



Coronavirus Relief Funds Update

\$98.7 Million Special Distribution



FY 2021 5% Holdback



FY 2021 5% holdback (5/8/2020)

- Eliminated movement on the Career Ladder for Instructional and Pupil Service staff
- Eliminated the 2% base salary increases for Administrators and Classified staff
- Eliminated Leadership Premiums
- Reduced the Distribution Factor from \$28,887 to \$27,556 per support unit
- Reduced the distributions for Professional Development, IT Staffing, Technology, Content & Curriculum, and Central Services

Governor's Allocation for Coronavirus Relief Funds



- The Governor's COVID19 Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) allocated \$99.3 million in federal funds (9/15/2020) for schools
 - \$98,707,300 allocated to Public Schools
 - \$565,200 allocated to the Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind (IESDB)
- One-time distribution of funds
- Public schools distribution will be based on your 2019-2020 fall enrollment

Governor's Allocation for Coronavirus Relief Funds (continued)



- Dollars will be distributed as a Special Distribution
 - Distribution will be approximately \$315 per your 2019-2020 enrollment reported for that first Friday in November
 - Distribution will not be done via the SDE's grant reimbursement application (GRA)
- Per the US Treasury Department guidance, these dollars must be obligated by no later than December 30, 2020

United States Treasury Guidance:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>

Governor's Allocation for Coronavirus Relief Funds – Additional Clarification



- Distribution is not a dollar for dollar replacement of the Governor's 5% holdback
- Dollars eliminated or reduced per the holdback would have been distributed to schools based on FTE counts, instructional and pupil service staff movement on the career ladder, mid-term and best-28 week support units and mid-term ADA
- This distribution is based solely on fall enrollment from the prior school year

Coronavirus Relief Funds Guidance



- **United States Treasury FAQ:** Updated September 2
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

53. May Fund recipients incur expenses associated with the safe reopening of schools?

Yes, payments from the Fund may be used to cover costs associated with providing distance learning (e.g., the cost of laptops to provide to students) or for in-person learning (e.g., the cost of acquiring personal protective equipment for students attending schools in-person or other costs associated with meeting Centers for Disease Control guidelines).

To this end, as an administrative convenience, Treasury will presume that expenses of up to \$500 per elementary and secondary school student to be eligible expenditures, such that schools do not need to document the specific use of funds up to that amount.

Prioritize Spending



Coronavirus Relief Funds – expires 12.30.2020

- \$98.7 M K-12 Special Distribution
- \$30 M Blended Learning Grant
- \$1 M Technology (only applies to a few LEAs)
- \$1 M Non-ESSERF (only applies to a few LEAs)

***Use these one-time funds first!
Funds expire Dec. 30, 2020***

Elementary and Secondary Emergency School Relief Funds- expires 9.30.2022

- \$43 M Flow-through
- \$3.785 M ESSERF Blended Learning (aka LMS Priority)
- \$1 M Social-Emotional Learning

Funds expire Sept. 30, 2022

Special Distribution_ Discretionary



- U.S. Department of Treasury (9.2.2020) presumes that expenses up to \$500 per student are eligible expenditures, such that documenting the specific use of funds is not required
- Expenditures will not go through the GRA
 - Special distribution through the SDE Public School Finance Division
 - Discretionary dollars
 - Approximately \$315/per student
- **Strongly encourage you to track expenses for FOIA requests**

Eligible Use of Funds



Funds may only be used to cover costs that –

- Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
- Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
- Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1– December 30, 2020.

Additional Information



- Equitable Services requirements do not apply to Coronavirus Relief Funds.
- Indirect costs rates may not be applied to payments received from this fund.

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Questions



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