

Education Stabilization Fund

Appropriates **\$30.75 billion** to be allocated to State Departments of Education, Higher Education institutions, and to the Governor of each State.

Alabama's total estimated share is \$494.7 million

- **\$217 million** in K-12 Emergency Relief Funds for elementary and secondary education
- **\$228.8 million** in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds for Higher Education entities
- **\$48.9 million** for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

K-12 Emergency Relief Funds

Congress set aside approximately **\$13.5 billion** of the **\$30.75 billion** allotted to the Education Stabilization Fund through the CARES Act for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) (K-12).

- The Secretary of the U.S. Dept of Education issues notice inviting applications within 30 days of enactment and approve within 30 days of receipt
- State allocates 90% as subgrants to local educ. agencies in Title 1 proportions*
- Use for activities authorized by Title 1, IDEA, Adult Literacy Act, Perkins Career Technical Act or McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*
 - CV expenses, resources for individual schools, low income, disabled, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless, foster care youth*
 - Supplies, hardware, software, connectivity, training, professional development*
 - Mental health supports, Summer learning, afterschool activities*
 - Operations and continuity of services*
- The Department will award these grants to State Education Agencies (SEA) based on a formula stipulated in the legislation.
- Grants shall be allocated to each State in the same proportion as each State received under part A of title I of the ESEA of 1965 in the most recent fiscal year.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds

\$14.25 billion of the Education Stabilization Fund money is allocated to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds.

- Institutions apply for grant directly at Grants.gov
- Will be distributed according to Title IV of Higher Ed Act of 1965 (75% Pell Grant Recipients 25% non-Pell Grant Recipients)*
- Use 50% to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to disruption of campus operations, food, housing, course materials, technology, health and childcare
- Use for costs due to CV, so long as costs do NOT include payments to contractors for pre-enrollment recruitment activities, endowments, or capital outlays associated with athletics, sectarian instruction or religious worship

Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

- Appropriates **\$3 billion** for state education entities to be allocated by Governors. Alabama's estimated share is **\$48,851,495**. See the Allocation Table linked below.

<https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/04/GEER-Fund-State-Allocations-Table.pdf>

- Allocations may be used to provide emergency grants to local educational agencies, higher education institutions, or other education related entities that have been most significantly impacted by coronavirus to continue to provide services to students and to support the on-going functionality of the entities. (Grants can include funding for childcare, early childhood education, social and emotional support, and the protection of education related jobs).

[Notice of Funds with Guidance for Funding](#)

- Grant application may be accessed through the following link.

[Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund Certification & Agreement \(Application\)](#)

*Re-allocation of funds covered in Title I and Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 will be done via official request waivers (see link to a sample form at bottom of page), pursuant to section 3511 of Division A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), P.L. 116-136 (H.R. 748), 34 Stat. 281 (Mar. 27, 2020).

Additional info on Education New Funding Flexibilities: <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/secretary-education-betsy-devos-authorizes-new-funding-flexibilities-support-continued-learning-during-covid-19-national-emergency>

Emergency Cash Grants for College Students: <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/secretary-devos-rapidly-delivers-more-6-billion-emergency-cash-grants-college-students-impacted-coronavirus-outbreak>

Higher Education Relief Fund Allocations: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html>

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund: <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-fund/>

Request waiver: <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/04/template-covid-fiscal-waiver-19-2020.pdf>