



# Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund – Education Equity Grant

Technical Assistance Webinar

August 17, 2020 at 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

August 20, 2020 at 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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# Agenda



WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS  
– 10 MIN.



GRANT REQUIREMENTS AND  
STRUCTURE – 35 MIN.



QUESTION AND ANSWER –  
15 MIN.

# Welcome/Introductions

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MDE Staff



On the line – Chat Bomb

## Purpose

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Shared understanding of how the ESSER – Formula, ESSER – Education Equity Grant and other available dollars can be used to support district’s response to Covid-19 in the 2020-21 school year.

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Provide clear guidance on how to apply for the **COMPETITIVE** ESSER – Education Equity Grant application in MEGS+ before the deadline date of **September 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST**



# Grant Overview



Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) – Education Equity Fund Program



9.5% of ESSER Funding



Primary Focus

Digital Divide  
Mental Health Services &  
Supports



Total Funds Available - \$37,030,554

COVID 19  
Response  
Funding

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ESSER – Formula

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ESSER – Education Equity

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GEER

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Coronavirus Relief Funds

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Other - ?



## Eligible Applicants

- Local Education Agencies (LEA) – School Districts
- Public School Academies (PSA)
- Priority is given to [district](#) that:
  - Have over 85% economically disadvantaged student population
  - Have at least one school in the district that has over 85% economically disadvantaged student population
  - Has over 20% students with disabilities
  - Has over 10% English learners

Grant  
Requirements  
– MEGS+  
Application

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Acceptance of ESSER – Education Equity

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Certify Assurance and Certification

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Education Equity Needs – Description

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Community Partners

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Anticipated Impact/Outcomes

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Statement of Equitable Access

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Non-public/Private Schools

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Budget



# Certify Assurance and Certification



Standard Federal and State Grant  
Assurances



Must be clicked on, reviewed, and time  
stamped



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Important Information

# Acceptance/Refusal of ESSER – Education Equity

Certifies the district will:

- comply with all assurance and certifications
- comply with all reporting requirements
- Cooperate with examination of records

If the district selects refuse, they will be eliminated from the review process.

# Education Equity Needs – Description

3500 character to describe how the LEA/PSA will determine/or did determine its most important education equity need as a result of COVID-19.

Need Statement must be specific to:

- Closing the digital divide
- Supporting mental health for both student and staff
- Both

Needs statement should include:

- Focus area
- Data and comparative statistics
- Connect to qualitative data
- Highlight the gap

# Community Partners & Anticipated Impact/Outcomes

## Partners:

- 250 characters
- Be clear that the partnership supports the identified need

## Anticipated Impact/Outcome(s):

- “Anticipated”
- One impact/outcome must be addressed, but could be more



# Equitable Access, Services, and Education

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Equitable Access = access to and participation in federally funded programs for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries (parents/families) with special needs, including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age.

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Equitable Service = relates to ensuring equitable services for private school children, teachers, and other educational personnel. The MDE has guidelines for public school districts and private schools to ensure that equitable service resources are proportionately shared and implemented under the federal statute.

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Equitable Education = When educational policies, practices, interactions, & resources are representative of, constructed by, and responsive to all people so that each individual has access to, meaningfully participates in, and has positive outcomes from high-quality learning experiences, regardless of individual characteristics and group memberships. (Fraser, 2008; Great Lakes Equity Center, 2012)

## Statement of Equitable Access

- Equitable access for students
- Equitable access for teachers
- Equitable access for parents and families

- *Note: will pull forward from your 2019-20 Consolidated Application. Must still review and modify if necessary and click SAVE.*
- *If a 2019-20 Consolidated Application wasn't completed, the district must complete this section.*

# Non-Public Schools Participation



NO PRIVATE SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE DISTRICTS TITLE I PROGRAM (S)



PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITHIN DISTRICTS TITLE I PROGRAM(S), BUT NONE PARTICIPATE



PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARE PARTICIPATING IN ANY ONE OF THE PROGRAMS COVERED

# Budget



- Total Funds Available - \$37,030,554
- Apply for up to [20% of ESSER Formula Allocation](#) or if a district did not receive an ESSER Formula Allocation - \$87.34 per pupil 2019-20 state membership
- Use of Funds
  - 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
  - Providing mental health services and supports
- Expenditure Period: 3/13/2020 to 9/30/21





