State and Local Governments Can Use Federal Funding for Education Data

State and local governments need data to meet new demands and respond nimbly to complex challenges related to education and economic recovery. In some cases, leaders will have to make large investments to modernize outdated data systems. In others, leaders will need moderate investments to address more immediate needs, including making data collection adjustments to respond to new data requirements from the federal government, inform learning recovery, and provide support to districts and schools. Fortunately, federal funding streams can be used to support state data systems or related data activities—and state and local leaders should take advantage of these funds to make improvements.

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*Contingent on future guidance from the US Department of the Treasury.

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US Department of the Treasury
Federal Funding for Education Data

State leaders can use various federal funding streams to support state data systems or related data activities. These federal funding streams are flexible, specify data as an allowable activity, or are allocated specifically for data.

In the pages that follow, we’ve identified the amount of funding most likely to be used for these purposes where possible. Otherwise, the total appropriation figure is included. For grants that have funds that can be used flexibly or include data as an allowable activity, the choice to prioritize state data systems or related activities using these funding streams is at the grantee’s discretion. These figures represent primarily state-level funding; additional funds flow to local entities that in many cases could be used for local data activities.
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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Programs

ESSA programs that can be used to support state data systems or related data activities include:

- Title I, Part A;
- Title I, Part B, State Assessment Grants;
- Title II, Part A; and
- Title IV, Part A.

$665 million
# ESSA Title I, Part A

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## What are these funds?
Title I’s purpose is to ensure that all students have “fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.”

## How can they be used to support data?
Title I, Part A requires states to collect and report a number of data points, including administration of assessments and related accountability systems. States may use funds to report data, target supports, and monitor and evaluate LEAs.

## Who gets them?
- State education agencies (SEAs)
- Local education agencies (LEAs)

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Find Out More: ESSA Sec. 1003(b)(2)(B)
# ESSA Title I, Part B, State Assessment Grants

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**What are these funds?**  
Title I, Part B provides funding for states to administer the statewide assessments required by the law.

**How can they be used to support data?**  
This funding can be used to design state report cards and examine the supports needed to effectively use assessment data.

**Who gets them?**  
- SEAs
- LEAs

Find Out More  
ESSA Sec. 1201(a)(2)(H), Sec. 1201(a)(2)(K), Sec. 1201(a)(2)(M)

*Note: Funds represent the total appropriation figure.*
ESSA Title II, Part A

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**What are these funds?**
Title II, Part A supports the preparation, training, and recruitment of high-quality teachers, principals, or other school leaders.

**How can they be used to support data?**
Funds can be used for professional development related to data, including data use and privacy capacity building, equipping school leaders and other professionals to use achievement data to inform professional evaluations, and more.

**Who gets them?**
- SEAs
- LEAs

Find Out More: ESSA Sec. 2101(c)(4)(B)(ii), Sec. 2101(c)(4)(B)(xx), Sec. 2101(c)(4)(B)(xxi)
# ESSA Title IV, Part A

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### What are these funds?

Title IV, Part A (the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant program) supports student access to a “well-rounded” education; technology acquisition; and a wide range of activities, including professional development focused on data use.

### How can they be used to support data?

State funding can be used to monitor and provide technical assistance to school districts, to increase school leaders’ capacity to use data to improve and personalize instruction, and to share best practices regarding data security and use.

### Find Out More

ESSA Sec. 4104(b)(1), Sec. 4104(b)(3)(C)(i)(III), Sec. 4104(b)(3)(C)(iv)

### Who gets them?

- SEAs
- LEAs
### Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Programs, Part B

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**What are these funds?**

IDEA, Part B provides formula funding to states and school districts to ensure that students with disabilities age 3–21 have access to a free and appropriate public education.

**How can they be used to support data?**

Funds reserved by the secretary of education can be used to provide technical assistance to states to improve state capacity to collect data related to IDEA reporting requirements.

