



**State of Alabama**  
**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act**  
**Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)**  
**Local Educational Agency (LEA) Application**

In order to receive a CARES Act ESSER Fund allocation, an LEA must submit this application to the SEA.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**1. LEA Information**

LEA Name	Lawrence County Schools
Mailing Address	14131 Market Street
Physical Address	
City/Town and Zip Code	Moulton, Alabama 35650
Superintendent's Name	Jon Bret Smith
Contact Person	Suzy Berryman
Contact Person Position	CSFO
Contact Telephone Number	(256) 905-2400
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**PROGRAMMATIC, FISCAL, AND REPORTING ASSURANCES**

The United States Department of Education (USED) has approved the application from the State of Alabama for ESSER funds under the CARES Act. The availability of funds is from 4/29/2020 to 4/29/2021. LEAs will be allowed to expend funds until 9/30/2022. Pre-award costs to the ESSER fund will be allowed for allowable cost incurred on or after March 13, 2020.

**2. Allowable Service(s) Assurance**

*The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies that:*

The LEA will use ESSER funds for activities allowable under section 18003(d) of Division B of the CARES Act. The United States Department of Education **does not** consider the following to be an allowable use of ESSER funds, under any part of 18003: 1) subsidizing or offsetting executive salaries and benefits of individuals who are not employees of the SEA or LEAs or 2) expenditures related to state or local teacher or faculty unions or associations.

**How will the LEA determine the most important educational needs as a result of COVID-19?**

Lawrence County will determine educational needs based on meetings and data from the following: District Leadership Team, Administrators, ARI Reading Coaches, Parent Surveys, student data from Learning Packets, Literacy Camp and other formative assessments. The needs of the district were cleaning supplies, health supplies and PPE, postage, technology, bus mileage, instructional supplies, instructional software, virtual PD, Instructional Specialist and Teacher for Virtual/ Blended school, additional Instructional Aide and subs for classrooms and lunch in classrooms, additional days for nurses to prepare and an additional nurse.

**How does the LEA intend to assess and address student learning gaps resulting from the disruption in educational services?**

Lawrence County will assess student learning gaps by reviewing learning packets, benchmark assessments during literacy camps, benchmark assessments from online platforms, and other formative data. Learning gaps will be addressed by providing students with intensive whole group/ small group instruction on skills/ standards lacking at each grade level.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 CARES Act ESSER Funds  
 Fund Source 4290  
 Budget

Function	Obj	Program	Amount	Description
1100	010-199	1500	4,533.00	PT Inst Aide Salaries
1100	200-299	1500	347.00	PT Inst Aide Benefits
1100	010-199	8100	99,389.00	Add Teacher-Blended/Virtual; Add Subs to Help with COVID absences - Salaries
1100	200-299	8100	25,731.00	Add Teacher-Blended/Virtual; Add Subs to Help with COVID absences - Benefits
1100	414	8100	47,000.00	Instructional Software - Freckles
1100	419	8100	1,500.00	Instructional Supplies - Envelopes, copies, etc
1100	495	8100	350,000.00	Chrome books and Cases
2140	121-131	8210	14,000.00	5 Additional Days - Nurses for Cleaning, Training, Preparing for School - Salaries
2140	200-299	8210	4,280.00	5 Additional Days - Nurses for Cleaning, Training, Preparing for School - Benefits
2140	121	8210	4,430.00	16 Additional Days - Nurse Supervisor for Preparing for School - Salaries
2140	200-299	8210	870.00	16 Additional Days - Nurse Supervisor for Preparing for School-Benefits
2140	121	8210	43,000.00	Additional Nurse for COVID 19 needs
2140	200-299	8210	18,620.00	Additional Nurse for COVID 19 needs
2140	479	8210	68,000.00	PPE - Mask, Health Supplies, Thermometers, Etc
2190	081	8210	76,500.00	Instructional Specialist - Blended/ Virtual School - Salaries
2190	200-299	8210	25,500.00	Instructional Specialist - Blended/ Virtual School-Benefits
2190	364	8210	12,500.00	Postage - Mailing Packets
2190	391	8210	500.00	Bus Mileage
2215	192	8220	3,350.00	Stipends for Virtual PD - Salaries <u>(Off Contracted Time)</u>
2215	200-299	8220	650.00	Stipends for Virtual PD - Benefits <u>(Off Contracted Time)</u>
2215	623	8220	1,000.00	Virtual PD Registration
3200	399	8320	1,000.00	Purchased Services - Sanitizing
3200	171	8320	90,000.00	Extra Custodial- Misting, Sanitizing, Cleaning - Salaries
3200	200-299	8320	8,500.00	Extra Custodial- Misting, Sanitizing, Cleaning - Benefits
3200	449	8320	69,831.00	Cleaning Supplies - Wipes, Disinfectant, Sanitizer
3200	499	8320	29,000.00	Misting Machines
4120	449	8410	11,000.00	Cleaning Supplies - Transportation
4290	180	8420	6,950.00	Extra Subs to assist with Lunch in Classroom - Salaries
4290	200-299	8420	550.00	Extra Subs to assist with Lunch in Classroom - Benefits
4290	469	8420	29,000.00	Supplies - Bags, Cans, Coolers, Etc
4290	495	8420	23,000.00	Extra Computers
6540	176	8650	17,700.00	Tech Helpers - Set Up Chromebooks - Salaries <u>(Off Contracted Time)</u>
6540	200-299	8650	3,800.00	Tech Helpers - Set Up Chromebooks - Benefits <u>(Off Contracted Time)</u>
6540	482	8650	20,000.00	Securely Chrometools, Web manager for schools chromebooks
6540	495	8650	2,000.00	Wifi Hot Spots for Buses

