

Frequently Asked Questions

COVID-19 Education Relief Funds

How much money will my state or school district receive?

State allocations can be found on the <u>U.S. Department of Education's ESSER page</u>. Check your state department of education's website for school-level allocations.

Does my school need to apply to receive these funds?

Each state has a different process for distributing funds. Be sure to check your state department of education's website for specific details.

How long will districts have to spend these stimulus funds?

Spending deadlines vary among the three stimulus relief packages:

- CARES Act spending is through September 30, 2022.
- CRRSA Act spending is through September 30, 2023.
- ARP Act spending is through September 30, 2024.

Can this money be used for expenses prior to receiving the allocation?

Yes, funds from all three relief bills can be used for expenses related to COVID-19 needs retroactively to March 13, 2020.

Can the stimulus funds be used for the entire district or just for federal programs?

This money can be used broadly across districts and schools.

Are multi-year purchases allowed?

The guidance for the federal stimulus funds (CARES, CRRSA, and ARP) does not prohibit use for multi-year contracts. Check with your local state education agency or district to learn more about procurement guidelines.

Can you help us prepare a funding application?

HMH has developed narrative language for our solutions that can be used in developing grant applications. If you are interested in discussing support, contact your <u>HMH Account</u> <u>Executive</u>.

Are there any spending restrictions?

While there is significant spending flexibility within each of the stimulus bills, the ARP Act requires districts to spend at least 20% on evidence-based learning loss interventions.

Do any of these funds include a supplement not supplant requirement?

No, this is not an issue for these funds.

Can these funds help with internet access for remote instruction?

While stimulus funds can be used for technology infrastructure such as devices and wi-fi connectivity, the ARP Act specifically includes an additional \$7 billion for the <u>Emergency</u> <u>Connectivity Fund</u> (ECF) which subsidizes internet access for schools and libraries that choose to participate.

Are there funds to support schools included in the Bureau of Indian Education?

Yes, you can learn more about funds to support BIE schools <u>here</u> on the U.S. Department of Education's Education Stabilization Fund page.

Where do I find out more about the ESSER fund for districts and charter schools?

Access the U.S. Department of Education's ESSER page to learn more.

Where can I learn more about the GEER fund managed by governors?

The most current information about the GEER fund can be found on the <u>U.S. Department of</u> <u>Education's GEER page</u>.

Where can I find information about funds for non-public schools?

Information on the EANs program can be found on the <u>U.S. Department of Education's</u> <u>Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools page</u>.

For more information about HMH solutions, visit: <u>hmhco.com/dont-call-it-learning-loss</u>