



COVID-19 Relief Funding Back-to-School Requirements Fall 2022- Updated Links

This back-to-school guide will assist districts and schools in meeting the requirements for COVID-19 relief funding.

District Requirements:

1. **Mitigation Plans:** Districts receiving ESSER III funds are required to review, revise, and update mitigation plans every 6 months and post the updated plan to the district website.
 - a. Check [DEED's listing](#) to see when the district plan was last updated.
 - b. Send any updated links/dates to DEED.CARES@alaska.gov.
 - c. For more details about the requirements for mitigation plans, please see DEED's [FAQs](#), section A, questions 4-6.
2. **Funding Applications:** Districts' FY2023 COVID-19 relief funding applications are due **October 1, 2022**. New funds are not being awarded. The FY2023 application will contain any unspent funds from the FY2022 application. A district must complete the FY2022 Final Expenditure Report (FER) prior to unspent funds being carried forward to FY2023.
 - a. Unspent CARES funding (ESSER I and GEER I) expire **September 30, 2022**. Districts are encouraged to spend those funds in the first quarter.
 - b. ESSER II funds expire September of 2023. Districts should plan to spend their unspent ESSER II funds this fiscal year.
 - c. ESSER III funds require a district to spend 20% of their total ESSER III allocation on activities to address learning loss. These activities must be budgeted in the learning loss purpose code.
 - i. Section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act requires an LEA to reserve not less than 20 percent of its ARP ESSER allocation to **address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after-school programs, or extended school year programs**, and ensure that the interventions implemented respond to **students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs** and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on students from low income families, students of color, children with disabilities, English learners, migratory students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.
 - ii. Email DEED.CARES@alaska.gov for assistance in determining the amount required for your district for FY23.
3. **Written ARP Plans:** Districts receiving ESSER III funds are required to publicly post a copy of their written ARP plan (how the district plans to spend ESSER III funds) on the district's website.
 - a. Please update for FY23.





- b. Please verify the link is still accurate on [DEED's listing](#). Send any updates to DEED.CARES@alaska.gov.
- c. Additional details about this requirement can be found in DEED's [FAQs](#), Section A, questions 7-10.

Upcoming Supplemental Funding Opportunities:

1. Funds to support districts and schools in providing COVID-19 tests will be available soon. These funds can pay for testing materials, shipping costs to/from school sites, staff time for administering tests and reports, and some PPE/filtration costs. More details will be available in the coming months.
2. Competitive applications for funds to support summer programming in the summers of 2023 and 2024 will be available later this fall. Districts and non-profit entities are encouraged to apply.

New To COVID-19 Funding?

Check out these resources:

- [DEED's COVID-19 Website: Resources for School Districts](#)
- [An Overview of the Allowable Uses of Funds](#)
- [COVID-19 Relief Funding FAQs](#)
- [COVID-19 Relief Funding Webinar For New District Staff Slides](#) (October 2021)
- [COVID-19 Relief Funding Webinar For FY23 Application Slides](#) (May 2022)
- [COVID-19 Relief Funding Webinar For FY23 Recording](#) (May 2022)
- [Federal Supplemental FAQ Providing Clarity on Purpose of Funds](#) (December 2021)

Attend a COVID Coffee Break

Grab your coffee and join DEED staff for COVID Coffee Break on the first Friday of the month at 10 am. DEED staff will be available to answer your COVID relief funding questions and provide technical assistance. This is an informal time to get to know the DEED COVID Relief Team and chat with other district staff.

Sep 2, 2022 10:00 AM
 Oct 7, 2022 10:00 AM
 Nov 4, 2022 10:00 AM
 Dec 2, 2022 10:00 AM
 Jan 6, 2023 10:00 AM
 Feb 3, 2023 10:00 AM
 Mar 3, 2023 10:00 AM
 Apr 7, 2023 10:00 AM
 May 5, 2023 10:00 AM

Join us here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88532331929>

To download and import the iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system, click [here](#).

Questions?

Please contact us: DEED.CARES@alaska.gov

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