

CARES ACT

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act created the Education Stabilization Fund to provide emergency funding for education systems. Within that fund is the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, which awards money to states based on their relative share of ESEA grants for fiscal year 2019. The Hawai'i State Department of Education applied for Hawai'i's share from the U.S. Department of Education and received approximately \$43.4 million.



Allowable uses for ESSER funds:

- Coordinate preparedness, response efforts.
- Provide principals with resources necessary to address needs of individual schools.
- Address needs of low-income children, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness.
- Purchase educational technology (hardware, software, and connectivity) for students, including low-income students and students with disabilities.
- Provide mental health services and supports.
- Plan and implement activities related to summer learning and supplemental after-school programs, including online instruction.
- Maintain continuity of services and continue to employ existing staff.

HIDOE allocations to date include:



Priority Area: SUMMER LEARNING

\$6.01 million

Summer learning hubs: \$6 million¹; Career Technical Education student interns in HIDOE offices: \$13,380.²



Priority Area: SPECIAL EDUCATION

\$6.34 million

Summer learning, special education: \$4.34 million⁵; summer assessments and meetings: \$2.05 million.



Priority Area: DEVICES & CONNECTIVITY

\$15.01 million

MiFi and mobile hubs: \$2.89 million; mobile hubs: \$100,430³; purchase 10,000 devices for summer learning; \$5.46 million⁴; purchase 12,000 devices for school reopening: \$6.57 million.



Priority Area: TRAINING & SUPPORT

\$2.43 million

'Ohana Help Desk: \$1.73 million; learning platform: \$500,000⁶; distance-learning professional development: \$200,000.⁷



SEA/Charter Schools

\$4.34 million

\$4.34 million set aside for private schools; \$2.07 million for charter schools using DoD funds not CARES Act funding.

1 To extend learning for students who were not proficient during Q3 and not fully proficient at the end of Q4, and/or unable to access distance learning experiences during emergency closures
 2 To provide CTE summer internship opportunities to 2020 HIDOE graduates. Funding reserved to fund up to 35 internships.
 3 To create mobile learning hubs by retrofitting five vans to reach students in remote locations (Ka'u, Hana, Moloka'i, Kaua'i).
 4 To provide devices to support learning (2,500 iPads with connectivity and 7,500 touchscreen Chromebooks).
 5 To support students with disabilities participating in summer learning hubs.
 6 To acquire Blackboard licenses and support.
 7 To support Hawaii Virtual Learning Help Desk and acquire software to develop content and training.