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# **FPP Meeting CRF Updates & Q&A**

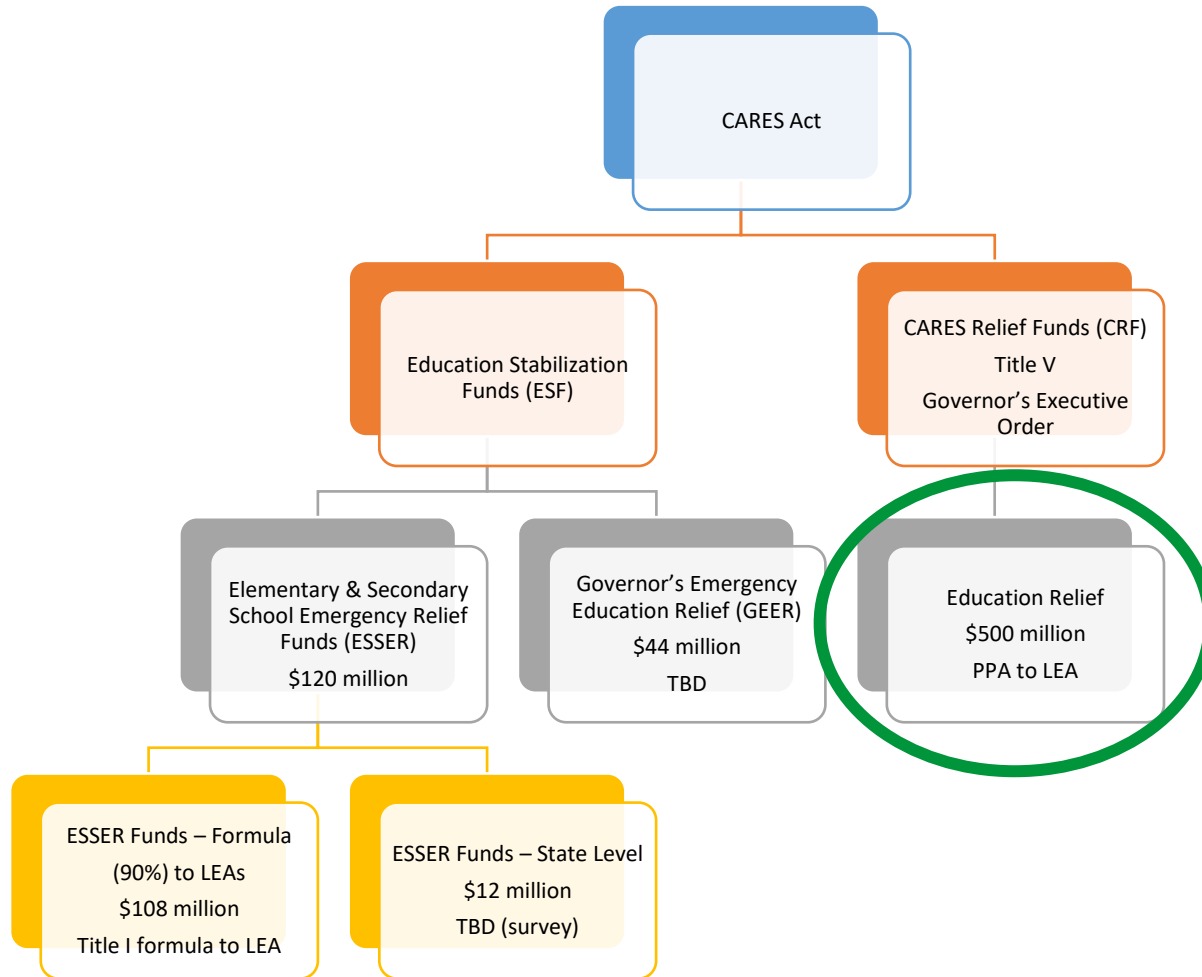
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*...in partnership with the Governor's Office and Office of the State Controller*

# CARES Grants





- [Allowable uses guidance](#) is now posted on CDE website
  - We will be updating the guidance as we get additional questions and clarifications from OSC and others
  - The CARES Act web page will always have a link to the most up to date guidance doc: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/caresact>
- Helpful resources
  - [Addendum A](#) re: allowable uses
  - [Treasury CRF FAQs](#)
  - [OSC Payroll Guidance](#)
  - Weekly ESSER-CRF Office Hours, hosted by Federal Programs, every Thursday 1-2pm. [Zoom log in and previous recordings](#).

# Types of Allowable Activities Covered in Guidance Document

- Technology
- Personnel
- Increasing instructional time
- Educational materials and supports
- Student & staff supports
- Communication & family engagement
- Facilities
- Health & safety
- Indirect costs
- Additional budget guidance
- Additional resources:
  - Paying for laptops, internet/hot spots, software, food  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/safeschools/covid19-grantprogramexpenses>

# Big Themes from District Questions

- *“Which personnel costs can be charged to CRF?”*
- *How do we calculate increased instructional hours?*

Recommended path for these and any other CRF questions:

- 1) Review the [allowable use guidance](#)
- 2) Review [OSC’s payroll guidance](#)
- 3) Ask yourself these two questions:
  - 1) Is this expenditure directly related to COVID-19 response?
  - 2) In absence of CRF funds, would you have had to incur this expenditure in order to operate in Fall 2020?

***If yes to both***, it is likely to be allowable--barring capital expenditures, which are not allowable
- 4) If questions remain, please email Adam Williams, [Williams\\_A@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Williams_A@cde.state.co.us)

*Thank you for your patience as we research and respond to your questions!*

# Electronic Survey



- All recipients of these funds are requested to notify the State of Colorado by **Friday, July 10**, of their intent to use all or a portion of the allocated funds. Recipients must identify any funding they are unable to use for allowable expenditures so these funds can be returned and reallocated to other recipients.
- If you have already emailed Jennifer Okes with your information – you do not need to complete the survey again.
- Here is a direct link to the survey:  
<https://fs10.formsite.com/ZuOMFN/3jfbp2dgal/index.html>
- It is also available on the CARES Act page under the CRF section.  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/caresact>

# Questions