

Colorado COVID-19 Public School Assistance

CARES Act, Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF, Grant Code 4012)- \$510 Million

- Distributed in June 2020- to be spent by December 30, 2020
- Facilitate distance learning and social distancing for in-person
- Mitigate lost learning
- Allocated using BEST Grant procedure

Safe Schools Reopening Grant- \$15 Million

- Grant, one-time available to LEAs
- Must demonstrate that participating schools have struggled to reopen during the Fall and have a plan to spend down all their previously awarded Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) grant awards by Dec. 30, 2020

CRF Grant Code 5012- \$37 Million

- Costs incurred 7/1 to 12/30/2020
- The at-risk population estimated to increase by 51,026.4 students
- This increase in students is expected to increase costs by **\$74 Million**
- \$37 Million is the first half of that obligation
- Distributed in place of October General Fund State Share payment
- Used for:
 - o Personnel costs
 - o Other costs to facilitate distance learning, cleaning, sanitizing, and PPE

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)- \$120,993,782 Million

- Allocated using Title 1 formula
- Available for use through September 30, 2022

Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER)- \$44 Million

- **\$32.7 Million in Response, Innovation, and Student Equity (RISE)** Education Fund
 - o Priority is given to places that serve a rural community; or propose to serve schools or districts with priority improvement or turnaround plan types, and address significant academic gaps between students based on income, race or ethnic group, status as an English learner, or disability status.
 - o Available for use through September 30, 2022
- **\$5-\$6 Million** Colorado Empowered Learning
- **\$3 Million** investment in Quality Teacher Recruitment program

Connecting Colorado Students Grant Program (HB20B-1001)- \$20 Million

- Passed during the special legislative session in 2020
- Priority given to places that serve high percentage of free and reduced lunch students and high percentage of students with little to no access to broadband internet, it will be able to help with infrastructure