

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)

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Overview of Grant Programs

- Signed into law on 12/27/20
- Education Stabilization Fund
 - ESSER II
 - GEER II
 - GEER EANS (Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools)
- Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
- Child Nutrition

CRRSA Family Tree

**Governor's Emergency
Education Relief (GEER)**

**Elementary and
Secondary
School
Emergency Relief
(ESSER) II**

GEER II

**GEER Emergency
Assistance for
Nonpublic
Schools (EANS)**

**Coronavirus
Relief Fund (CRF)**

- US Department of Education
- Funds directly to LEAs and AOE
- \$114 million to LEAs
- \$13 million to SEA
- Same broad range of uses as ESSER I
- Emphasis on learning loss
- Goes through 9/30/23

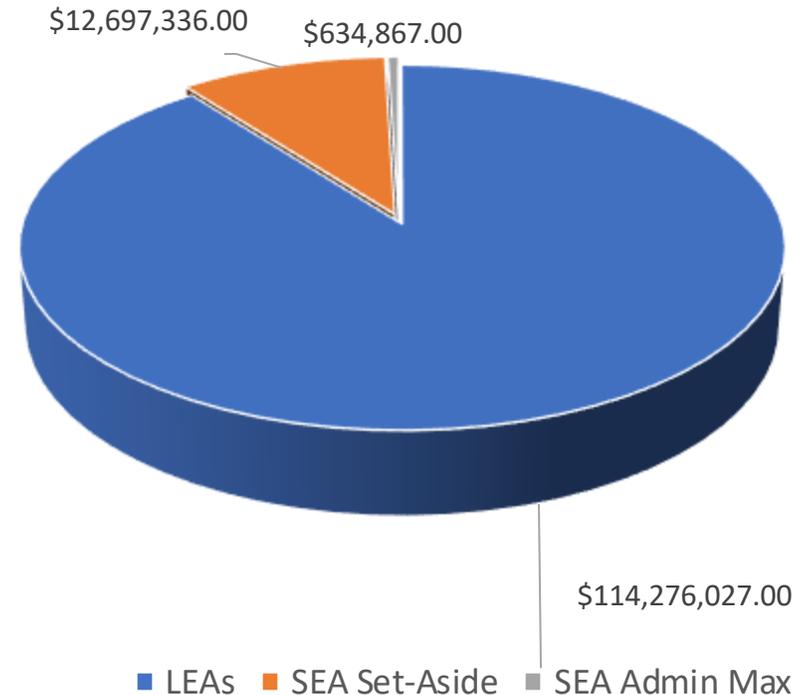
- US Department of Education
- Funds to Governor's Office with AOE as administrator
- \$1.9 million to CTE centers
- Broad range of uses
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- US Department of Education
- Funds to Governor's Office with AOE as administrator
- \$4.8 million to nonpublic schools
- Goes through 9/30/23

- Deadline for use of funds extended through December 20, 2021
- AOE proposes to use the \$15 million in unused funds to continue the Indoor Air Quality grant through 2021

ESSER II

- \$126,973,363 allocated to Vermont (letter received from US ED on 1/5, GAN expected within next week)
 - \$114,276,027 to LEAs
 - \$12,697,336 for SEA set-aside
 - \$634,867 maximum for SEA administration



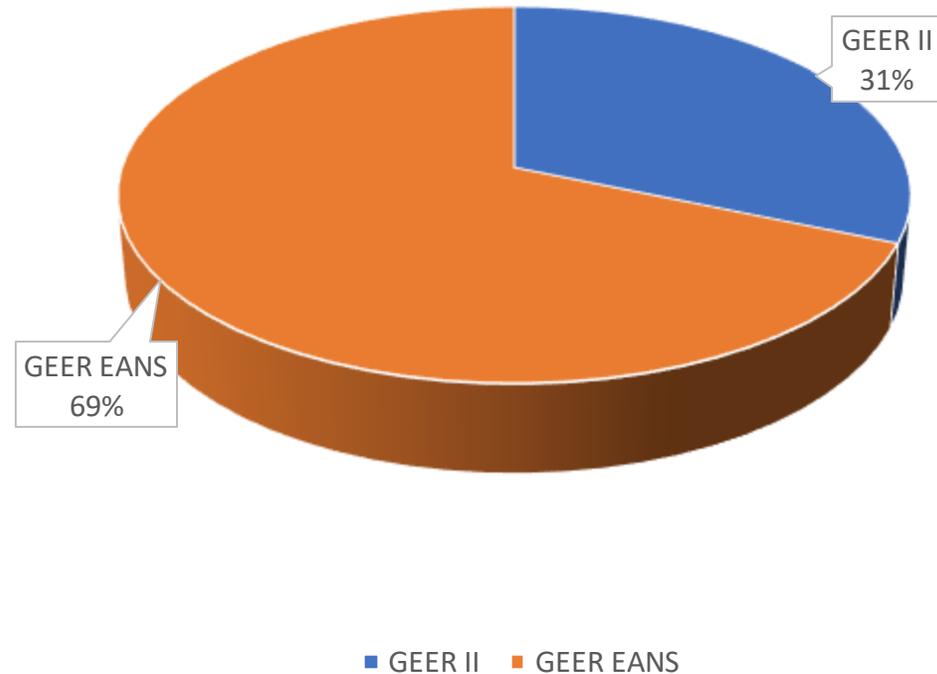
ESSER II	
LEAs	\$114,276,027.0
SEA Set-Aside	\$12,697,336.00
SEA Admin Max	\$634,867.00
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Total ESSER II Allocation	\$126,976,363

ESSER II: Key Points

- **ESSER II funds must be tracked separately from ESSER**
- Period of Performance: pre-award costs back to March 13, 2020-September 30, **2023** (additional year past ESSER)
 - All funds must be obligated in an approved grant award by 1/5/2022
- **No Equitable Services requirement**
- Maintenance of Effort requirement “based on the **proportional share** of the State’s support for elementary and secondary education and higher education relative to the State’s overall spending averaged over FYs 2017, 2018, and 2019.”
- Same Allowable Costs as ESSER: specific emphasis on measuring and addressing learning loss
- Reporting- Required report at 6 months after award explaining how state is using funds to measure and address learning loss for student populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19

GEER Fund

- GEER Total: \$6,242,000
- GEER II: \$ 1,930,818
- GEER Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS): \$4,284,000 total
 - \$4,084,000 available to non-public schools



GEER II	\$1,957,000.00
GEER EAN	\$4,284,000.00
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Total	\$6,242,000

GEER Fund Key Points

- Both GEER II and the EANS fund must be administered by AOE
- GEER - use of \$1,957,000 still to be determined by Governor/AOE
 - Period of performance- 9/30/2023
 - MOE requirements are the same as ESSER II- proportional share
- GEER EANS
 - Opt-in program → state must apply for this grant by February 8, 2021
 - State must retain control of funds (// with Equitable Services in ESSER)

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

- CRRSA extends CRF through 12/31/21
- This does **not** automatically extend any CRF grants that schools may already have
 - Those grants ended on 12/30/20
- \$15 million in unused funds from LEA grant

Child Nutrition Emergency Funds

- School Food Authorities (SFAs) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsors who lost anticipated federal child nutrition reimbursement funds as a result of COVID-19 are eligible
- 55% of the difference in federal child nutrition reimbursement from:
 - Fall 2019 to Fall 2020 for SFAs
 - Spring 2019 to Spring 2020 for CACFP
- Impact variable (SFAs will most likely benefit due to reduction in revenues from a la carte, adult meals, paid meals, catering, etc)
- Awaiting USDA guidance (required by 1/27/21)