



Notes from the August 19, 2020 Education Finance Committee Meeting

Update on Meeting Structure

The Education Finance Committee will meet at 10:00 AM, the third Wednesday of every other month. Meetings will be held electronically via Zoom and in-person meetings will occur when feasible.

ODE Update (Aaron Rausch, Director, Office of Budget and School Funding)

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund 507)

- ESSER funds have the “longest shelf life,” with a funding period from March 13, 2020 –September 30, 2022.
- ESSER funds can be used for expenses directly related to COVID, for any expense you would use other federal funds on (Title I, Title II, IDEA, etc), as well as expenditures made for maintaining your district's normal operations.
- A FAQ can be found [here](#).

Coronavirus Relieve Fund (Fund 510)

- Funding Period: March 1, 2020 – December 30, 2020.
 - Due to the expiration date of December 30, 2020, it is recommended to use these funds prior to using ESSER funds
 - You may retroactively receive reimbursement from expenditures dating as late as March 1, 2020
- CRF funds must be used to cover expenses that -
 - Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
 - Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the government; and
 - Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends December 30, 2020.
- Detailed guidance and a FAQ can be found [here](#).
- An Assurance sign-off is required to be submitted to complete the CCIP. This has been attached to this email

Coronavirus Relief Fund-Broadband Ohio Connectivity Fund (Fund 510)

- The deadline to submit the application for this grant is Friday, August 21, 2020 at 11:59 PM
 - The application link was emailed to all Superintendents
- These funds are available through December 30, 2020

- If you purchase a yearly hotspot service, you are allowed to expend until December 30 out of this fund. The remaining charge for the service must be paid with ESSER money or another allowable fund
- These funds may be used for hotspots, cell-phones, etc, for students in your district

Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund 508)

- GEER Funds are available through September 30, 2022
- Funds will likely be split between K-12 and Higher Education
- The details of this grant are still being worked out

State Funding

- Current state funding are at the reduced fiscal year 2020 level
- Fiscal year 2021 funding levels are subject to change
- The OBM is working to solidify fiscal year 2021 funding
- We hope to receive more clarity at the next committee meeting to distribute accurate information to our members as the five year forecast deadline approaches

Student Wellness and Success Funding

- The expected budgeted increase for fiscal year 2021 will most likely remain in place
- Census poverty and enrollment data was updated for fiscal year 2021
 - If you noticed an increase or decrease to your expected 2021 budgeted student wellness and success funding, the cause was due to this updated data

Bus Purchase Funds

- ODE is aware of some districts having issues when submitting and accepting the bus purchase application
- ODE is currently working on the possibility of reopening the application for districts that missed the deadline
 - This is not guaranteed to happen

The next Education Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM via Zoom Video Conference. Please be on the lookout for an email and collaborative post asking you for any input or questions to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

If you are interested in joining the committee, you may do so by signing up via your online OASBO account.

Jeff Dornbusch, Chair
Thomas Siloy, Vice-Chair