

SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Funding Sources Related to COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

May 2020

STATE GRANTS

Will there be state funding for school districts to mitigate expenses due to COVID-19?

Yes. Senate Bill 117 COVID-19 Local Education Agency (LEA) Response Funds will be allocated to each county office of education, school district, and charter school on the basis of average daily attendance (ADA), as certified in the 2019-20 First Principal Apportionment (P-1).

This funding is to be used for costs associated with maintaining nutrition services, cleaning and disinfecting facilities, personal protective equipment, and materials necessary to provide students with opportunities for distance learning. The priority for these funds is the health and safety needs for LEA, including for student meal access, during COVID-19 closure periods.

What funding amount will the Solana Beach School District (SBSD) receive from Senate Bill 117 COVID-19 LEA Response Funds?

SBSD will receive \$50,238.00 based on 2019-20 P-1 ADA.

FEDERAL GRANTS

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Will school districts be able to apply for FEMA Funding Category B (California COVID-19 EM-3428) due to COVID-19?

Yes. If a school district has incurred, is incurring, or may incur costs responding to the federally declared emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, it may be eligible for federal reimbursement. To be eligible for reimbursement, a district must have submitted a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) no later than close of business on Friday, April 17, 2020. Assistance for emergency protective measures includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Disinfection of eligible public facilities
- Training specific to the declared event
- Emergency Operation Center costs

- Personnel overtime costs; however, reimbursement cannot be claimed for the time an employee is otherwise paid to work under normal conditions (i.e. 40 hours per week)

The [FEMA Eligibility Fact Sheet](#) provides details of eligible assistance.

Has the Solana Beach School District applied for FEMA funding due to COVID-19?

Yes, SBSB submitted a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) on April 14, 2020.

Did Solana Beach School District receive approval of its application?

Yes, SBSB received approval on May 21, 2020.

Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding

Will school districts receive additional relief from the CARES Act bill?

Yes, there are two parts to the CARES Act.

1. ***Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief Fund:*** \$13.5 billion in formula funding will be provided directly to states.

Funding is provided to help schools respond to coronavirus and related school closures, meet the immediate needs of students and teachers, improve the use of education technology to support distance learning, and make up for lost learning time. The State Board of Education must allocate at least 90% to LEAs as subgrants in the proportion that the LEAs receive Title I funds.

Use of Funds:

- i. Coordinate preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies with relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.
- ii. Provide principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.
- iii. Address the needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth.
- iv. Purchase educational technology (hardware, software, and connectivity) for students, including low-income students and

students with disabilities.

v. Provide mental health services and supports.

vi. Plan and implement activities related to summer learning and supplemental after school programs, including online instruction.

vii. Maintain the continuity of services in LEAs and continue to employ existing staff.

2. ***Governors Emergency Relief Fund:*** \$3 billion nationally

Allocation to states will be determined on:

- 60% on the basis of the state's relative population of school-aged individuals (ages 5-24), and
- 40% on the basis of its relative children counted under Section 1124C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Intent of funding is to provide emergency support to education agencies most impacted and to provide educational services and support ongoing functionality.

What is the CARES Act funding amount for Solana Beach School District?

SBSD received notification on May 8, 2020, of CARES act funding. SBSD will receive approximately \$140,670. Part of this funding will be designated for Private Schools within SBSD's attendance boundaries that participate in Title I, II, and IV funding. The participation rate has yet to be determined for private schools.

COSTS RELATED TO COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE IN THE SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

What costs have SBSD incurred due to COVID-19 School Closure?

As of May 2020, SBSD has incurred \$98,565.41 in expenses for products, supplies and technology.