

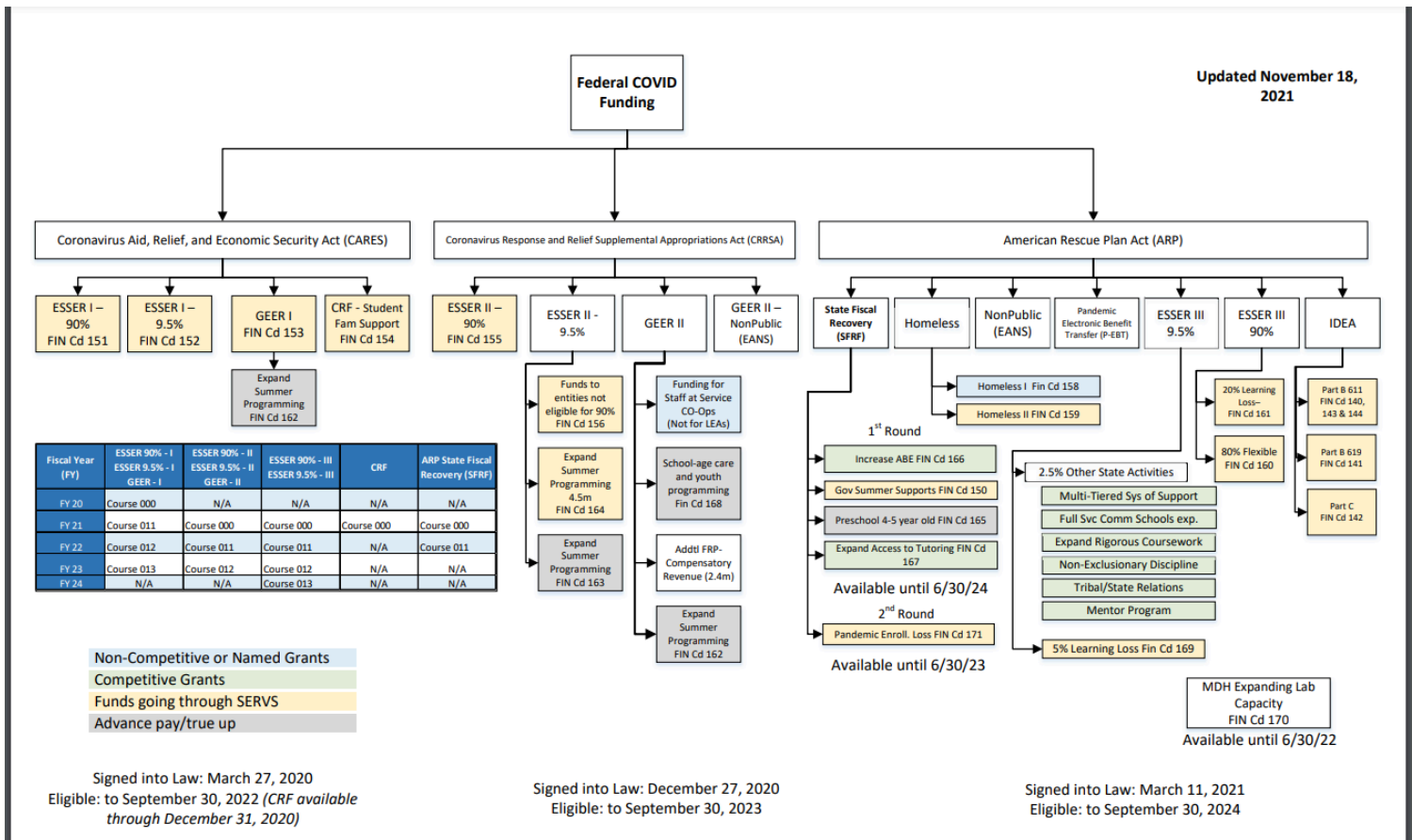


Pandemic Response Funds Primer

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Minnesota Department of Education Flowchart



At various stages during the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government has provided relief funds to public school districts across the country. The passing of laws and the proposed delivery/use periods for these funds can be broadly broken into three rounds. The timing, naming of the funds, rules determining appropriate uses of the funds, and time periods for spending the funds are complex in nature. For many, using ‘three rounds’ of funding is the best means to organize this information. One key element to keep in mind is there are ‘one time’ revenues. As such, they can be used ‘one time’ and are very different from ongoing revenue sources which can be used year after year.