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*Larry Bergman*



**What is the LEA's proposed timeline for providing services and assistance to students and staff?**

March 13, 2020 - September 30, 2022

**How will the LEA use ESSER funds to promote remote learning?**

Lawrence County will promote remote learning by: purchasing chromebooks, software, WIFI for buses and increasing WIFI accessibility on school campuses and employing an Instructional Specialist to assist with virtual/ blended learning.

### **3. Equitable Services Assurances**

*The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:*

- The LEA receiving ESSER funds will provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under Section 18005 of Division B of the CARES Act.
- The LEA receiving ESSER funds will provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools located within the LEA in the same manner as provided under Section 1117 of the ESEA, as determined through timely and meaningful consultation with representatives of non-public schools.
- The LEA will ensure that it will maintain control of funds for the services and assistance provided to a non-public school
- The LEA will ensure that it will have title to materials, equipment, and property purchased with ESSER funds.
- The LEA will ensure that services to a non-public school with ESSER funds will be provided by the LEA directly, or through contract with, another public or private entity.

**Provide a brief explanation of the following: How will equitable service funds be used by the private schools? How will timely and meaningful consultation occur with private schools? What is the proposed timeline for services and assistance to be implemented by private schools?**

Private School is not participating in CARES Act funding.

### **OTHER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

#### **4. Other Assurances and Certifications**

*The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:*

- The LEA that receives ESSER funds will, to the greatest extent practicable, continue to compensate its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to COVID-19 in compliance with Section 18006 of Division B of the CARES Act. In addition, LEAs that accept funds will continue to pay employees and contractors to the greatest extent practicable based on the unique financial circumstances of the LEA. CARES Act funds generally will not be used for bonuses, merit pay, or similar expenditures, unless related to disruptions or closures resulting from COVID-19.
- The LEA will request technical assistance on the use of ESSER funds for remote learning, which includes both distance education as defined in Section 103(7) of the HEA and distance learning as defined in ESEA Section 8101(14), so that students can continue learning during school closures.
- The LEA will cooperate with any SEA monitoring policies and/or procedures with regards to the allowability of expenditures.
- The LEA will use ESSER funds for purposes that are reasonable, necessary, and allocable under the CARES Act.

*The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:*

- The LEA will provide to the SEA the methodology used to provide services or assistance to students and staff in both public and non-public schools, the uses of funds and demonstration of their compliance with Section 18003(d), such as any use of funds addressing the digital divide, including securing access to home-based connectivity and remote-use devices, related issues in supporting remote learning for all students, including disadvantaged populations.
- The LEA will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals for interview and examination, upon request.
- The LEA will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances; the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR Parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR Part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR Part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR Part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR Part 3474.

