

5 Things You Need to Know

ABOUT STIMULUS FUNDING IN 2021

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has established many venues for educational and government institutions to gain aid critical to helping them serve their communities.

And **now** is the time to act and use your funding well before it expires at the end of the year, so you can find ways to improve your operations for years to come.

So, what are the top things you need to know about funding for this year?

1. What funding is available

\$82 billion

in support for education through the **Education Stabilization Fund** signed into law in December 2020, which includes:



\$150 billion

in **Coronavirus Relief Fund**, providing funds for state, local and tribal governments

Unspent Coronavirus Relief Fund Money

Eligible expenses must meet the following conditions:



Incurred due to COVID-19



Unbudgeted as of March 27, 2020



Incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021

2. What you can use funds for in operations management



For Education

- Software for services purchased for **warm, safe, and dry projects**. (e.g., Indoor Air Quality)
- Technology that facilitates social distancing and **business continuity**
- Buying **educational technology** that aids in interaction between students and teachers
- Purchasing **supplies to clean** and sanitize
- Designing and implementing procedures and **systems to improve preparedness** and response efforts



For Government

- Software to help in response to COVID-19
- Technology that helps employees **work remotely**
- Technology that facilitates **social distancing** and business continuity, such as:
 - Online permitting software
 - Mobile and online citizen request and work order management technology
 - Parks and recreation management software that enables contactless payment, online membership management, and online facility reservations and scheduling
 - Secure online payment gateway software

3. How you can apply for funds



For Education

Work with your school leadership and district stakeholders to better understand what funds have been allocated.

Find the best source of information by visiting:

[U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION](https://www.ed.gov)

[YOUR STATE D.O.E](#)



For Government

Identify the local source for CARES funding and request information regarding availability of funds, as well as the application process and timelines.

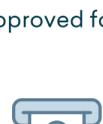
Here is a [list of eligible units](#) in local government and [updates by state](#)

4. How to get approved for funding

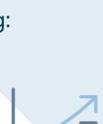
A few tips to get approved for software funding:



Be clear on how the software will help you better serve students, employees and/or citizens



Be specific on how you intend to use the funding



Show how you can trace and report on the effect of funds

Use our justification letter templates to help support your case for **maintenance management software**, **community development software** or **strategic asset management software**

[CMMS](#)

[Community development](#)

[Strategic asset management](#)

Work together between your state, district and school leaders to find the best uses for funds and use data to show where you have gaps or where you could see improvements

5. How Dude Solutions can help

Our cloud-based operations management software can be covered by your stimulus funding to help you promote better practices for:



[Cleaning and safety protocols](#)



[Maintenance and asset management](#)



[Citizen engagement and community development](#)

Reach out to learn how you can use stimulus funding to **own your operations**

SOURCES

- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments>
- <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html>
- <https://www.future-ed.org/what-congressional-covid-funding-means-for-k-12-schools/>