**Who gets them?**

- SEAs

Find Out More: IDEA Sec. 616(i)(2)
Perkins V programs that can be used to support state data systems or related data activities include:

- State Leadership Funding; and
- State Administration.
Perkins V State Leadership Funding

What are these funds? Perkins V state formula grants are intended to support state efforts to improve career and technical education (CTE) programs and overall system quality.

How can they be used to support data? A portion of all Perkins V state leadership funds must be used to support states’ ability to report on learner performance within the law’s performance accountability system. An allowable use of funds includes “enhancing data systems to collect and analyze data on secondary and postsecondary academic and employment outcomes.” These funds may also be used to improve data systems and related collection efforts on skills assessments.

Who gets them?
- SEAs
- Workforce agencies
- CTE agencies
- Postsecondary entities

Find Out More Perkins V Sec. 124(a)(2), Sec. 124(b)(8)(A), Sec. 124(b)(22)
## Perkins V State Administration

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### What are these funds?
Perkins V state formula grants are intended to support state efforts to improve CTE programs and overall system quality.

### How can they be used to support data?
Funds can be used to support and develop state data systems relevant to implementing Perkins V.

### Who gets them?
- SEAs
- Workforce agencies
- CTE agencies
- Postsecondary entities

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Find Out More
Perkins V Sec. 112(a)(3)(F)
# Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program

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## $34 million

### What are these funds?
The SLDS Grant Program provides funding for states to design, modernize, and implement state data systems.

### How can they be used to support data?
These funds are specifically for state data systems.

### Who gets them?
- SEAs

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Find Out More: Education Sciences Reform Act, Title II Sec. 208
**Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund I–III**

ESSER programs that can be used to support state data systems or related data activities include:

- ESSER I;
- ESSER II; and
- ESSER III.

$9 billion
## ESSER I

### What are these funds?
States may use this flexible funding for “emergency needs as determined by the [SEA] to address issues responding to coronavirus.” District-level funding is also quite flexible, including the use of funds for any authorized activity under IDEA; the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA); Perkins CTE; certain sections of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; The Native Hawaiian Education Act; the Alaska Native Educational Equity, Support, and Assistance Act; and the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA).

### How can they be used to support data?
Both SEA and LEA uses of funds may include investments in data systems, data-oriented professional development, and other data use activities.

### Who gets them?
- SEAs

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Find Out More
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Sec. 18003(d)(1), Sec. 18003(e); US Department of Education [guidance](http://dataqualitycampaign.org)
**ESSER II**

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**What are these funds?**
States may use this flexible funding for “emergency needs as determined by the [SEA] to address issues responding to coronavirus, including measuring and addressing learning loss.” District-level funding is also quite flexible, including the use of funds for any authorized activity under IDEA; ESEA; Perkins CTE; certain sections of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; The Native Hawaiian Education Act; the Alaska Native Educational Equity, Support, and Assistance Act; and AEFLA.

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**Who gets them?**
- SEAs

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Find Out More
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Division M—Sec. 313(e), Sec. 313(d)(1); US Department of Education [guidance](#)
What are these funds?
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How can they be used to support data?
Both SEA and LEA uses of funds may include investments in data systems, data-oriented professional development, and other data use activities.

Find Out More
American Rescue Plan Title II, Subtitle A, Part 1, Sec. 2001; US Department of Education guidance
Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund I–II

GEER programs that can be used to support state data systems or related data activities include:

- GEER I; and
- GEER II.
GEER I

**What are these funds?**
GEER I funds are intended to target the early childhood, K–12, and higher education institutions most affected by the pandemic to support their ability to serve their students and support their “on-going functionality.” Funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

**How can they be used to support data?**
At the discretion of governors, these flexible funds may be used for data systems and related activities deemed essential as part of the state’s pandemic response.

