

## ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

- Montana allocation:
  - Total funds: \$41,295,230
  - 90% to LEAs \$37,165,707
  - 10% SEA discretionary: \$ 4,129,523
  - 0.5% SEA administration: \$ 206,476
- Timing
  - State must file application by July 1
  - Expect 3 day approval turnaround by USED
  - State must award all funds within 1 year
  - Recipients have until September, 2022 to expend funds
- SEA certifications
  - MOE – Must expend average of last 3 years for both K-12 and Higher Education (Waiver possible)
  - LEAs will expend funds on allowable costs
  - LEAs must provide equitable services (non-cash) to private schools
  - SEA and LEAs must continue to compensate employees and contractors to the greatest extent possible
  - SEA must provide technical assistance to LEAs
  - SEA must submit quarterly reports
  - SEA must provide a detailed budget for the 10% reserve
- Application specifics
  - Information the SEA will include on the LEA grant application such as most important needs, timeline, use for remote learning, how the LEA will address learning gaps resulting from the COVID-19 disruption
  - Details on uses of the 10% reserve for technological capacity and access to support remote learning and new informational and academic resources to expand awareness of remote learning best practices
- Other Assurances
  - Standard federal grant assurances regarding a variety of restrictions
  - Funds cannot be used to lobby