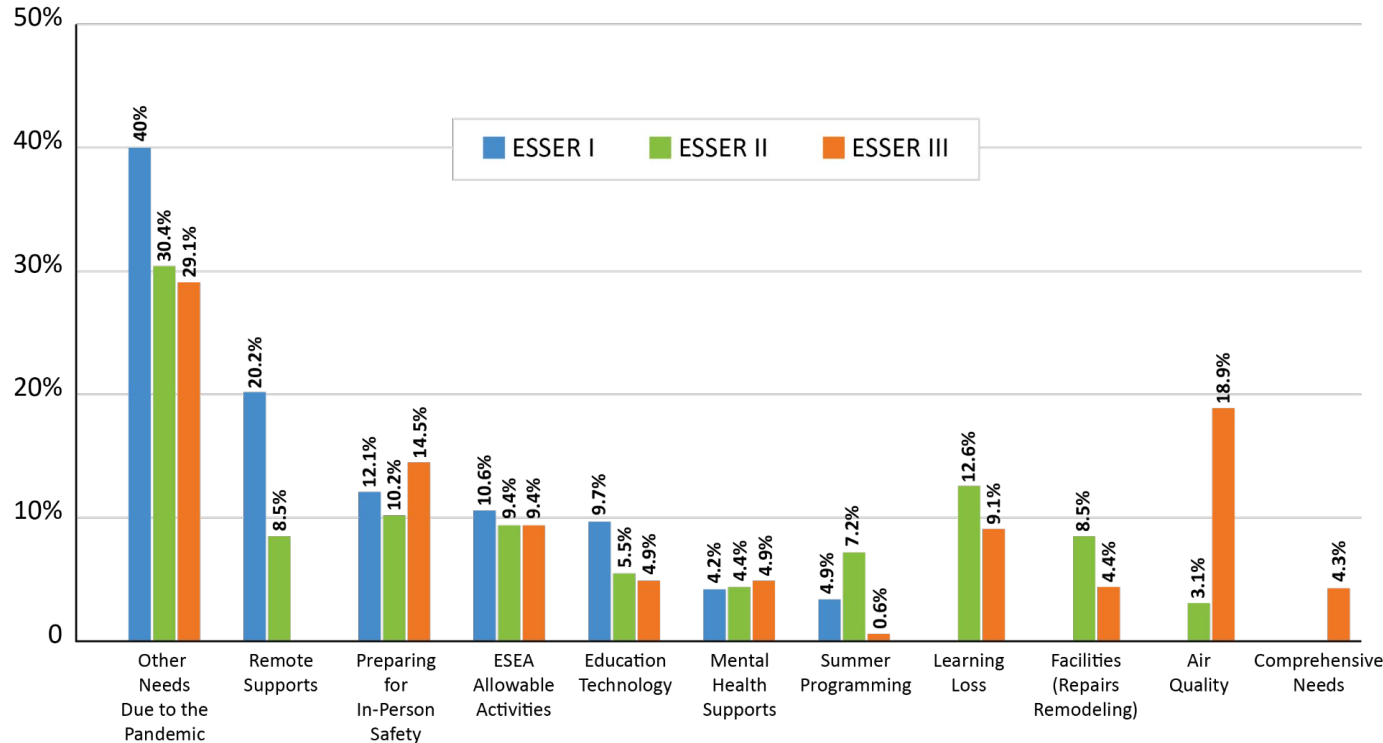
	ESSER I (CARES Act) March 2020	ESSER II (CRRSA Act) December 2020	ESSER III (ARP Act) March 2021
Total State Allocation	\$ 120,993,782	\$519,324,311	\$1,167,153,961
Allocation to LEAs	\$ 108,894,404 90% of total funding Title I formula	\$467,391,880 90% of total funding Title I formula	\$1,050,438,565 90% of total funding Title I formula
State Allocation and Administrative Costs	\$12,099,378 10% of total funding	\$51,932,431 10% of total funding	\$116,715,396 10% of total funding
Funding Period	Through Sept. 30, 2022	Through Sept. 30, 2023	Through Sept. 30, 2024

