

What Can The Different COVID Relief Funds Be Used For?

All of these funds have potential to support strategies for a restorative approach to the return to school and community schools that prioritize racial justice, relationships, and mental health & social emotional well being.

<h3 style="text-align: center;">ESSER I, II, & III Grants</h3> <p>May use ESSER funds for any allowable expenditure permitted under federal law, (e.g. ESSA, IDEA, McKinney-Vento, etc.); to prepare for school reopening; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating with public health departments • Addressing needs of students who are low-income, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, experiencing homelessness, in foster care, and/or have disabilities • Purchasing educational technology • Summer learning and after-school programs • Mental health services • Addressing learning loss • School facility repairs to reduce risk of COVID transmission • Maintenance of operations & continuity of services to employ staff 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Expanded Learning Opportunity Grants</h3> <p>Requires a learning recovery program that provides supplemental instruction, support for social and emotional well-being, and, to the maximum extent permissible, meals and snacks to, at a minimum, specific named student groups.</p> <p>Can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended instructional learning time, • New, expanded or enhanced learning supports to close learning gaps, including tutoring or small-groups, learning recovery programs or materials, educator training on learning strategies and community learning hubs; • Health, counseling mental health and social emotional learning, • Supports for credit deficient pupils, and • Training for school staff on strategies, including trauma-informed practices, to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health & academic needs. <p><i>Note: 85% should be related to providing in-person services. At least 10% must be used to hire paraprofessionals to provide "supplemental instruction and support" to help with learning recovery consistent with Education Code section 43522(c).</i></p>
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Learning Loss Mitigation Funds Grants (GEER I & II, CR, GF)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing learning loss or accelerating progress to close learning gaps, • Extending the instructional school year, • Providing additional academic services for pupils, • Health and safety uses (PPE, cleaning supplies, etc). • Providing integrated pupil supports to address other barriers to learning. <p>Actions to support SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, MENTAL HEALTH, ADDRESS IMPACTS OF TRAUMA & train teachers & families to support distance learning are all permissible uses of these funds.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">In-person Instruction/Reopening Grants</h3> <p>Can be used for any purposes relating to in-person instruction including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 testing, • Cleaning and disinfection, • Personal protective equipment (PPE), • Ventilation, • Certificated and classified salaries, and • Social and mental health support services. <p><i>Note: These funds will be forfeited if a school district does not offer in-person instruction for all required student groups by May 15, 2021.</i></p>