

# Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)

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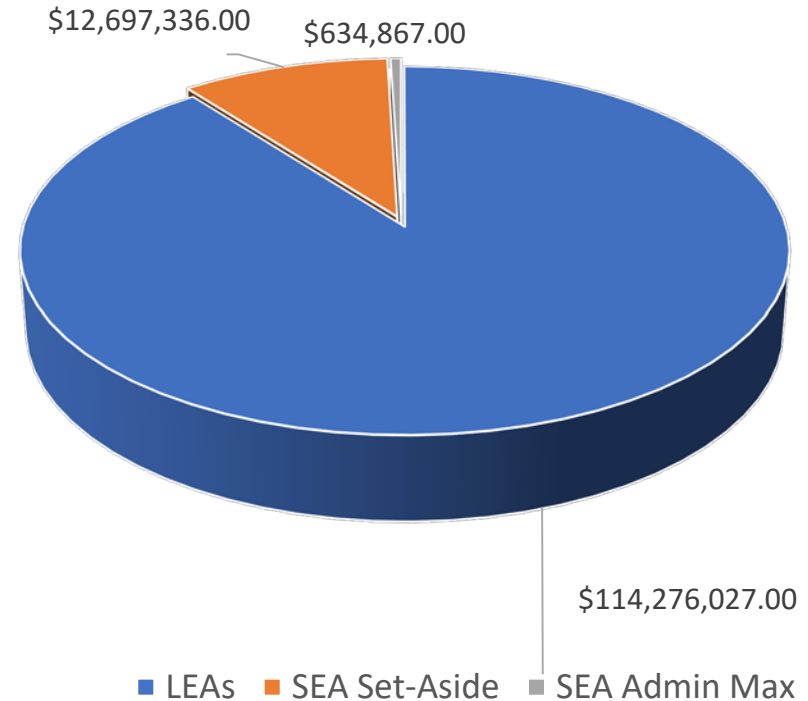
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# Overview of Grant Programs

- Education Stabilization Fund
  - ESSER II
  - GEER II
  - GEER EANS (Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools)
- Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
- Child Nutrition

# 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



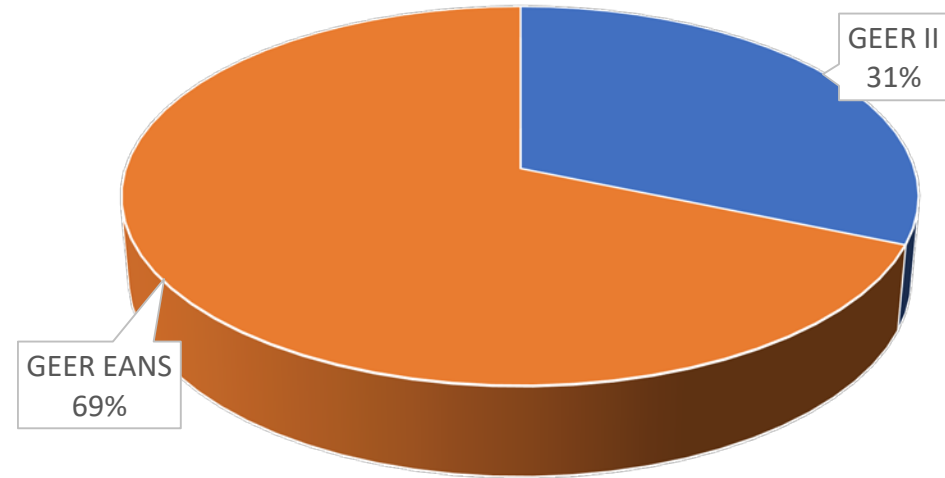
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LEAs	\$114,276,027.0
SEA Set-Aside	\$12,697,336.00
SEA Admin Max	\$634,867.00
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Total ESSER II Allocation	\$126,976,363

# 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- largely TBD, BUT 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
  - 0.15% available for state grants
- GEER Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS): \$4,284,000 total
  - \$4,084,000 available to non-public schools



■ GEER II ■ GEER EANS

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
  - Receipt of grant award- within next two weeks
  - 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)
  - Many outstanding questions, awaiting US ED guidance

# 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)