

**Overview**

Congress released the [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 \(CAA\)](#) on December 21, 2020. This legislation includes COVID-19 relief specifying [appropriations provisions](#) to governors, state and local educational agencies (LEAs), and higher education institutions. The bill also provides for childcare funding for assistance to providers and families and \$3.2 billion for a new Federal Communications Commission broadband fund.

**Louisiana’s Birth to 12th Grade Education Stabilization Funds Summary**

- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF II)- **\$1,160,119,378**
- Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF II) - **\$22,985,320**
- GEERF II funds for nonpublic schools - **\$55,566,230**
- CAA funds for childcare - **\$198,319,710**

LOUISIANA ALLOCATION PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY			
Grant Fund	LDOE Total Award Amount	Period of Availability	Awarding Agency
GEERF II (Jan 2021)	\$22,985,320	1/05/21 - 9/30/2023	DOA

**GEERF II K-12 & Higher Education**

The combined Department of Education and Board of Regents requests for the GEERF II allocation includes advanced broadband access in the state through funding for the establishment of the La Office of Broadband. The chart below reflects the LDOE’s priority funding provisions to support students and educators. The initiatives denoted below are in alignment with the LDOE’s *Believe to Achieve* [priorities and focus areas](#).

Amount	Initiative	Purpose
\$2,000,000	<b>ACT Vouchers</b>	To allow current year sophomores & seniors an additional opportunity to test, qualify for Dual Enrollment & TOPS to ensure 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students are on track to a professional career, college degree, or service by providing ACT vouchers
\$1,000,000	<b>Student Re-engagement</b>	To staff coordinators to re-engage +/- 20,000 absent students in the educational system
\$1,000,000	<b>Literacy Loss Professional Development</b>	To increase professional learning for educators across the state (open to pre-K-12 & higher ed) to support best practices in academic recovery, phonics, and intervention instruction
\$1,000,000	<b>Educator Health Coaches</b>	To staff health coaches for B-12 staff for mental, emotional, wellness needs
\$500,000	<b>Dual Enrollment Portal and Fast Forward Program Evaluation</b>	To support efforts to expand college credits earned by high school students <i>(In partnership with BoR)</i>
\$350,000	<b>LOSFA Outreach &amp; FAFSA Campaign</b>	To support high school student outreach regarding federal and state financial aid and academic preparation <i>(In partnership with BoR)</i>
\$5,850,000	<b>Total GEERF II K-12</b>	