

Colorado COVID Relief Dollars for K-12 Schools

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

- Distributed in June 2020- to be spent by December 30, 2021
- 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 (ESSERI)- \$120,993,782 Million

- Allocated using Title 1 formula
- Available for use through September 30, 2022
- Allowable uses: Costs related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 (including addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings*)

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

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERII) - \$519,324,311 Million

- Allocated using Title 1 formula
- Available for use through September 30, 2023
- Allowable uses: Costs related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 (including addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings*)

Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER2) - \$47,865,504 Million

- \$19,431,573 Million for public schools to be distributed by the Governor
- \$28,433,931 Million identified for Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) available by application to CDE
- Available for use through September 30, 2023

First Round RISE Recipients (K-12 and BOCES)- Awarded November 10, 2020

School District or School Name	Amount	Purpose
Lake County	\$492,149	Mobile Learning Center
Academy of Advanced Learning and Coperni 2 & 3	\$723,000	Reimaging on classroom in three schools instruction
Peyton School District	\$852,541	Develop a postsecondary partnership with local institutions
Silverton School District	\$297,500	Expanding community presence
Elizabeth School District	\$555,909	Create partnership between Big Sandy, Calhan, Elbert, and the Colorado Education Initiative to develop career pathways for students
Montrose County RE-1J	\$846,320	Develop partnership with local agencies to support students’ mental health
Centennial School District	\$851,369	Partnership with History Colorado to integrate local history into curriculum
Clear Creek School District	\$375,700	Partnership with students to create a student-led CCSD Recovery Plan
Charter School Institute	\$277,591	Academic support for students in three campuses of New America Schools
Centennial BOCES	\$482,091	Create partnership to support student and family outcomes for migrant families

Second Round RISE Recipients (K-12 and BOCES) Awarded January 25, 2021

School District or School Name	Amount	Purpose
St. Vrain Valley Schools	\$2,793,637	Develop full-time summer literacy program K-5 with Cheraw, Estes Park, Las Animas, Montezuma-Cortez, and Sheridan school districts.
Plateau Valley High School	\$283,485	Internship and capstone program that teaches technology and programming skills associated with agriculture
Hayden School District	\$1,050,500	Working with South Routt School District a PK-12 hands-on curriculum and community engagement around local food system and agricultural/energy production to prepare for careers in Yampa Valley.
Montezuma-Cortez School District	\$257,138	Expand and create cohesion across counseling and advising supports for kids 6-12
West Grand School District	\$792,998	Expand early childhood education and programming
Bennett School District	\$2,207,625	Create a cross-district program with Strasburg and Weld Central to support students' mental health
Academy 360 Charter School	\$595,700	To be used by eleven charter schools in Denver Metro area to address learning losses due to COVID-19 for high-needs students
Charter School Innovation Consortium	\$1,482,800	For a cohort of 13 charter schools to create IDLEA (Increase Diverse Learner Engagement and Achievement)
Campo School District	\$295,000	Provide entrepreneurship and service learning for students
Park County School District	\$343,091	Expand outdoor science school, remove barriers for K-5 th graders, and create mobile early learning services for health screenings in remote areas.
Adams County School District 14	\$2,159,000	Create Adams 14 Pathway Alliance (industry, community, and higher education institutions) for students
Cripple Creek-Victor School District	\$1,491,200	Create a community wide "skills to employment" program for youth and adults
Santa Fe Trail BOCES	\$365,000	Create Pathways to Prosperity program for college readiness

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERIII) - \$1,166,328,632 Billion

- Allocated using Title 1 formula
- Available for use through September 30, 2024
- Allowable uses: Costs related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 (including addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings*) **PLUS increased requirements around spending funds to combat learning loss. LEAs must use 20% for this purpose.**

Legislative Changes and Flexibility in the Use of American Rescue Plan Funds- Memo from Legislative Council Staff