

**Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security
Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund**

**Maryland Local School System
Application and Certification:
Technology**

June 30, 2020



Purpose

Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund to make payments for specific uses to States and certain local governments, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories, and Tribal Governments as a result of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Timeline

Local School System applications are due to MSDE by **July 17, 2020**.

Availability

Funds are available for use from March 26, 2020 until December 31, 2020.

Uses of Funds

Local school systems may use funds to implement distance learning programs necessary as a result of the school closures due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Contact Information

Questions should be address to Donna Gunning by email at donna.gunning@maryland.gov or by phone at 410-767-0757; or Steve Brooks by email at steve.brooks@maryland.gov or by telephone at 410-767-0793.

PROGRAMMATIC, FISCAL, REPORTING, AND OTHER ASSURANCES

1. The LSS will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals available for interview and examination, upon the request of (i) the United States Department of the Treasury and/or its Inspector General; or (ii) any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority.
2. The LSS will comply with all applicable assurances in OMB Standard Forms 424B and D (Assurances for Non-Construction and Construction Programs), including the assurances relating to the legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood hazards; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and the general agreement to comply with all applicable Federal laws, executive orders and regulations.
3. LSS will submit the full certification, as set forth in 34 C.F.R. Part 82, Appendix A, upon request.
4. The LSS will sign and return the Assurances page of the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) which includes a set of assurances that meets the requirements of section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232e).
5. To the extent applicable, an LEA will include in its local application a description of how the LEA will comply with the requirements of section 427 of GEPA (20 U.S.C. 1228a). The description must include information on the steps the LEA proposes 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.
6. The SEA will comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) requirements in Subpart D—Post Federal Award Requirements (2 CFR §§200.300-345) and Subpart E—Cost Principles (2 CFR §§200.400-475) to ensure that LEAs, including charter schools that are LEAs, are using ESSER funds for purposes that are reasonable, necessary, and allocable under the CARES Act.
7. The LSS and other entities 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 Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) 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 USDE in 2 CFR part 3474.

Coronavirus Relief Fund - Technology Application Signature Page

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Corona Virus Relief Fund - Technology Maryland Local School System Application

The school closures necessary as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic required local school systems to stand-up distance learning programs despite technology and connectivity issues. Local School Systems can use these grant funds to improve the district's technology and connectivity shortages such that all students have equitable access to distance learning programs.

Part I – Technology and Connectivity

1. Please provide a brief overview of the Local School System's (LSSs) technology and connectivity needs necessary to implement a robust distance learning program.

During the Covid-19 school closure we realized that our current systems, although adequate, lacked key features and use for both teachers and students. We were able to quickly distribute enough Chromebooks requested by families to support student's accessibility to complete online assignments. An issue is our inventory of aging devices that need replacement. In addition, we were able to secure 200 hotspots to cover a portion of our community that is without internet. We do not have a virtual system in place to support the highly specialized software of our technical CTE programs. During the closure, students lost access to these tools and their instructional experience was sub-par.

2. Please provide the specific devices and services needed by the District.

CCPS needs to replace Chromebook devices bought in 2015 as they are out of warranty and compatibility with GSuite for Education and other 3rd party apps. In addition, we need a VDI (virtual desktop infrastructure) environment to bring continuity to our CTE programs in the event of a partial opening and/or full closure. We also need to update the laptops for teachers in order to provide a device with superior performance to handle the tools necessary to run a virtual lesson. Our current learning management platform does not integrate well with 3rd party applications and our SIS. A replacement of that platform to Schoology will provide a simplified, yet powerful, solution for teachers, students and parents.

3. Please provide the District's plan for improving the technology and connectivity in order to implement a robust distance learning program for students and staff in the district.

As mentioned above, we plan to purchase replacement Chromebook devices to support a 1:1 initiative at the HS level and begin the replacement of teacher laptops to support instruction. With the funds, we will continue our hotspot loaner program. To support our online learning model, we are transitioning to Schoology this school year and beyond. In addition, we will purchase complementary online curricular material which will support robust distance learning experiences and allow us to pivot quickly into this online model as situations dictate. These programs support a variety of grade levels and content areas.