**Who gets them?**
- Governors’ offices

Find Out More
- CARES Act Sec. 18002(c)(3); US Department of Education [guidance](dataqualitycampaign.org)
**GEER II**

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**What are these funds?**

GEER II funds are intended to target the early childhood, K–12, and higher education institutions most affected by the pandemic to support their ability to serve their students and support their “on-going functionality.” Funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

**How can they be used to support data?**

At the discretion of governors, these flexible funds may be used for data systems and related activities deemed essential as part of the state’s pandemic response.

**Who gets them?**

- Governors’ offices

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Find Out More: CRRSA Act Division M—Sec. 312(c)(3); US Department of Education guidance [guidance](#)
US Department of Labor
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Programs

WIOA programs that can be used to support state data systems or related data activities include:

- Title I, Statewide Activities; and
- Title II, AEFLA.
# WIOA Title I, Statewide Activities (Youth + Adult/Dislocated Worker)

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$427$ million

Find Out More

WIOA Sec. 129(b)(1)(A), Sec. 129(b)(1)(D), Sec. 134(a)(2)(B)(i)(I), Sec. 134(a)(2)(B)(iii), Sec. 134(a)(2)(B)(vi), Sec. 134(a)(3)(A)(xiv)
# WIOA Title II, AEFLA

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**What are these funds?**

Title II of WIOA provides formula grants to states and local service providers to offer adult education, literacy, and integrated skills development programs to promote skills improvements and credential attainment among participants.

**How can they be used to support data?**

A portion of AEFLA state leadership funds must be used to monitor and evaluate the quality of adult education and literacy programs. These funds may also be used for other statewide activities needed to implement AEFLA at the discretion of the state.

**Who gets them?**

- SEAs
- Postsecondary coordinating entities
- State departments of labor
- State workforce entities

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Find Out More

WIOA Sec. 223(a)(1)(D), Sec. 223(a)(2)(M)
# Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI)

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## What are these funds?
WDQI grants are intended to support linkages between education and workforce data systems and to help develop, enhance, or modernize existing statewide longitudinal data systems.

## How can they be used to support data?
These funds are specifically for state data systems.

## Who gets them?
- State departments of labor
- Workforce agencies/boards

Find Out More: WIOA Sec. 169
US Department of Health and Human Services
## Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act

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### What are these funds?

The CCDBG Act provides formula grants to states to help families with low and moderate incomes access child care services for children 12 years old or younger.

### How can they be used to support data?

Funds can be used for professional development and training to empower the child care workforce to use data for continuous improvement. Funds can also be used for program evaluation and outcomes measurement, including kindergarten readiness.

### Who gets them?

- State “lead agencies”

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Find Out More:

CCDBG Act Sec. 658G(b)(1)(B), Sec. 658G(b)(3), Sec. 658G(b)(7), Sec. 658G(b)(10)
US Department of the Treasury
## Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

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### $10 billion

**What are these funds?**

The American Rescue Plan provides funding dedicated specifically to carrying out “critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring.”

**How can they be used to support data?**

Contingent on future guidance from the US Department of the Treasury, states could choose to prioritize investments in state data systems that enable education using these funds.

**Find Out More**

American Rescue Plan Title IX, Part 8, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901

**Who gets them?**

- State and local governments
### Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds

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$350 billion

### What are these funds?

The American Rescue Plan provides funding to eligible state, local, and tribal governments to bolster their responses to the pandemic and its related economic impacts. Eligible recipients have broad flexibility in deciding how best to make use of these resources to meet the needs of their communities.

### How can they be used to support data?

These funds are **intended**, at least in part, for direct response to the economic and financial harms caused or made worse by the pandemic. Recent [guidance](#) from the Treasury Department provides a number of suggested uses of funds, including investments in data and technology infrastructure related to health care. Significantly, the guidance also states that “[r]ecipients may also use this funding to build their internal capacity to successfully implement economic relief programs, with investments in data analysis, targeted outreach, technology infrastructure, and impact evaluations.”

### Who gets them?

- States, counties, and cities
- Tribal governments
- Territories
- Local governments

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Find Out More

American Rescue Plan Title IX, Part 8, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901; US Department of the Treasury, Interim Final Rule, 31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77