Round One

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act-- passed by the federal government on March 27, 2020
 - Education Stabilization Fund
 - Two sources of funding for schools:
 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER)
 - Shakopee Public Schools **\$159,159** [Technology and summer school programming]
 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)
 - ESSER 90% is a formula-based allocation (Title I, Part A)
 - Shakopee Public Schools **\$501,036** [Keeping students healthy and connected to learning, other local needs]
 - ESSER 9.5% are state-directed grants
 - Shakopee Public Schools **\$289,111** [Summer school programming needs, mental health supports, historically underserved populations]
 - Also contains the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), which establishes payments to state, local and Tribal governments. Funds were available from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.
 - Shakopee Public Schools **\$2,351,832** [Operational costs and cleaning supplies, socially distant transportation, other student, family, and educator needs]
- Scott County CARES Funds
 - Shakopee Public Schools **\$236,976** [Technology needs linked to distance learning, child care needs, food service needs]
Funds were available from March 13, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

[ROUND ONE SPENDING ALLOCATIONS COMPLETE: \$ 3,538,114]

Round Two

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (ESSER) II Fund
 - ESSER II 90% is a formula-based allocation (Title I, Part A)
 - Shakopee Public Schools **\$2,379,635**

Funds available from March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2023

[ROUND TWO BUDGETING AND SPENDING IN PROCESS]

Round Three

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into federal law. This act includes a third round of Elementary and Secondary School Relief Funding (ESSER III).

- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund

ESSER III 90%:

- ESSER III 80% is a formula-based allocation (Title I, Part A)
 - Shakopee Public Schools **\$4,275,458** [Allowable ESSER III expenditures in Fund 1]
- ESSER III 20% must be spent on activities that address ‘learning loss’
 - **\$1,068,865**

ESSER III 9.5%:

- 5% Learning Recovery FIN169 **\$1,380,665**
 - This funding is for learning recovery to address the impact of lost instructional time by using the funds to implement evidence-based interventions aligned to the list of state education priorities. Districts must ensure that such interventions are used within a system of multi-tiered supports so that they best respond to students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. They are encouraged to use these funds for community-based partnerships and to ensure meaningful engagement is done locally to determine strategies, in coordination with other local ARP funds.

Funds will be available to be used through September 30, 2024.

[ROUND THREE BUDGETING AND SPENDING IN PROCESS]

ROUNDS TWO AND THREE COMBINED

Approximate Revenue

Funding Source
ESSER II-- \$2.379 M
ESSER III 80%-- \$4.275 M
ESSER III 20%-- \$1.069 M
ESSER III 5%-- \$1.381 M

Revenue Categories	Expenditures	Fiscal Year(s)
\$6.0 M (ESSER II & III)	Allowable ESSER Expenditures within Fund 1	FY 23 and FY 24
\$654,000 (ESSER II & III)	Targeted Pandemic Response Expenditures (I.e. November 21 and 22, 2021 child care expenditures, PPE, employee COVID tests, etc.)	FY 22, FY 23, and FY 24
\$1.069 M (ESSER III 20%)	‘Learning Loss’ Expenditures (EL support, online learning implementation, etc.)	FY 23 and FY 24

\$1.381 M (ESSER III 5% Learning Recovery)	Interventions are used within a system of multi-tiered supports so that they best respond to students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.	FY 22, FY 23, and FY 24
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TRACKING OF FUNDING NEEDS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

[Needs](#)

Notes:

- *Special Services funding will be tracked separately*
- *Some individual grants (Ie. COVID Testing grant) may be tracked separately*