

# FEDERAL RELIEF INVESTMENTS IN K-12 EDUCATION – LITERACY INITIATIVES



## Introduction

As of May 2021, the Hunt Institute has identified eight states using federal relief funds for literacy programs and activities. The most common use of funds is for training of educators in literacy instruction, both directly and indirectly (coaching programs). States are also investing in literacy screening or assessment tools, and in programs that target learning loss specific to reading.

## States Investing Federal Relief Dollars in Literacy

Delaware	
Funding Source, Amount (if specified)	Use
<a href="#">GEER</a>	Additional funds for the dual-generation family literacy program in the City of Wilmington to support learning outside of the traditional classroom for the state’s highest need students.

Florida	
Funding Source, Amount (if specified)	Use
<a href="#">GEER</a> , \$64 million	Grants to LEAs for early recovery efforts in summer and early fall 2020, to target students who have been disconnected or hard to reach via distance learning and Grades K-5 students identified with a substantial deficiency in reading.
<a href="#">ESSER</a> , \$5 million	Providing training and professional development for up to 2,000 reading coaches in scientifically-based reading instructional strategies, grounded in the science of reading and resulting in coaching certification.
ESSER, \$5 million	Providing professional development on evidence-informed reading instruction for teachers delivering reading instruction at all grade levels with these teachers attaining a reading endorsement.
ESSER, \$20 million	Offering grants to LEAs to assist in the identification and adoption of curriculum and supplemental instructional materials to drive teaching and learning in reading for grades K-3. The curriculum will be aligned to Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards. The curriculum must be vetted and approved by the FDOE’s Just Read, Florida! Office, have the capacity to extend beyond direct classroom instruction in the event schools close campuses again in the future, and provide options for parents/families to support learning in the home.

Massachusetts	
Funding Source, Amount (if specified)	Use
<a href="#">GEER</a> , up to \$10 million	Up to \$10 million for early literacy programs that provide extra help to students through grade three, aimed at remediating learning loss, as well as accelerating reading skills of children in high-need communities.

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North Carolina	
Funding Source, Amount (if specified)	Use
<a href="#">ESSER II</a> , \$12 million	Per legislation, two-year statewide contract for Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) teacher training in literacy instruction for PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> grade.

Oklahoma	
Funding Source, Amount (if specified)	Use
<a href="#">ESSER, GEER</a>	Incentive grants funded by ESSER and GEER funds, available to districts whose ESSER formula fund applications committed to spending at least 30 percent of those funds in at least two of five priority areas, one of which is “providing training in the science of reading for teachers in pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, with a specific focus on delivering instruction remotely.”

Tennessee	
Funding Source, Amount (if specified)	Use
<a href="#">ESSER</a> , \$6.5 million	Contracting for platform to support virtual learning for early grades literacy and provide access to online materials and instruction.
ESSER, \$3 million	Providing additional support for and expansion of Imagination Library, a successful state initiative to ensure that students in third grade have at home literacy supports and more opportunities to read grade-level texts at home.
<a href="#">GEER</a> , \$10 million	Literacy coaches to provide support for literacy practices both in person and distance. Implementation support will be provided cyclically in three-year, staggered terms for all participating schools in the state.
GEER, \$10 million	Literacy training for all K-3 teachers statewide (offered in person and virtual); the department will issue an RFP to procure a provider to develop materials and develop training in the simple view of reading; all teachers completing the training will receive instructional resources for their classrooms, as well as a stipend via subgrants awarded to districts.
GEER, \$2 million	Grants to up to 10 Education Preparation Providers (EPPs) to develop /revise EPP programs to focus on foundational literacy skills, High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM), data-based decision making, and developmentally appropriate literacy practices.

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Texas	
Funding Source, Amount (if specified)	Use
<a href="#">GEER</a>	Funding a virtual evidence-based dyslexia intervention service that includes all required state components and uses a technology platform that allows for continuity of dyslexia intervention.

Wyoming	
Funding Source, Amount (if specified)	Use
<a href="#">ESSER</a> , \$1.8 million	Contract for statewide provided K-3 literacy screening and monitoring tool. A statewide contract for LETRS training for early elementary teachers.

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