ESSER LEA Allocations

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/Expended (as of 11/30/2021)
ESSER I LEA Allocation	\$ 108,894,404	\$ 98,845,352
ESSER II LEA Allocation	\$ 467,391,880	\$ 179,518,979
ESSER III LEA Allocation	\$1,050,438,565	\$ 36,717,052

ESSER LEA Allocations

Use of Funds



ESSER I – CARES Act State Allocation

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
Expanded Learning Opportunities	\$ 2,069,337	\$ 427,567	Fifty-eight 21st Century Community Learning Centers received \$48,500 in supplemental grants. Final results will be available in fall 2022. Impactful initiatives provided by these funds include expanding dedicated access to technology in OST programs, additional opportunities for experiential learning, and increased access to summer programming. Funding is also being used to ensure health/safety protocols are met, including reducing staff/student ratios, additional cleaning, masks, and other necessities related to COVID prevention.
Supporting Online Learning	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 0	Through fall 2021, this program has been able to utilize existing GEER funds to meet the expanded capacity needs. ESSER I funds are anticipated to be drawn down in the spring semester and can also be utilized as a strategy for addressing learning loss in the spring and summer terms.

ESSER I – CARES Act State Allocation (Cont.)

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
Statewide Ed Workforce Capacity Building	\$1,950,000	\$ 225,663	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substitute stipends were awarded to 324 individuals with 86 qualified applicants currently being processed. 256 stipends remain available (combined with ESSER II funds).• Seven rural districts have received services from 129 Americorps members providing 13,043 hours of support (substitute teaching, paraprofessional support, tutoring, summer activities, and general school needs in the wake of the pandemic).• The CDE recruitment and retention team provided one-on-one coaching/mentoring for prospective educators, facilitation of statewide professional learning for substitute educators, and recruitment activities through the local workforce development centers, educator preparation programs, and LEAs.• The CDE early childhood recruitment and retention team supported educators in navigating entrance into the field of early childhood.

ESSER I – CARES Act State Allocation (Cont.)

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
Broadband	\$ 1,276,673	\$ 585,871	The Connecting Colorado Students Grant program provided internet access to 18,416 students and 1,408 educators. These connections were obtained through hotspot devices or directly to the home through their local internet service provider. Funding was also used to create private LTE networks for students to use throughout the community while not in school.
Administrative Cost	\$ 604,969	\$ 604,968	Indirects and Administration Costs.

ESSER State Allocation

Targeted Supplemental Funding



	ESSER I	ESSER II	ESSER III
Total Allocation*	\$ 3,198,402	\$ 16,755,180	\$ 24,999,822
Distributed/Expended (as of 11/30/21)	\$ 1,965,268	\$ 2,069,523	\$ 0
Available Data on Planned Uses**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student education technology • Eligible activities under ESEA • Eligible activities under IDEA • Student mental health supports • Summer learning and afterschool programs • Principal discretionary funds for principals • Other activities for operations and services • Planning for long term closures • Preparedness and response activities • Supplies for sanitization • Remote learning supports • Professional learning related to remote learning supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve air quality • Assessments • Attendance • Education Technology • Eligible activities under ESEA • Facilities Work • Eligible activities under IDEA • Addressing Learning Loss • Mental Health Supports • Activities Allowable/McKinney-Vento • Other • Activities Allowable under Perkins • Preparedness for COVID • Remote Professional Development • Remote supports • Summer Programs • Supplies • Training 	Not available at this time. Application was released to awardees Jan 2022.

* Allocations made from ESSER 10% State Allocation.

** LEAs may use these funds for a variety of allowable activities to respond to, prepare for, or prevent the spread of COVID-19.