In addition, we have allocated grant funds to support the purchase and implementation of a

VDI solution for CTE courses. This past closure, we extended our current VoIP system to include individual extensions to teachers which also included an application on their phone which enabled them to communicate with families as the teacher worked from home.

Part II – Budget Documents

Please provide a budget narrative and submit a completed C125 workbook with the application.

Coronavirus Relief Fund - Grants to Local School Systems**Coronavirus
Relief Fund -
Technology**

Allegany	909,933
Anne Arundel	9,433,292
Baltimore City	8,387,531
Baltimore	12,649,182
Calvert	1,781,519
Caroline	629,841
Carroll	2,855,789
Cecil	1,668,853
Charles	3,040,143
Dorchester	510,856
Frederick	4,832,729
Garrett	414,890
Harford	4,277,979
Howard	6,562,633
Kent	205,915
Montgomery	18,344,404
Prince George's	14,926,887
Queen Anne's	858,432
St. Mary's	1,960,154
Somerset	307,114
Talbot	508,854
Washington	2,496,946
Wicomico	1,655,814
Worcester	734,443
<u>SEED School</u>	<u>45,867</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>100,000,000</u>

**MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
GRANT BUDGET C-1-25**

ORIGINAL GRANT BUDGET	1,668,853.00	AMENDED BUDGET #	n/a	REQUEST DATE	07/16/20
GRANT NAME	CARES Coronavirus Relief Fund: Technology	GRANT RECIPIENT NAME	Cecil County Public Schools		
MSDE GRANT #	n/a	RECIPIENT GRANT #	30321		
REVENUE SOURCE	n/a	RECIPIENT AGENCY NAME	Cecil County Public Schools		
FUND SOURCE CODE	n/a	GRANT PERIOD	3/26/2020	12/31/2020	

CATEGORY/PROGRAM	BUDGET OBJECT						BUDGET BY CAT./PROG.
	01- SALARIES & WAGES	02 - CONTRACT SERVICES	03- SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	04 - OTHER CHARGES	05 - EQUIPMENT	08 - TRANSFERS	
201 Administration							
Prog. 21 General Support							0.00
Prog. 22 Business Support						62,031.00	62,031.00
Prog. 23 Centralized Support							0.00
202 Mid-Level Administration							
Prog. 15 Office of the Principal		11,781.00					11,781.00
Prog. 16 Inst. Admin. & Supv.							0.00
203-205 Instruction Categories							
Prog. 01 Regular Prog.		349,433.00	998,578.00				1,348,011.00
Prog. 02 Special Prog.							0.00
Prog. 03 Career & Tech Prog.		241,630.00					241,630.00
Prog. 04 Gifted & Talented Prog.							0.00
Prog. 07 Non Public Transfers							0.00
Prog. 08 School Library Media							0.00
Prog. 09 Instruction Staff Dev.		5,400.00					5,400.00
Prog. 10 Guidance Services							0.00
Prog. 11 Psychological Services							0.00
Prog. 12 Adult Education							0.00
206 Special Education							
Prog. 04 Public Sch Instr. Prog.							0.00
Prog. 09 Instruction Staff Dev.							0.00
Prog. 15 Office of the Principal							0.00
Prog. 16 Inst. Admin & Superv.							0.00
207 Student Personnel Serv.							0.00
208 Student Health Services							0.00
209 Student Transportation							0.00
210 Plant Operation							
Prog. 30 Warehousing & Distr.							0.00
Prog. 31 Operating Services							0.00
211 Plant Maintenance							0.00
212 Fixed Charges							0.00
213 Food Services							0.00
214 Community Services							0.00
215 Capital Outlay							
Prog. 34 Land & Improvements							0.00
Prog. 35 Buildings & Additions							0.00
Prog. 36 Remodeling							0.00
Total Expenditures By Object	0.00	608,244.00	998,578.00	0.00	0.00	62,031.00	1,668,853.00

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