



FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION
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Education COVID Funding Overview

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Overview

- **Overlapping Federal Coronavirus Relief**
 - Elementary and Second Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)
 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF)
 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
- **Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)**
 - K-12 Public Schools (SBE and DPI)
 - North Carolina Community Colleges System (NCCCS)
 - University of North Carolina System (UNC)

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)

- **CARES Act (ESSERF 1) - \$396M**
 - Given directly to LEAs based on Title I funding
 - SBE allowed to withhold 10%
 - Broad allowable use
- **Consolidated Approps. Act (ESSERF 2) - \$1.6B**
 - Same distribution
 - Similar uses, although can also be used on ventilation systems and learning loss

Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF)

- **CARES ACT (GEERF 1) - \$96.5M**
 - **K-12 Spending:**
 - \$40M for health support services for students
 - \$20M for instructional support for at-risk students
 - **Higher Ed Spending:**
 - UNC: \$6.6M
 - Private Colleges/Universities: \$4M
 - NCCCS: \$15M
- **Consolidated Approps. Act (GEERF 2) - \$42.9M**
 - Plus \$83M for non-public schools

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

- CARES Act (HEERF 1) - \$466.2M
 - UNC: \$248.9M
 - NCCCS: \$126.6M
 - Private: \$90.8M
 - For most schools, half of the funds had to be used for direct student aid, while the other half could be used for institutional support (including lost receipts).
- Consolidated Approps. Act (HEERF 2) - \$790M (est.)
 - Distribution formula modified from CARES Act
 - Estimate: \$398M UNC, \$246M NCCCS, \$145M Private

K-12 COVID-19 CRF Funds (\$316 M)

Item	Amount	Item	Amount
School Nutrition	\$75 M	Direct Grants	\$2.6 M
Summer Learning	\$70 M	Staff Devices	\$5 M
EC Grants	\$37 M	Student Support	\$5 M
Student Devices	\$30 M	Cybersecurity	\$4.5 M
PPE	\$27 M	LMS	\$1.488 M
Low Wealth	\$22 M	Bus Connectivity	\$1 M
Connectivity	\$21 M	Digital Safety	\$1 M
Health Personnel	\$10 M	Residential Schools	\$660 K
Nondigital resources	\$3 M	Mt. Airy School Bus	\$115 K

K-12 COVID-19 Policy Changes

- Transportation allotment flexibility
 - S.L. 2020-97 gave LEAs the flexibility to use transportation allotment funds for school nutrition, child care, sanitizing schools and buses, PPE, or remote instruction.
- Virtual charters
 - Student enrollment cap increased by 3,800 students, from 5,537 students to 9,337 students

K-12 COVID-19 Policy Changes

- ADM hold harmless
 - FY 2020-21
 - If an LEA's ADM decreased from what was allotted this year, no change was made to their funding
 - FY 2021-22 (TBD)
 - Definition of Allotted ADM
 - Projection of students returning
 - General Assembly action

CRF Allocations to NC Community Colleges (\$92 M)

Item	Amount
NCCCS Enrollment Growth	\$41.5 M
NCCCS COVID Relief Funds	\$25.0 M
PPE-NC Initiative (Catawba & Gaston)	\$14.3 M
PPE for Campuses	\$5.0 M
Equipment for Healthcare Workforce & First Responder Programs	\$5.0 M
PPE, Equipment, and Training at Cleveland CC	\$1.0 M
COVID-19 Impacts at Sampson CC	\$.25 M

CRF Allocations to UNC Institutions (\$137 M)

Item	Amount	Item	Amount
UNC COVID Relief	\$44.4 M	FSU Research Labs	\$5.0 M
UNC-CH Collaboratory Funds	\$29.0 M	MAHEC	\$4.8 M
ECU Brody COVID Research	\$15.0 M	UNCP COVID Analytics	\$3.0 M
UNC PPE for Campuses	\$13.0 M	UNCP Nursing	\$2.0 M
UNCC Research Funds	\$9.0 M	New Teacher Support Program	\$1.0 M
SRAHEC	\$5.3 M	ECU-Dartmouth Research	\$5 M
UNC Testing for Campuses	\$5.0 M		

CRF Allocations to Private Ed Entities (\$80 M)

Item	Amount
Private College and University COVID Relief	\$25.0 M
Wake Forest University Health Services	\$20.0 M
Duke Human Vaccine Institute	\$17.0 M
Disability Grant/ESA Additional Awards (K-12)	\$6.5 M
Campbell University School of Osteopathic Med.	\$6.0 M
Private College And University PPE	\$5.0 M
Opportunity Scholarship Student PPE	\$0.25M

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