12 LEAs may revise the application based on changing needs. The uses of funds are from LEA applications as of 1/12/22.



ESSER II & III State Allocation Focus Areas

ACADEMIC ACCELERATION

- Tutoring
- Before & After School
- School Improvement Grants
- Instructional Material
- Workforce



ENGAGE & EXPAND LEARNING

- Enrichment
- Rural Career Zones
- Community Partnerships
- Before & After School



STRENGTHEN STATE CAPACITY

- Data Systems
- Learning
- Equity & Resources
- Transparency



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ESSER II – CRRSA Act State Allocation

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
21st Century Community Learning Centers	\$ 10,544,663	\$ 721,474	ESSER funds added 16 21st Century Community Learning Center grantees overseeing 33 school-based centers. Since the school year started, these centers have served nearly 4,000 students and family members who have collectively participated in nearly 6,000 hours of out-of-school time programming across the state.
Statewide Ed Workforce Capacity Building	\$ 650,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. First grant opportunity is currently being spent down.
Empowering Action for School Improvement Grants	\$ 885,966	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Applications for funding are currently under review.

ESSER II – CRRSA Act State Allocation (Cont.)

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
Curricular & Instructional Materials	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Grant application is currently in development.
Educator Workforce Fund	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Grant application is currently in development.
Technical Assistance	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. First grant opportunity is currently open for applications.
Integrated Data Systems	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Initial planning is currently underway.
Blended Learning Initiative	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Initial planning is currently underway.
Administrative Cost	\$ 2,596,622	\$ 700,279	Indirects and Administration Costs.

ESSER III – ARP Act State Allocation



Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
Expanded Learning Opportunities <i>(programs including high-impact tutoring, summer school, afterschool, enrichment)</i>	\$ 37,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Initial planning for this grant program is underway.
Empowering Action for School Improvement Grants	\$ 5,114,034	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Applications for funding are currently under review.
Educator Workforce Initiatives <i>(programs including tutoring corps, mentoring program, and principal supports)</i>	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Initial planning for these grant programs is underway.
Rural Coaction	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Grant application is currently in development.

ESSER III – ARP Act State Allocation (Cont.)

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
Professional Learning	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Initial planning is currently underway.
Integrated Data Systems	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Initial planning is currently underway.
Technical Assistance	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. First grant opportunity is currently open for applications.
Blended Learning Initiative	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	Not available at this time. Initial planning is currently underway.
Reserve for Additional Funds	\$ 1,265,770	\$ 0	Not available at this time.
Administrative Cost	\$ 5,835,770	\$ 95,012	Indirects and Administration Costs.

Other Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding

Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)



Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
CRF (General)	\$ 510,000,000	\$ 510,000,000	CRF funds were distributed to LEAs to support a wide range of eligible activities in responding to the pandemic in Colorado's schools. The most common uses included facilitating distance/remote learning, diverting budgeted personnel and services to different purposes, personal protective equipment, food programs, improving telework capabilities of employees, economic supports, administrative expenses, and other public health expenses.
CRF for At-Risk Students (CARES)	\$ 37,000,000	\$ 37,000,000	CRF funds for at-risk students were able to be used for any allowable use under the original CRF. The most common uses for these funds was providing economic support, diverting budgeted personnel and services to different purposes, and facilitating distance/remote learning.
Safe Schools Reopening Grant (CARES)	\$ 14,404,967	\$ 14,382,179	These grants were created to support schools needing additional resources to safely reopen for in-person learning. The most common expense categories were related to public health and personal protective equipment.
Administrative Costs	\$ 595,033	\$ 169,813	Indirects and Administration Costs

Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding

Emergency Aid for Non-Public Schools (EANS)

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
EANS I LEA Distribution (CRRSA)**	\$ 28,233,931	\$ 6,661,542	Not available at this time. CDE continues to work with non-public schools to meet the requests.
EANS I Administrative Funds (CRRSA)	\$ 200,000	\$ 183,802	Not applicable.
EANS II LEA Distribution (ARP)	\$ 28,509,729	\$ 0	Not available at this time. CDE is awaiting approval from the U.S. Department of Education.
EANS III Administrative Funds (ARP)	\$200,000	\$ 0	Indirects and Administration Costs

*All distribution/expenditure figures are as of 11/30/2021.

