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CCIP Note # 453

Re: Governors Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funding for Joint Vocational School Districts
Date: November 19, 2020
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives of JVSD GEER Grant Recipients

This CCIP Note is specific to Joint Vocational School Districts that are receiving a Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) award from the Ohio Department of Education. A portion of Ohio's GEER program is used to support grants to schools and districts that did not receive funding through the subsidy portion of the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief Fund (ESSERF). These funds are provided to specific Non-Title I Awarded Educational Entities (NT1AEE) including Educational Service Centers (ESCs), County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (CBDD) serving school age children, the Ohio School for the Deaf and the Ohio School for the Blind, and Joint Vocational School Districts (JVSDs).

This communication is intended to inform JVSDs of available GEER funding and explain the application process.

Basic Information
The Ohio Department of Education's Office of Federal Programs has been asked to administer the GEER program to NT1AEE. The amount of the program is $26.63 million. The updated breakdown of subaward amounts is found HERE.

Organizations	Total Amount	Date of Award
Educational Service Centers	$15.3 million	October 2
County Boards of Developmental Disabilities	$1.7 million	October 2
Ohio School for the Blind	$500,000	October 2
Ohio School for the Deaf	$500,000	October 2
Joint Vocational School Districts	$8.6 million	November 13

Please note: The Governor's Office is still in process of making decisions as to how the remaining balances of the GEER funds will be awarded. The Governor can use these funds to support primary and secondary education, post-secondary education and other education related entities.

Allowable Uses
The Non-Title I GEER award will be administered similarly to the ESSER Fund program. GEER recipients may use funds for the twelve broad allowable uses under the ESSER Fund (CLICK HERE).

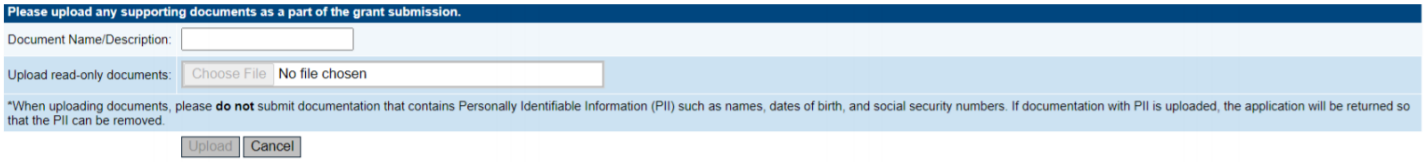
Period of Availability
Non-Title I GEER recipients may claim reimbursement for allowable expenditures back to March 13, 2020 until September 30, 2022. While access to GEER funds will not be available until the application is in final-approval status, the Non-Title I GEER recipients are encouraged to begin identifying allowable expenditures and/or begin implementation of the allowable activities as the awardee may claim reimbursement for such costs back to March 13, 2020.

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GEER Application Now Available

The GEER Fund application is now available for eligible Non-Title I GEER recipients. Eligible recipients may download the PDF GEER application, found on the CCIP Document Library HERE.

Eligible recipients must complete the PDF application and upload it in the CCIP funding application named GEER - Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund. In the PDF application, the applicant must agree to the terms and conditions, complete the budget estimates for the twelve categories of allowable uses and include signatures of both the Authorized Representative and Fiscal Representative. Please see below for a screen capture of the Document Upload page in the CCIP GEER Allocation where the PDF application can be uploaded.



Funds will be available once the CCIP GEER application is approved by the Office of Federal Programs.

Additional Support

Education Program Specialist Support:
Each of Non-Title I GEER recipient has been assigned to an Educational Program Specialist (EPS) within the Office of Federal Programs. The EPS will support these entities with any questions on the GEER program, uses of funds and reviewing and approving the funding application. The EPS assignments are found in the CCIP Document Library under the GEER folder, and are accessible HERE.

Frequently Asked Questions:
A GEER frequently asked questions document can be found HERE.

Communications:
The Office of Federal Programs will provide Non-Title I GEER recipients with regular and updated GEER information. These communications will be found in the award recipient's History Log as well as in CCIP notes.

Please direct any questions to your Office of Federal Programs consultant or **federalprograms@education.ohio.gov**.