

Federal Funding Opportunities and Educator Preparation

An EdPrepLab Policy Learning Cafe



Agenda for Today

- ▷ *Introductions*
- ▷ *Overview of Federal Rescue Funds*
- ▷ *How Federal Rescue Funds Can Be Used to Support Educator Preparation*
- ▷ *State Examples*
- ▷ *Future Federal Funding Opportunities to Anticipate*
- ▷ *Q & A*
- ▷ *Small Group Discussion*
- ▷ *Discussion and Closing*

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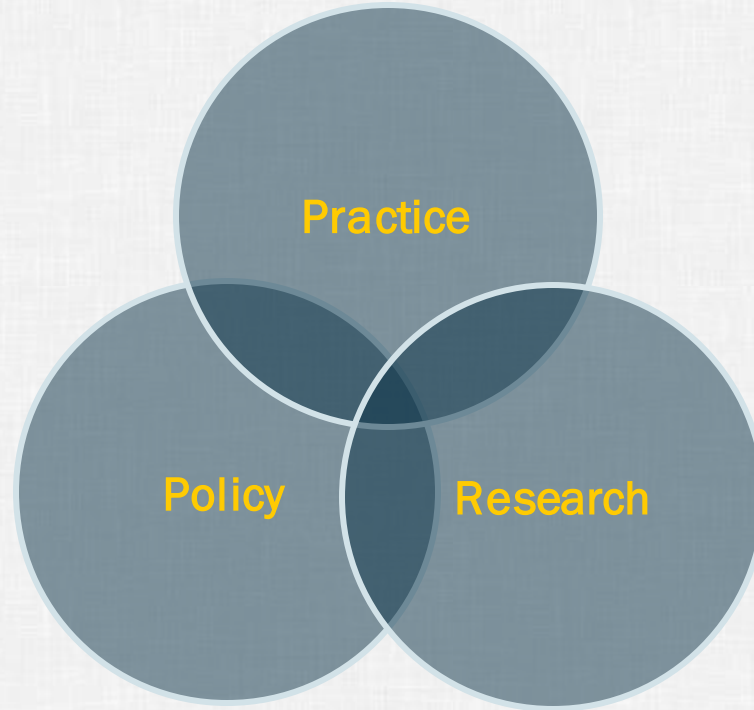


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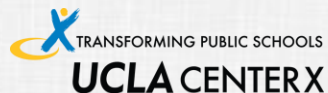
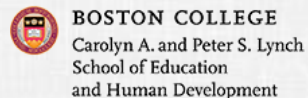
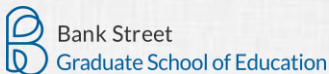
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EdPrepLab Strategic Priorities



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It Can All Get a Bit Confusing

The Programs:

- ▶ **GEER** - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund
- ▶ **ESSER** - Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

The Acts:

- ▶ **CARES** - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (March 2020)
- ▶ **CRRSAA** - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (December 2020)
- ▶ **ARPA** - The American Rescue Plan Act (March 2021)

Federal Education Relief Funding

- ▶ Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) - **\$189.5 billion**
- ▶ Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) - **\$4.3 billion** (\$3 billion in CARES & \$1.3 billion in CRRSA)
- ▶ **Other funding:**
 - **\$3 billion** - Special education
 - **\$1 billion** - Tribal educational agencies, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives education programs, and education funding for Outlying Areas
 - **\$800 million** - Students experiencing homelessness
 - **\$5.5 billion** - Non-public schools

Timeline for Spending

	Funds Must Be Obligated By:
CARES ACT	September 30, 2022
Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act	September 30, 2023
American Rescue Plan Act	September 30, 2024

Note: Guidance is anticipated on when funds need to be fully expended after they are obligated. However, the timeline for spending will likely run beyond 9/30/24.

Funding at the State and SEA Level

	GEER Fund:	ESSER SEA Fund:
CARES	\$3 billion	\$1.3 billion
CRRSAA	\$1.3 billion	\$5.4 billion
ARPA - SEA General	X*	\$3 billion
ARPA – Learning Recovery, Summer Programming, and After School Programming	N/A	\$8.5 billion
Total:	\$4.3 billion or more	Up to \$9.7 billion

How State Rescue Aid Can Be Used to Support Educator Preparation

- ▶ SEA ESSER and GEER Funds are very flexible and can be used to start or expand comprehensive preparation programs
 - *“for emergency needs as determined by the [state] to address issues responding to coronavirus” (ARPA, Sec. 2001(f)(4))*
- ▶ Examples
 - **Minnesota** GEER Funds → \$5M to [support teacher candidates and programs](#)
 - **Tennessee** SEA ESSER Funds → \$2M for [Grow Your Own Competitive Grant Program](#)
 - **Illinois** SEA ESSER Funds → \$6.5M to support [induction programs](#) for educators whose training was interrupted by COVID

