

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND – COVID DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS (PRC136)

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STATUTORY REFERENCE: [SL 2020-97 Section 1.9 \(91\) and \(92\)](#)
[SL 2020-97 Sections 1.9 \(89\)](#)
[SL 2020-97 Sections 1.9 \(90\) and 4.16](#)

TYPE: Dollars

TERM: **July 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020**

PURPOSE: To provide select PSUs and other entities funds for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency, as stated in legislation.

ELIGIBILITY: Public school units and entities identified in the statutory reference of this policy.

FORMULA: Funds appropriated shall be allotted as follows:

A. Select LEAs for general COVID

- a) **\$1,000,000** Alamance Burlington Schools
- b) **\$500,000** allocated based on ADM to all PSUs in the following counties Bertie County, Camden County, Chowan County, Perquimans County, Tyrrell County, Washington County.

Allowable uses are school nutrition services, transportation services, technology, remote instruction materials and services, personal protective equipment that meets applicable federal standards and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, temperature screening tools and other goods and services necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Alamance-Burlington Schools may use the funds for Alamance-Burlington Connects Initiative.

B. Select Entity

\$1,100,000 Communities in Schools of North Carolina, Inc.

Allowable uses

- a. Personal protective equipment for staff that meets applicable federal standards and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- b. Assistance for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade with remote instruction, nutrition, family support, and mental health.

C. Select LEA for Smart School Bus Safety Pilot

\$115,000

Legislation authorizes Mt Airy City Schools to participate in the Smart School Bus Safety pilot. Mt Airy shall notify DPI that they elect to participate in the program by October 15, 2020. If Mt Airy City Schools does not elect to participate, the Department may authorize one replacement local education agency.

Funds shall be used to establish the Smart School Bus Safety Pilot Program to transform and improve the transportation of public school students through technology in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- 1) 2019-20 allotted ADM shall be used for LEAs and funded ADM in 2019-20 shall be used for other PSUs
- 2) Funds shall not be transferred in to or out of this allotment category.
- 3) Funds shall be used to contract with qualifying vendors to provide technology and services for school buses that meet the minimum requirements set in SL2020-97 Section 4.16 (c)
- 4) Use of these funds shall be in accordance with Title V of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which authorizes the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- 5) Funds may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
 - a) Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency mean expenditures use for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency, including expenditures for responding directly to the emergency or incurred in order to respond to second-order effects of the emergency such as the impacts of stay-at-home orders, school closures, etc.
 - b) Funds may not be used for revenue replacement or to otherwise fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute.

- 6) Funds may not be used for expenditures that were previously included in the unit's budget as of March 27, 2020. A cost meets this requirement if either:
 - a) The cost cannot be lawfully funded using a line item, allotment, or allocation within that budget; or
 - b) The cost is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation.
- 7) Funds may not be used for expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program.
- 8) Funds may not be used for expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- 9) Eligible expenditures are those incurred from **July 1 to December 30, 2020**.

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