

HELP YOUR K-12 CUSTOMERS PUT FEDERAL MONEY TO WORK

Help your schools improve HVAC efficiency and indoor air quality so students can return.

We all want to see schools reopen – yet we know it must be done safely. For schools and school boards, figuring out how can feel daunting.

Fortunately, help is available. Beyond the CARES Act, the federal government has approved nearly \$177 billion in relief funds to improve and maintain air quality in K-12 schools. And we're here to help you decipher the process, understand how to help schools leverage the funds and determine which improvements qualify.

FEDERAL RELIEF FOR SCHOOLS

In 2020, Congress passed two stimulus bills – the CARES Act and CRRSA Act. In 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.* These bills provide education relief, including funds to safely reopen schools.

The funds for K-12 schools are known as “Elementary and Secondary Emergency Education Relief” fund or ESSER.

HOW FUNDS CAN BE USED

ESSER has spending deadlines in 2022 and 2023, so the agencies involved are ready and motivated to help schools reopen. These funds can be used for school repairs and improvements such as air conditioning, heating, and ventilation projects that improve indoor air quality.

Help your customers get the support they need with projects that meet or exceed evidence-based standards such as ASHRAE guidelines. We're on hand to help you identify opportunities and determine which will provide the most value.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

- Ventilation upgrades
- UV-surface cleaning technology
- Air-cleaning technology
- Healthy Buildings packages to improve both safety and energy efficiency

*See chart on back page for an explanation of the federal program acronyms

HOW TO APPLY FOR RELIEF FUNDS

The US Department of Education uses a proportional formula to provide grants to State Education Agencies (SEAs). State agencies then award grants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs), which includes K-12 public school districts as well as charter schools that qualify as "LEAs."

1. States must award grants within one year or return them for reallocation.
2. Local Education Authorities (LEAs) should apply now via their state's Department of Education website.
3. Grants are then obligated through contracts for qualifying projects.

DECODE THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS, FUNDS AND AGENCIES

Don't worry if all the acronyms feel like alphabet soup. We're keeping close track of the funds and their status so we can advise you and your clients throughout the process.

The Acts	The Funds	The Agencies
<p>The CARES Act Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over \$30 billion toward Education Stabilization Fund (ESF)• Passed March 27, 2020• Spending deadline: Sept. 30, 2022	<p>The ESF Education Stabilization Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The overall relief package created by CARES, CRRSA and ARP• Also includes other funds such as HEERF (for higher-ed) and GEER (for governors)	<p>SEAs State Education Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEAs receive grants from the ESSER fund to award to LEAs in their state
<p>The CRRSA Act Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over \$80 billion toward the ESF• Passed Dec. 27, 2020• Spending deadline: Sept. 30, 2023	<p>The ESSER Fund of the ESF Elementary and Secondary Emergency Education Relief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The portion of the ESF that specifically supports K-12 districts• "ESSER II" is the part of the fund from CRRSA and "ESSER III" is the most recent addition to the fund from the ARP Act.	<p>LEAs Local Education Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEAs apply to SEAs for grants• Grants are then obligated through contracts
<p>The ARP Act The American Rescue Plan Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$122.7 billion towards the ESF• Passed March 11, 2021• Spending deadling: Sept. 30, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over \$190 billion of the ESF is allocated to ESSER, ESSER II and ESSER III	

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Contact your Honeywell representative today to schedule a free audit of your clients' schools and facilities.

We'll help you identify the best opportunities for improvements and funding based on the school's specific needs and challenges.

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Sources

1. [ESSERII Factsheet](#)
2. [NCSL Covid-19 Economic Relief Bill Overview](#)
3. [White House Executive Order on Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools and Early Childhood Education Providers](#)
4. [Congress.gov](#)

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