

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** August 21, 2020  
**To:** School Administrators  
**From:** Kari Monsees, deputy commissioner, Division of Financial and Administrative Services  
**Subject:** FAS-20-009 – Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Grants

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has opened several additional CARES Act funded grants for Missouri local education agencies (LEAs), referenced below as well as previously in [Administrative Memo FAS-20-008](#). Combined, the latest grants represent over \$30 million in additional funding sources, designed to offset expenses related to COVID-19. Each grant has a guidance document that can be found on the [DESE CARES Act webpage](#). A [webinar](#) is also scheduled for Thursday, August 27, at 1:30 p.m. to further explain each of these grants, as well as the [Missouri Student Connectivity Grant](#) that was announced on August 6.

### **Transportation Supplement – \$15,000,000**

Funds to support student transportation costs related to COVID-19 will be provided to schools through a supplemental grant. Allocations are based upon a proportionate share of the allowable costs used to distribute FY20 transportation formula funds. Equitable services will be required for students at nonpublic schools as well. Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2021.

### **Transportation for Meal Delivery – \$7,473,210**

Reimbursements will be available for direct LEA costs associated with delivering meals to students when school buildings were closed during spring 2020. There will be a one-time application process to collect eligible expenditures. Should eligible costs exceed the fund allocation, LEAs will receive a prorated share.

### **COVID-19 Response Supply Reimbursement Grant – \$7,500,000**

Monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) will be provided to reimburse LEAs for a 25% share of costs associated with personal protective equipment and medical and cleaning supplies for school buildings and buses. These funds require local counties to provide schools a 75% match from CRF allocations. The purpose of this grant is to extend the use of available county CRF dollars. An application process has been developed to collect eligible costs for reimbursement, including supplies purchased after March 13, 2020. The first phase of this grant will cover expenditures through October 1, 2020.

### **Emergency Worker Childcare – \$795,543**

Some LEAs provided childcare services for families of medical professionals and emergency workers supporting the COVID-19 response effort in spring 2020. A one-time application process has been developed to collect eligible expenditures for such services. Should eligible costs exceed the fund allocation, LEAs will receive a prorated share.

## **Questions and Contact Information**

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