

State Coronavirus Prevention Fund Program

Frequently Asked Questions (2/8/2021)

In January 2021, the legislature authorized line item [7061-0027](#), which provides for \$53,060,000 for one-time grants to school districts, charter schools, and educational collaboratives (organization) for additional assistance to support coronavirus prevention efforts and to maintain and increase educational quality during the pandemic.

This FAQ is intended to answer common questions related to this program. We will update it periodically as needed. If you have any questions that are not addressed here, please email CvRFGrant@mass.gov.

1. How does my organization apply for the Coronavirus Prevention Funds? Is there an RFP or an application in EdGrants for this funding opportunity?

Organizations will not apply for this funding through EdGrants. The Department will distribute this funding directly to each organization in two equal payments. The first payment will be issued in February 2021 and the second payment will be made at the end of April 2021. Once received, the funds should be deposited in a separate account so that they can be spent without further action on the part of the local appropriating authority by June 30, 2021.

2. Is the Coronavirus Prevention Fund part of the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CvRF) and will the funds be added to that grant award?

The Coronavirus Prevention Fund is a state funded program, whereas CvRF is a separate federally funded program authorized through the CARES Act. These are two distinct funding sources that organizations will need to account for and report on separately.

3. How should expenditures be reported by the organization?

School districts and charter schools will be required to report these funds as a state grant expenditure on their FY2021 end of year reports and all fund recipients may need to complete other reporting requirements specific to the use of these funds.

4. How was my district's funding allocation calculated?

The allocation amounts were calculated using the district's FY2021 foundation enrollment. Please note that the data to calculate the enrollment figures are based on the **October 1, 2019** SIMS submission, which is the data source that we use to determine FY2021 Chapter 70 aid. Students from school districts who attend charter schools and educational collaboratives are assigned to the charter schools and educational collaboratives that they attend. Also, students assigned to a non-operating districts' foundation enrollment are assigned to the operating districts that they attend.

5. What was the criteria used to calculate the funds to each organization?

The state line item provides for each district, charter school, and educational collaborative to receive a grant equal to the sum of \$25 multiplied by their FY2021 foundation enrollment plus

\$75 multiplied by their low-income enrollment. Please note that Horace Mann Charter School enrollment was attributed to the students' school district of residence.

6. What are the eligible uses for these funds?

Eligible uses for the funds include, but are not limited to, personal protective equipment, hygienic supplies, costs associated with socially distanced onsite learning, remote learning, or hybrid approaches as determined by the district, charter school, or collaborative. Recipients can also use their funds for any expenses required to ensure that low-income and other vulnerable students receive assistance and support that provides them equal access to educational opportunities, including but not limited to, assistance overcoming technological hurdles to learning and access to social services, mental health, and behavioral health resources to address the potential trauma and other effects of the pandemic on students.

7. What is the start and end date of the funding opportunity?

These funds can be used to support eligible expenditures in FY2021, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, see also FAQ 6. Please note these funds cannot be applied to expenditures from FY2020.

8. Does this program have an associated fund code (e.g., 240, 305)?

No, because these funds are not being managed through EdGrants, this program does not have a Department issued fund code.