## Budget, Cont.

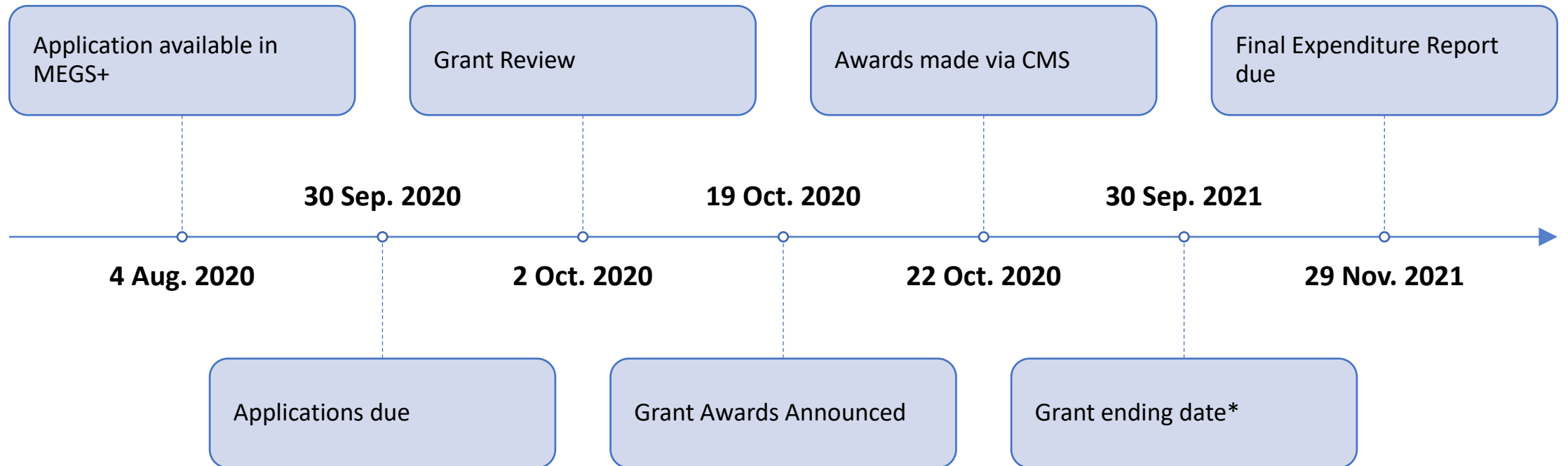
- Budget Detail
  - Select Function Code
  - Select the Use of Funds (Devices, Connectivity, and Mental Health)
  - Detail Description
  - Object Codes
  - Capital Outlay – allowable; use the link
- Budget Summary
  - Indirect Costs
  - Contact Information



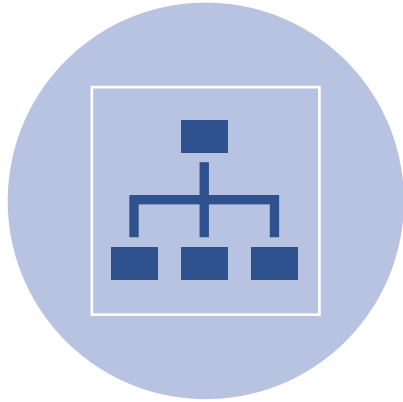
**Michigan Electronic Grant System Plus - MEGS+**  
Michigan Department of Education

# Demonstration

# Timeline



# Review Process



ADMINISTRATIVE



SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT  
REVIEW



ASSURANCE OF  
ACCURACY

# Funding and Reporting

Payment  
Schedule

Program  
Reporting

Financial  
Reporting

Accountability  
and  
Transparency

# Monitoring Visits



Onsite or Virtual Grant  
Review from State or  
Federal Auditors



Keep Evidence and  
Documentation to  
support all expenditures

# Question and Answer

# Resources

- [US Department of Education](#)
- [MDE's ESSER Grant Page](#)
  - List of 332 Priority Districts
  - All districts anticipated allocation
- MEGS+ Important Information
- MDE Staff
  - General Support - [MDE-CARES@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-CARES@michigan.gov) – Put ESSER – Education Equity in the Subject Line
  - Allocation Questions – Shoua Vang, Financial Manager; [Vangs1@michigan.gov](mailto:Vangs1@michigan.gov)
  - State Aid Questions – Phil Boone, State Aid Office; [Boonep2@michigan.gov](mailto:Boonep2@michigan.gov)
  - MEGS+ Application or Access to Subject Matter Experts; Amanda Stoel, Department Specialist; [stoela@Michigan.gov](mailto:stoela@Michigan.gov)