

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND – SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

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TYPE: Dollars

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

PURPOSE: Grant to support extraordinary costs associated with providing Extended School Year Services or future services, as appropriate, for exceptional children who qualify for these services due to the impacts of COVID-19

ELIGIBILITY: All public school units

FORMULA: Eligible public school units may apply for funds through the Division of Exceptional Children.

If total approved grants exceed the funds appropriated, the following shall apply:

- a) Each public school unit shall be capped at a maximum award based on the % of students identified with significant educational needs through the continuum of service delivery.
- b) All public school units shall be prorated equally based on the April 2020 Child Count.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- 1) Funds shall be used only for the implementation of the grant, as stated in the approved application.
- 2) Funds shall not be transferred in to or out of this allotment category.
- 3) Eligible expenditures are those incurred from March 1 to December 30, 2020.
- 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 used 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) In accordance with the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Coronavirus Relief Fund Title V, these funds may not be used to directly account for revenue shortfalls related to the COVID-19 outbreak.
 - 7) 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 be 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.
 - 8) Funds may not be used for payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - 9) Funds may not be used for expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program.

Note: Before expending Coronavirus Relief Fund monies, Public school units that receive funding are encouraged to review the most current applicable guidance from U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U. S. Department of Education, and the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office housed in the Office of State Budget and Management.