Purpose

Under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund), the Department awards grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation. LEAs must provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Link for application and assurances.

<https://www.education.ne.gov/cares-act/lea-application/>

Link for Reporting and Monitoring

<https://www.education.ne.gov/cares-act/reporting-and-monitoring/>

Link for allowable Uses.

<https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CaresActQandAFinance6122020.pdf>

Some items below that are very important for LEAs to document.

* Districts need policies and procedures for the 12 allowable uses and Unexpected or Extraordinary circumstances (for example continuing to pay staff)
* If salary and benefits used for ESSER funding, must have time and effort support that reflects actual time worked. (must be salary and benefits equitably)
* Must account for these funds within their proper funding code.
* Document, Document, Document