#### **5. Section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act Assurances**

*The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:*

- (a) Each local educational agency which participates in an applicable program under which Federal funds are made available to such agency through a State agency or board shall submit to such agency or board a general application containing the assurances set forth in subsection (b). The application shall cover the participation by that local educational agency in all such programs.
- (b) The general application submitted by a local education agency under subsection (a) shall set forth assurances
- (1) that the local educational agency will administer each program by the application in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;
  - (2) that the control of funds provided to the local educational agency under each program, and title to property acquired with those funds, will be in a public agency and that a public agency will administer those funds and property;
  - (3) that the local educational agency will use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to that agency under each program;
  - (4) that the local educational agency will make reports to the State agency or board and to the Secretary as may reasonably be necessary to enable the State agency or board and the Secretary to perform their duties and that the local educational agency will maintain such records, including the records required under section 443, and provide access to those records, as the State agency or board or the Secretary deem necessary to perform their duties;
  - (5) that the local educational agency will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each program;
  - (6) that any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to each program will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public;
  - (7) that in the case of any project involving construction -
    - (A) the project is not inconsistent with overall State plans for the construction of school facilities, and
    - (B) in developing plans for construction, due consideration will be given to excellence of architecture and design and to compliance with standards prescribed by the Secretary under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure that facilities constructed with the use of Federal funds are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;
  - (8) that the local educational agency has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating to teachers and administrators participating in each program significant information from educational research, demonstrations, and similar projects, and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices developed through such projects; and
  - (9) that none of the funds expended under any applicable program will be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or any affiliate of such an organization.
- (c) A general application submitted under this section shall remain in effect for the duration of the program it covers. The State agencies or boards administering the programs covered by the application shall not require the submission or amendment of such application unless required by changes in Federal or State law or by other significant change in the circumstances affecting an assurance in such application.



**6. Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act Assurances**

(a) The purpose of this section is to assist the Department in implementing the Department's mission to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the Nation, by -

(1) ensuring equal opportunities to participate for all eligible students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in any project or activity carried out under an applicable program; and

(2) promoting the ability of such students, teachers, and beneficiaries to meet high standards.

(b) The Secretary shall require each applicant for assistance under an applicable program (other than an individual) to develop and describe in such applicant's application the steps such applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and equitable participation in, the project or activity to be conducted with such assistance, by addressing the special needs of students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in order to overcome barriers to equitable participation, including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age.

(c) The Secretary may establish criteria and provide technical assistance for meeting the requirements of this section.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter in any way the rights or responsibilities established under the laws cited in section 400(d) of this Act.

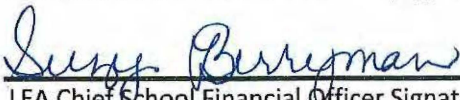
**What steps does the LEA propose to take to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede equal access to, or participation in, the program?**

Lawrence County Schools strives to remove barriers for all students, teachers, and other staff (regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, disability, and age) by promoting a culture of belonging, safety, and self-worth which supports equal access for all individuals. If barriers arise within the district, we will strive to handle as quickly as possible.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information and data in this agreement are true and correct. I acknowledge and agree that the failure to comply with all Assurances and Certifications in this agreement, all relevant provisions and requirements of the CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (March 27, 2020), or any other applicable law or regulation may result in liability under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729, *et seq.*; OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR Part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR Part 3485; and 18 U.S.C. § 1001, as appropriate.

**Suzy Berryman**

LEA Chief School Financial Officer (Typed Name)



LEA Chief School Financial Officer Signature

**Jon Bret Smith**

LEA Superintendent (Typed Name)



LEA Superintendent Signature

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**Send completed application to CARESapp@alsde.edu.**

**Upon approval of the application, funds will be released to the LEA.**

**ALSDE Internal Use Only**

Date Application Received: 10/25/2021

Date ALSDE Approved: 12/14/2021



State Superintendent and/or Designee Signature

12/14/21

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Date CARES Act ESSER Funds Released: \_\_\_\_\_