**Unobligated EANS I funding (based on the difference between allocated funds and the funding requested by non-public schools) will revert to GEER II.

Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding IDEA



Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
IDEA (ARP)	\$ 41,260,993	\$ 683,030	IDEA funds under the ARP Act were eligible for any allowable use under IDEA. There are no specific reporting requirements for ARP IDEA funds.

Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding

Child Nutrition



Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
Emergency Costs for Child Nutrition	\$ 10,083,303	\$ 9,974,440	These funds provided additional funding for local child nutrition program operators whose revenues declined or were temporarily interrupted during the early months of the pandemic due to COVID-19 related restrictions and closures. Program operators experienced widespread and significant gaps in funding, and in many cases were forced to expend their savings, draw funds from other sources, and cut or even suspend operations. The relief provided by these reimbursements addressed such shortfalls.

Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER)

Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
Quality Teacher Recruitment	\$ 3,179,681	\$ 1,945,164	In 2020-21, 627 teachers served the entire year in high-needs classrooms reaching an estimated 43,218 students across 45 Colorado school districts and 5 charter school systems. Findings from the 2020-21 academic year for six cohorts of teachers placed through the QTR Grant Program will be available in the coming weeks.
Empowered Remote Learning	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 4,951,120	The BOCES was able to expand access to the statewide supplemental online/blending learning program by (1) enrolling students in an additional 57,700 courses in 2020-2021 and 3,300 additional courses in the fall of 2021-2022; 2) providing an additional 1,800 teachers professional learning in blended learning instruction; and (3) offering online/ blended learning instruction consultation to 15 additional districts.
Administrative Costs	\$ 117,527	\$ 8,424	Indirects and Administration Costs

Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding

Homeless Children & Youth



Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/Expended (as of 11/30/2021)	Available Results
ARP-HCY Formula Allocation (ARP)	\$ 4,300,318	\$ 9,227	Not available at this time. The State Plan was approved by the U.S. Department of Education in Nov. 2021.
ARP-HCY Grant Allocation (ARP)	\$ 1,432,514	\$ 77,1712	
ARP-HCY State Reserve (ARP)	\$ 1,528,755	\$ 0	
ARP-HCY Administrative Costs (ARP)	\$ 382,189	\$ 9,368	Indirects and Administration Costs

Federal Education Pandemic Relief Funding Libraries



Allocated Purpose	Total Funding Allocation	Distributed/ Expended*	Available Results
LSTA Library Distribution (CARES)	\$ 492,824	\$ 464,760	This grant program was offered to support the role of libraries in responding to the coronavirus pandemic. Funds distributed under this grant were used for a variety of purposes to meet the needs of the grantee library's community including providing pandemic hotspot services, ensuring social distanced access to computers and internet, expanding access to digital materials such as databases and audiobooks, and offering learning resources such as "take and make kits" for children.
LSTA State-Level Activities (CARES)	\$ 7,128	\$ 7,128	These funds supported the purchase of air purifiers, personal protection equipment, cleaning/sanitization resources, and remote work equipment.
LSTA Administrative Costs (CARES)	\$ 20,399	\$ 20,399	Indirects and Administration Costs
LSTA Library Distribution (ARP)	\$ 3,147,212	\$ 0	Reporting is due Oct. 31, 2022.
LSTA State-Level Activities (ARP)	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	Reporting is due Oct. 31, 2022.
LSTA Administrative Costs (ARP)	\$ 103,209	\$ 0	Indirects and Administration Costs

Glossary

Colorado Education Recovery Effort

Acronym Glossary



Acronym	Description
ARP	American Rescue Plan Act
CARES	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
CRF	Coronavirus Relief Fund
CRRSA	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act
EANS	Emergency Aid for Non-public Schools
ESSER	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
GEER	Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund
HCY	Homeless Children and Youth
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
LEAs	Local Education Agencies
LSTA	Library Services & Technology Act