Funding at the School District Level

	ESSER I-III LEA Fund:
CARES	\$13.2 billion
CRRSAA	\$48.9 billion
ARPA	\$87.8 billion
ARPA – Learning Recovery	\$21.95 billion
Total:	\$149.9 billion

LEA Rescue Aid Can Support Comprehensive Preparation

- ▶ Funds are very flexible
- ▶ Funds can be spent on any educational expense allowed under:
 - The Elementary and Secondary Education Act
 - The Perkins Career and Technical Education Act
 - The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Examples of ESEA Allowable Uses

State

- ▷ improving equitable access to effective teachers
- ▷ helping LEAs recruit and retain teachers, esp. diverse teachers
- ▷ establishing teacher residency programs
- ▷ developing induction and mentoring programs
- ▷ school improvement in the lowest-performing schools

District

- ▷ initiatives to assist in recruiting, hiring, and retaining effective teachers to improve within-district equity in the distribution of teachers

How Might Educator Preparation Support Learning Recovery?

Teacher candidates/recent graduates can:

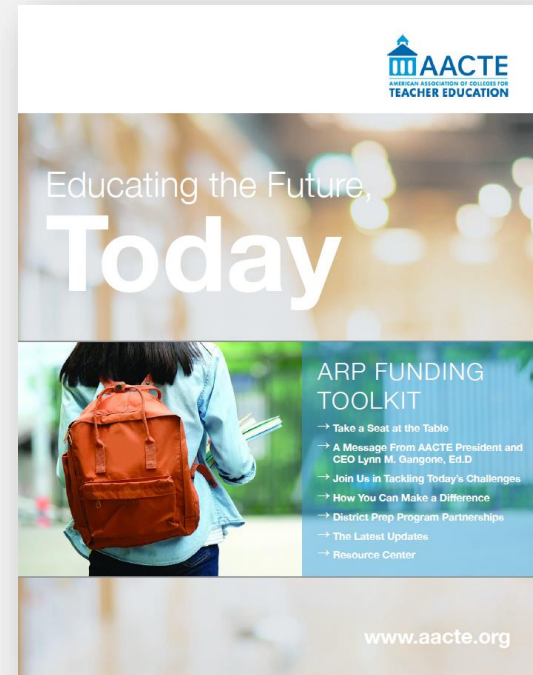
- ▶ serve as tutors in high-quality tutoring programs
- ▶ staff summer programs and before/after school programs
- ▶ serve as paraprofessionals in a co-teaching/resident role
- ▶ administer diagnostic and formative assessments (or serve as substitutes while other teachers administer them)

→ meets multiple needs

- ▶ Supports learning recovery
- ▶ Addresses districts' staffing challenges
- ▶ Offers paid clinical experience
- ▶ May offer in-person clinical experiences that candidates lacked this year

Examples of Strong District-EPP Partnerships

- California State University, Northridge – The Accelerated Collaborative Teacher Residency (ACT-R) Program
- Eastern Michigan University - College of Education
- Virginia Commonwealth University – RTR Teacher Residency



Engage State and District Partners

- ▶ *If you have some uses in mind, this is a good time to start the conversation with LEAs and SEAs*
- ▶ *Given your goals, are there other advocacy groups that are engaging with whom you could coordinate?*





\$9,000,000,000

For the Pipeline in the American Families Plan



\$2.8 billion

in Grow Your Own and Teacher Residency Programs



\$2 billion

To support programs that leverage teachers as leaders



\$1.6 billion

To provide educators with opportunities to obtain additional certifications in high demand areas



\$900 million

For the development of special education teachers



\$400 million

For teacher preparation at HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs



\$8,000 (x2)

For TEACH Grants per year

AFP in Action: The DIVERSIFY Act



Fiscal 22 Budget Presents Opportunities

- ▶ First year in a decade without budget caps
- ▶ Unified one-party power in Congress and Presidency
- ▶ Opportunities for investments in:
 - Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program
 - The Augustus F. Hawkins Program
 - The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Personnel Preparation
- ▶ Rescue plan investments can help leverage future federal investments

Q&A and Small Groups

- ▶ Any questions for our presenters?
- ▶ Small group discussion guidance:
 - Share any examples of federal rescue funds applied to educator preparation
 - Think aloud about ways to apply federal rescue funds to educator preparation
 - Surface any other questions on the presentation

Q and A



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Closing

- ▶ Start the conversation with your state and district partners
- ▶ Look for an email from EdPrepLab
 - One-page summary on federal funding opportunities
 - Information on EdPrepLab policy working group
- ▶ Register for the **EdPrepLab Spring Convening**
- ▶ Share any questions or examples with EdPrepLab staff:
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- ▶ Thanks for joining us today!