

Administrative Memo

Date: September 11, 2020
To: School Administrators
From: Kari Monsees, deputy commissioner, Division of Financial and Administrative Services
Subject: FAS-20-010 – Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Grants – Revised Timelines

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has multiple CARES Act funded grants open for Missouri local education agencies (LEAs). DESE was recently notified of an updated timeline for processing grants utilizing the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). Two specific grants are impacted and additional information is provided below regarding changes to deadlines related to those grants. For up-to-date information on all CARES Act grants, please visit the [DESE CARES Act webpage](#).

COVID-19 Response Supply Reimbursement Grant

The initial deadline for the COVID-19 Response Supply Reimbursement Grant provided in [Administrative Memo FAS-20-009](#) was established as October 1, 2020, with the potential for a second round of funding prior to December 30, if funds remained available in the grant program. Given the updated timeline for use of CRF resources, the two rounds of funding have been merged into one opportunity, and the deadline for expenditures for this grant has been extended to October 30. Reimbursement claims must be submitted by November 4. This additional time will allow for more eligible expenditures to be captured and provide more time for LEAs to coordinate with county officials for matching fund allocations. Please contact David Tramel at 573-751-0357 or David.Tramel@dese.mo.gov for additional information.

Missouri Student Connectivity Grant – Access (MSC-A)

The Access portion of the MSC grant was announced in [Administrative Memo QS-20-009](#). The guidelines for the grant indicate that all funds must be expended by December 30, 2020. The timeline for this grant has been moved forward, with the following new deadlines for individual components of the grant process:

- Application deadline: October 7
- Final Expenditure Report and payment requests deadline: November 4

Given this new accelerated timeline, additional flexibility is being provided. For more information, please review the [MSC-A Supplemental Guidance](#), also located in the MSC Grant section of the [CARES Act webpage](#). Please contact the Office of Quality Schools at 573-751-4234 or qualityschools@dese.mo.gov for additional information.