



Overview of Early Childhood American Rescue Plan Act Funding

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MDH Early Childhood Federal Funding

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American Rescue Plan of 2021 – MDH Early Childhood

- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**
 - COVID supplement, cash-value vouchers
- **Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)**
 - Supports efforts to improve the health and developmental outcomes for at-risk children through evidenced-based home visiting programs.



Federal Funding for Education

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Minnesota Federal Funding for Education

	CARES Act March 2020	CRRSA Act December 2020	ARP Act March 2021	TOTAL
K-12	\$556,100,145	\$588,036,257	\$1,320,645,901	
Governor's	\$38,127,249	\$61,390,849	NA	
TOTAL	\$594,227,394	\$649,427,106	\$1,320,645,901	\$2,564,300,401

Minnesota CARES Act Priorities

GEER

The Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

Minnesota: **\$38.1 million**

Technology Access

- Hotspots/broadband
- Devices for students

Summer School Programming

- Increase staffing
- Transportation

0-8 Year Old Wraparound Services

- Grants, focused on underserved communities

ESSER

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

Minnesota: **\$140.1 million**

90% formula to districts*

- Keep students healthy and connected to learning
- Other local needs

9.5% state-directed grants to districts

- Supplementing GEER priorities
- Mental health supports
- Historically underserved populations

Head Start and Early Head Start

Minnesota's Allocation: \$10,390,096

Purpose: Federal funds were made available through The Office of Head Start for one-time supplemental funding awarded to existing Head Start grantees. Head Start grantees can use these funds to operate supplemental summer programs and/or repurpose funds for other one-time activities related to COVID-19.

Status:

\$10,390,096 was awarded to 45 HeadStart entities across the state.

Minnesota CRRSA Act Priorities

GEER II The Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund **ESSER II** The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

Minnesota: **\$649.4 million**

ESSER II: 90% formula to districts*

- \$529,232,631 for LEAs that receive Title I

GEER II: Non-public Schools*

- \$41.7M for non-public schools

Other Items

- \$2.4M for additional FRP applications
- \$1M for service cooperatives for staffing and subgrants for summer programming

Expand In-Person Summer Programming

- \$57.5M for increased staffing, transportation, enrichment, PPE

School-Age Care and Youth Programming

- \$6.473M school-age care staffing/admin
- \$6.473M Early Learning Scholarships
- \$3M before/after school wrap-around services

Non-Title I Schools

- \$1.5M for schools not eligible for ESSER 90%

American Rescue Plan

- Minnesota will receive \$1.32 billion in ESSER funds
 - 90% allocation of \$1.2 billion (of which at least 20% must be used for learning loss)
 - 5% must be used for interventions to address learning loss
 - 1% must be used for summer enrichment programs
 - 1% must be used for comprehensive after school programs
 - 2.5% for other state activities (flexible use)
 - 0.5% for grant administration
- Special education allocation - \$49.7 million
- Library Services and Technology Act grants - \$3.2 million
- Head Start - \$11.755 million

Early Education Needs

- Ongoing COVID mitigation – cleaning supplies, PPE, transportation, etc.
- Technology needs – equipment and connectivity
- Space needs – remodel existing, create new (including outdoor), licensing
- Workforce needs – shortages and support for staff
- Enrollment loss
- Ability to hold fees steady for families
- Culturally appropriate meals for distance learning families

Thank you!



Child Care Summary for American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Overview

- The American Rescue Plan Act is a \$1.9 trillion federal emergency legislative package that provides the resources needed to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and spur a strong economic recovery.
- Provides \$39 billion for child care relief
- Addresses the needs of the child care sector, so that it can be poised to support the nation's economic recovery

American Rescue Plan Act Child Care Fund Types

Fund Type	MN \$ Amount	Description
Mandatory Child Care Development Funds	\$ 9.2 M *over 2 years	Represents an overall increase in CCDF funds
Supplemental Discretionary Child Care Development Funding	\$ 203 M	Allowable uses are broad, including those allowed in the Child Care Development Block Grant, known as CCDBG
Child Care Stabilization Grant Funding	\$ 325 M	To provide stabilization grants to child care providers

American Rescue Plan Act Timeline

Fund Type	Deadlines
Mandatory Child Care Development Funds	Appropriates additional funds for each fiscal year. Obligated by September 30 of the following year. *Modifies state match requirements for FY 2021 and FY 2022.
Supplemental Discretionary Child Care Development Funding	Obligated by September 30, 2023 Liquidated by September 30, 2024
Child Care Stabilization Grant Funding	Obligated by September 30, 2022 Liquidated by September 30, 2023

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA)

DHS is issuing \$135M to support child care providers and families they service through five efforts with the CRRSA child care funds:

Initiative	Notes
Basic Sliding Fee	Infuse \$s for 2021, 2022 & 2023 to address waiting lists
Family support initiatives	Address emerging needs (next 6-12 months)
Public Health Support Funds	Continue for January – May 2021
Provider sustainability, reopen and start up assistance	Provide consultation, business supports, grants and loans
Family, Friend and Neighbor caregiver support	Continue efforts that have started to assist this caregiver community