CARES Act Funding and Education

Fueling Technology Modernization at Schools and Campuses

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding stream has created an opportunity for educational institutions to modernize education and create a more secure, technology-driven future for students and staff. This infographic highlights the specific CARES Act funding streams institutions can use for technology purchases
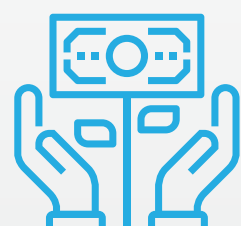
An Overview of CARES Act for Education

$2.2 TRILLION → **$30.8 BILLION** ↓

Total CARES Act funding

Education Stabilization Fund
- ✓ $13.2 Billion Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund
- ✓ $14 Billion Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
- ✓ $3 Billion Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF)

Outside of the relief funds, there are three smaller funding streams that are part of the Education Stabilization Fund:

- ✓ **$308** M States With Highest COVID-19 Burden
- ✓ **$154** M Outlying Areas
- ✓ **$154** M Bureau of Indian Education Programs

Focus on Funding Allocation

90% At least 90% of ESSER funds flow to local education agencies (LEAs), with no more than 10% reserved for the state agency and a fraction of that for administrative costs.

60% of GEERF was allocated based on a state's population of individuals aged 5 through 24 and 40% based on the relative number of children counted under section 1124(c) of ESEA.

$6.2 BILLION of HEERF is for student financial aid. The remaining "institutional portion" can be used to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to coronavirus.

This Funding Can Be Used for Technology

Education leaders may leverage these funds for technology to support a secure and engaging learning environment, including initiatives around:

✓ DISTANCE LEARNING AND REMOTE WORK
Hardware and software for effective online instruction, learning and collaboration

✓ ENDPOINT SECURITY
Unified endpoint management solutions to help improve compliance and minimize vulnerabilities when students, instructors and staff are remote

✓ SECURED PATCHING
Solutions to help automate and improve patch management on institution-owned and personal devices

✓ COMPLIANCE
Tools and strategies to bolster cyber hygiene and help comply with regulations and laws such as CIPA, FERPA and HIPAA
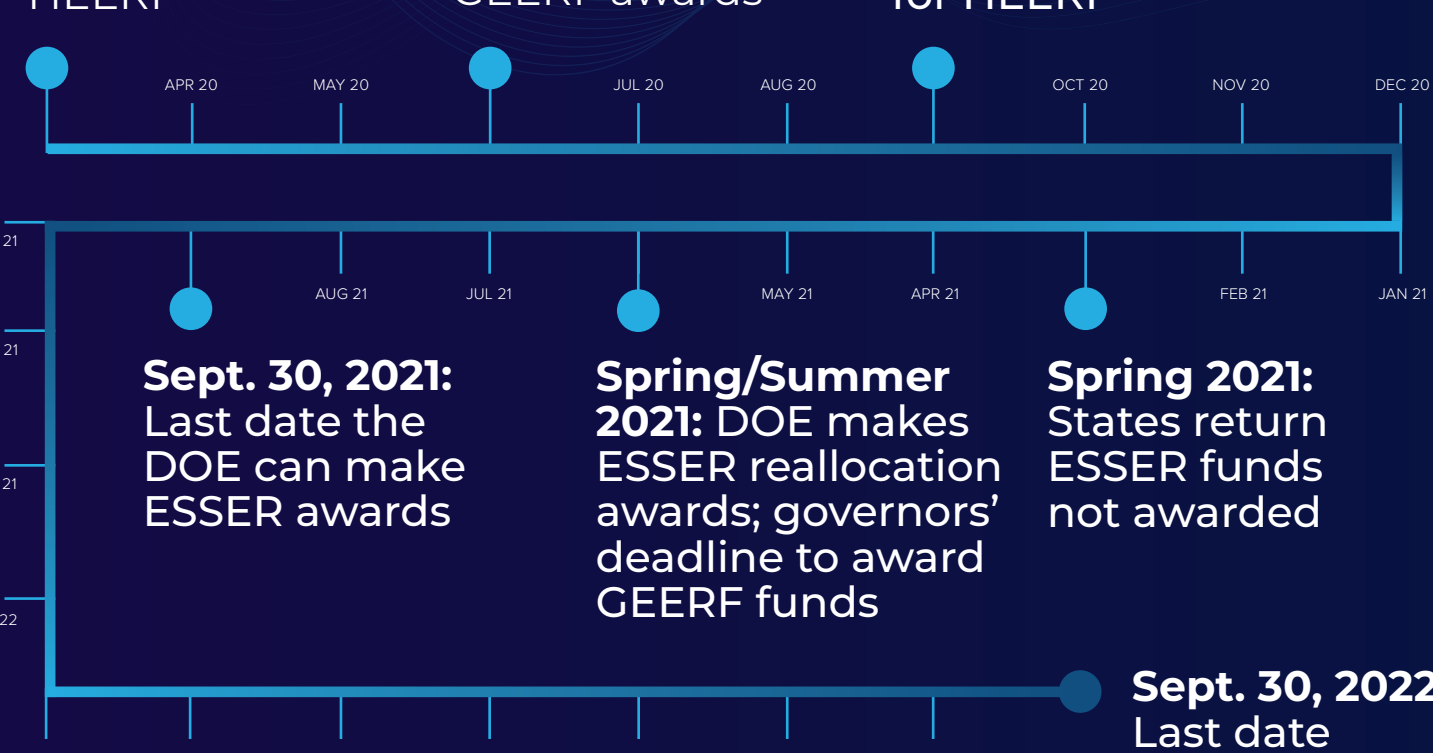
✓ COST OPTIMIZATION
Tools and strategies to unify endpoint management, identify and re-claim underutilized assets, and monitor software use and needs to rein in unnecessary spending

A Timeline of Funds

Spring 2020: DOE makes initial ESSER awards; application deadline for HEERF

June 2020: DOE makes GEERF awards

Sept. 20, 2020: Submission deadline for HEERF

APR 20 MAY 20 JUN 20 JUL 20 AUG 20 SEP 20 OCT 20 NOV 20 DEC 20

OCT 21
NOV 21
DEC 21
JAN 22

AUG 21 JUL 21 JUN 21 MAY 21 APR 21 MAR 21 FEB 21 JAN 21

Sept. 30, 2021: Last date the DOE can make ESSER awards

Spring/Summer 2021: DOE makes ESSER reallocation awards; governors' deadline to award GEERF funds

Spring 2021: States return ESSER funds not awarded

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Sept. 30, 2022: Last date to obligate ESSER and HEERF funds

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