



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	Lanett City Schools
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City/Town and Zip Code	Lanett, AL 36863
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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?

Lanett City Schools has conducted a districtwide evaluation to determine educational needs that have developed as a result of COVID-19. Our evaluation efforts will be ongoing throughout the school year. We will utilize screeners and assessments to determine learning and achievement gaps and facilitate programs that will meet the needs that have been categorized and prioritized. We have identified which allowable activities our LEA would like to use these ESSER funds for including technology, PPE, learning camps, afterschool programs, supplies, CNP needs and upgrades that will address supply chain issues, social distancing, cleaning and sanitation.

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

Our school district will utilize both digital and face to face assessment mechanisms. Each school will be provided access to online tiered intervention programs to help us assess and pinpoint learning gaps, and deliver math and reading interventions. In addition to interventions provided through daily RTI (reading and math intervention), we will offer an after school literacy camp at the elementary level. The camp will be offered virtually during virtual and/or remote learning periods and then transition to face to face services immediately upon return to the traditional learning environment. At the secondary level, individual and small group tutoring will be provided in addition to daily RTI (reading and math).

Which allowable activities will the LEA use ESSER funds to provide educational services? (Select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Activities authorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Activities authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities authorized by subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of local education agencies with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Providing principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of the individual schools.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of a local educational agency, including building operated by such agency.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures, including for how to provide meals to eligible students, how to provide technology for online learning to all students, how to provide guidance for carrying out requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC 1401 et seq.) and how to ensure other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and students with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Providing mental health services and supports.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the local educational agency.

Provide a detailed budget to explain how ESSER funds will be used in your LEA.

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Function	Object	Program	Original Amt	Amended 2022	Brief Description of Expenditure
1100	333/495	8100	\$206,216.49		Technology Chromebooks/Devices (plus management software & carts for storage)
1100	492	1200/1500	\$45,946.89	\$46,114.89	Building Needs (student desks) to allow for adequate social distancing and safety of students
1100	492	1200/1500	\$20,000.00		Desks & table shields, sneeze guards, protective equipment
1100	411	1200/1500	\$2,197.43		Copier costs and Paper for creating packets for at home learning and supplies
2190	331/333/495	8100	\$115,818.71	\$114,542.78	Technology - Cradle Point Devices for Wi-Fi connectivity, equip, infrastructure for remote environments
3200	399-493	8320	\$64,205.02	\$59,492.83	Bldg Services -Cleaning & Sanitation Equip, supplies, custodial supplies, PPE
3200	191/220-250	8320	\$8,320.00	\$13,126.08	Part-time Custodial/Maintenance Staff Members
3200	220-250	8320	\$1,680.00	\$1,202.92	Part-time Custodial/Maintenance Staff Members Benefits
4120	459	8410	\$72.82	\$72.82	Transp - PPE
4210	463-471	8420	\$10,000.00		Supplies
4210	541	8420		\$28,761.01	CNP and Cafeteria equipment upgrades will include: coolers, rework freezer, and dishwashers, etc. These upgrades will allow Lanett City Schools to address supply chain issues, social distancing and cleaning and sanitation.
9130	011	4300	\$31,078.20	\$8,496.32	Summer Learning Camp and Afterschool Program
9130	220-250	4300	\$6,277.80	\$1,589.79	Summer Learning Camp and Afterschool Program Benefits
9200	495	4900	\$616.64		Private School - Technology
Total			\$512,430.00		

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

LCS initiated services and assistance to students and staff immediately upon the onset of the pandemic through the close of the 19-20 school year, with services continuing throughout the summer months and up until this present time. Teachers returned to school on August 12th. We immediately began staff training and supports for teachers to prepare them for providing ongoing instruction to students in the remote learning environment. Students returned August 24th. However, assistance to the student population for the fall began on August 20, 2020 with device distribution being the first scheduled event. As we continue to assess needs throughout the school year, we will make every effort to meet needs as they are identified. LCS will continue providing services and assistance throughout the availability of Cares ESSER funding and all funds will be expended by 9/30/22.

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

ESSER funds will be used to purchase educational technology, including hardware and/or software, Wi-Fi enabling devices, and assistive technology or adaptive equipment as necessary to promote remote learning. Devices will be distributed to students to provide a continuum of instruction during the remote learning period. Software will be made accessible so that students may continue to engage in rigorous, standards-based instruction and learning activities. The purchase of these devices will be based upon student needs that are identified through the ongoing evaluation process. Wi-Fi enabling, cradle point devices will be purchased and installed at various sites to provide Wi-Fi access to students that are in need of internet access.

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?

There is one private school located within Lanett City's attendance zone, and they have expressed intent to participate in ESSER funding. Via Zoom, Lanett City's Federal Programs Coordinator and the private school's Head of School have engaged in several virtual consultation meetings to date, and the Equitable Services Implementation Form has been completed and signed. Consultation meetings were held on 6/18/20, 7/6/20, and 7/21/20 (all virtual). Following the change in the calculation process, an additional consultation was held by phone on 10/07/202; an amended Intent to Participate was completed and signed. The private school wishes to use ESSER funding to purchase educational technology for students (laptops). The private school anticipates moving forward with plan implementation immediately upon approval of Lanett City's ESSER application. Any remaining funds will be expended prior to the established deadline of 9/30/22.

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.

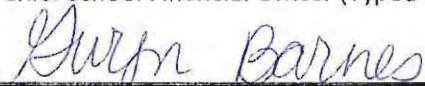
What steps does the LEA propose to take to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede equal access to, or participation in, the program?

In terms of distribution, general materials and services purchased with ESSER funds will be made available to all students and staff equitably, without regard to factors such as gender, race, color, national origin, disability, or age. Students who may be the most vulnerable to academic and/or functional regression, such as students with disabilities or English Language learners, will receive additional consideration for specialized services or materials specific to their unique needs. Any stakeholder concerns or issues will be resolved 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.

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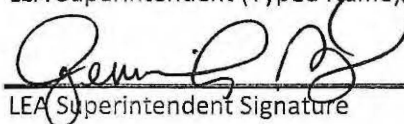
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Send completed application to CARESapp@alsde.edu.

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

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Date Application Received: 3/4/2022

Date ALSDE Approved: 3/17/2022



State Superintendent and/or Designee Signature



Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Date CARES Act ESSER Funds Released: _____