







# FEDERAL FUNDING TO CLOSE THE HOMEWORK GAP & DIGITAL DIVIDE

The states and school districts that have the best understanding of which students are and aren't connected are best positioned to leverage these funding streams. The [K-12 Bridge to Broadband program](#) is the model facilitated by EducationSuperHighway, in coordination with states, school districts, and Internet Service Providers, to collect the most accurate, actionable home connectivity data.

Fund (Source)	Amount	Who Applies	When Fund is Available	Deadline to Use Funds	Uses	Agency Disbursing the Fund
 <b>Emergency Connectivity Fund (American Rescue Plan)</b>	\$7.17B	Local Education Agency (LEA)	45-day application window to open in mid to late June 2021 for eligible purchases made between July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Subsequent window to open later in 2021	When funding is no longer available or one year after pandemic declared over	Reimburse 100% of K-12 home connectivity costs (broadband + device)  <a href="#">More info</a> by Funds For Learning on eligible services	FCC with support from USAC <a href="#">Learn more</a>
 <b>Title IV, Part A (Every Student Succeeds Act, 2015)</b>	\$1.2B	LEA	Confirm with SEA	Renewed annually	Funds can be used to support device and connectivity purchases	US DOE <a href="#">Learn more</a>
 <b>Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (CRRSA)</b>	\$3.2B	Households with Free & Reduced Lunch students. <a href="#">View this list of all eligible households</a>	May 12, 2021. First come, first served	When funding is no longer available or 6 months after pandemic declared over, whichever comes first	Up to \$50 per month for broadband services	FCC with support from USAC; <a href="#">Learn more</a>  <a href="#">US DOE's toolkit</a>
 <b>ESSER I (CARES)</b>	\$13.2B	State Education Agency (SEA)	SEA must award the funds within one year of receiving them, which will be April through June 2021, depending on an SEA's award dates	Available for obligation by State educational agencies (SEAs) and subrecipients through September 30, 2021	Very broad; Home connectivity solutions are included (hardware, software, and internet access costs)	US DOE <a href="#">Learn more</a>

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

HOUSEHOLDS

SEA



K-12 home connectivity funding







Flexible K-12 funding









Affordability divide funding



Broadband infrastructure funding

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 <b>ESSER II (CRRSA)</b>	\$54.3B	SEA	SEA must award the funds within one year of receiving them, which will be January 2022	Available for obligation by SEAs and subrecipients through September 30, 2022	Same as ESSER I May be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared	US DOE <a href="#">Learn more</a>
 <b>ESSER III (ARP)</b>	\$122B	SEA	SEA must allocate ARP ESSER funds in an expedited and timely manner and, to the extent practicable, not later than 60 days after the SEA receives those funds	Available for obligation by SEAs and subrecipients through September 30, 2023	Very broad; Home connectivity solutions are included (hardware, software, and internet access costs)	US DOE <a href="#">Learn more</a>
 <b>GEER I (CARES)</b>	\$3B	Governor	Governor must award the funds within one year of receiving them, which will be April through June 2021, depending on a Governor's award date	Available for obligation by Governors and subrecipients through September 30, 2022	Very broad: allowable uses of funds related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. Home connectivity solutions are included	US DOE <a href="#">Learn more</a>
 <b>GEER II (CRRSA)</b>	\$4.1B  (\$1.3B for additional GEER funds and \$2.75 for new program: Emergency Assistance to Non public Schools)	Governor	Governor must award the funds within one year of receiving them, which will be January 2022	Available for obligation by Governors and subrecipients through September 30, 2023	\$1.3B is for the same uses as GEER I  The \$2.75 is the EANS reservation for nonpublic schools	US DOE <a href="#">Learn more</a>

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 <b>Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (ARP)</b>	\$10B (Minimum of \$100M going to each state)	State	Summer 2021	No deadline mentioned in the ARP	Broadband expansion	Treasury <a href="#">Learn more</a>
 <b>Emergency Relief to State and Local Governments (ARP)</b>	\$350B <a href="#">Download</a> individual city, county, and state allocations	State, County, and Municipal Level	Available Now <a href="#">Treasury Submission Portal</a>	Available through one year after pandemic officially declared over	General state and local funding, with one of the uses being water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure	Treasury <a href="#">Learn more</a>
  <b>Minority Broadband Grant Program (CRRSA)</b>	\$285M	Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)	<a href="#">Check NTIA's website for updates</a> on the application timeline as they become available	<a href="#">Check NTIA's website for updates</a> on the application timeline as they become available	Purchase of broadband internet access service and eligible equipment or to hire and train information technology personnel	NTIA <a href="#">Learn more</a>
  <b>Tribal Broadband Grant Program (CRRSA)</b>	\$1B	Tribal Governments	<a href="#">Check NTIA's website for updates</a> on the application timeline as they become available.	Not later than 1 year after receiving grant funds under this subsection, an eligible entity shall expend the grant funds	Broadband affordability and deployment on tribal lands, as well as for telehealth, distance learning, and digital inclusion	NTIA <a href="#">Learn more</a>