



Finding Funding for Distance Learning

FEDERAL FUNDS	
Title I	Schoolwide Title I programs can implement activities that upgrade the entire educational program of the school, including distance learning. The CARES Act includes a waiver making it easier to change Targeted Assistance programs to Schoolwide by waiving the requirement of 40%+ low-income children to operate a Schoolwide Program.
Title I 1003a	1003a funds can be used for evidence-based interventions that will help a school identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement have improved student outcomes.
Title II	100% of Title II funds can be transferred into Title IV. Then they can be used for education technology.
Title III	Title III can fund education technology for English Learners.
Title IV	The CARES Act includes a waiver for spending limits on Title IV funds, removing the 15% cap on education technology spending and the requirement to spend a minimum of 20% on well-rounded education and 20% on safe and healthy students. The Title IV Education Technology category includes personalized learning, hardware, digital learning resources, and professional development related to technology.
Comprehensive Literacy Development Grant	Thirteen States are distributing literacy grants for birth through grade 12 in 2020: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, and Rhode Island. Requirements vary by State, but this could be a way to fund evidence-based literacy programs via distance learning.
21st Century Community Learning Center Grant	Awardees of this competitive grant provide before-or-afterschool programs for K12 children attending low-performing schools. In Summer 2020, they will need to provide online learning if school campuses are still closed.

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CARES ACT FUNDING	
Education Stabilization Funds	<p>This stimulus funding will be distributed to Districts based on their Title I allocation. Funds can be utilized for a broad variety of activities, but here is what's allowed for education technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures including how to provide technology for virtual instruction for all students. • Activities to address the unique needs of at-risk students including low-income, English Learners, racial and ethnic minorities, and students with disabilities which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment. • Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) that aids in regular and substantive education interactions between students and their classroom instructors. • Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months.
Emergency Education Relief to Governors	<p>Governors will grant these funds to K12 districts and colleges to those deemed to have been most significantly impacted by coronavirus. This can fund educational services, either directly or through third-party entities, and support the on-going functionality of the district.</p>
Rural Development Program	<p>This funding is under the Department of Agriculture and can be used for telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas.</p>

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