

Governor's Office
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund Expenses
As of 1/24/2024

Federal Legislation	Date of Allocations	FY2019-2020	FY2020-2021	FY2022-23	Total
CARES Act of 2020	May 11, 2020 (GEER Fund)	\$48,467,924			
	August 20, 2021 (GEER Fund)		\$1,628		
CRRSA Act of 2021	January 12, 2021 (GEER II Fund)		\$21,089,129		
	August 9, 2021 (GEER II Fund)		\$4,112		
TOTAL GEER I and GEER II Funds:					\$69,562,793
OTHER:	Date	FY2019-2020	FY2020-2021	FY2022-23	Total
American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 EANS Program	July 27, 2022			\$25,332,079	\$25,332,079

In Summary:
As of 1/24/2024

	Awards	Expenditures	Balance
GEER I	\$48,469,552	\$48,306,853	\$162,699
GEER II	\$21,093,241	\$21,093,241	\$0
ARP EANS	\$25,332,079	\$18,137,536	\$7,194,543
TOTAL:	\$94,894,872	\$87,537,630	\$7,357,242
(%)	(100%)	(92.2%)	(7.8%)

GEER FUND Award	Date of Award	Amount of Award	Explanation	Expenditures as of 1/24/2024
Department of Juvenile Justice	<p>April 21, 2021 Award Amount of \$12,554,124</p> <p>April 13, 2022 Award Amount Revised to \$10,554,124</p>	\$10,554,124	<p>Data suggest that the pandemic's impact on social and emotional health of adolescents will disproportionately impact students already at risk of dropping out of school or of entering juvenile justice system, especially due to truancy. Funds will invest in evidence-based, community-based, juvenile delinquency prevention interventions targeting at-risk youth. The interventions will include: Multisystemic Therapy and Functional Family Therapy; funds to the SC Afterschool Alliance for expanded summer programs, especially in rural areas of our state; teen afterschool programs; and full-time mentoring programs in public schools in 2021-22 school year.</p>	\$10,510,633
Charter Schools	April 14, 2021	\$9,000,000	<p>Educational services for students in charter schools. In school year 2020-21 student enrollment in the South Carolina Public Charter School District and the Charter Institute at Erskine, two state local education agencies (LEAs) increased 25% due to COVID-19. The funds may be expended for such costs as: personal protective equipment; instructional salaries, substitute pay; technology; etc. The LEAs may retain up to 2% for district administrative costs.</p>	\$9,000,000
Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (Department of Commerce)	April 14, 2021	\$1,500,000	<p>Young adult workers, between the ages of 16 and 24, who were impacted by COVID-19 need additional education supports and career exploration. Funds will implement the South Carolina Workforce Journey's initiative, which will provide career exploration and job preparation. The initiative will employ new technology to highlight current and prospective career opportunities and will target individuals in high schools, career and technical education centers, and technical colleges. Funds will pay for 30,000 individuals to take an assessment to measure soft skills and core competencies for entry and mid-skill jobs.</p> <p>Note: Coordinating Council for Workforce Development is a state council chaired by the Secretary of</p>	\$1,500,000

			Commerce and includes State Superintendent of Education and staff, representatives from higher education and business, and the representatives from the Department of Employment and Workforce.	
University of South Carolina	March 30, 2021	\$6,000,000	Establish network of eight computer labs with reliable technology and internet access in Columbia and throughout the regional campuses of the University of South Carolina, which are all located within 15 miles or less of a broadband desert. Labs will be open at no cost and serve students in K-12, in colleges, especially Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the general public.	\$6,000,000
Department of Social Services	January 5, 2021 Award Amount of \$4,913,800 May 4, 2022 Award Amount Revised to \$1,059,000	\$1,059,000	Address educational needs of 600 foster care children and youth in group homes through purchase of electronic devices and increased bandwidth to group homes and tutoring services for children and youth including special education services.	\$939,792
SC Technical College System	January 5, 2021 Award Amount of \$8,000,000 May 9, 2022 Award Amount Revised to \$13,356,428	\$13,356,428	Provide short-term training programs for 3,100 adults attending state's technical college system. Funds may be used to defray costs of tuition, fees, textbooks, and materials up to \$5,000 per participant. No funds are used for administrative costs. Additional award funds will supplement the <i>Workforce Scholarships for the Future</i> . The scholarships will cover the cost of tuition and required fees at any technical college in the state for any adult or recent high school graduate pursuing an associate degree or industry credential in high-demand careers like manufacturing, health care, computer science and information technology.	\$13,356,428
Office of First Steps to School Readiness	January 5, 2021	\$5,000,000	Provide in-person expanded day or summer programs in private providers for four-year-olds eligible for the full-day 4K program	\$5,000,000
SC Department of Education *	January 5, 2021	\$2,000,000	Provide in-person expanded day or summer programs in public schools for four-year-olds eligible for the full-day 4K program.	\$2,000,000

TOTAL GEER I		\$48,469,552		\$48,306,853
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*One school district provided expenses that were then cancelled when the district stopped offering classes, which accounts for the \$20,244 difference between a prior report.

Note: The initial awards to the Department of Juvenile Justice and to the Department of Social Services were reduced to reflect revised and practical realities of spending the funds during the grant period for qualified reimbursements.

GEER I Fund

Total Budget: \$48,469,552

Awards: \$48,469,552

Expenditures to date: \$48,306,853

Balance: \$ 162,699

GEER II FUND	Date of Award	Amount of Award	Explanation	Expenditures as of 1/24/2024
SC Technical College System	July 30, 2021	\$4,000,000	As of July 30, 2021, \$7.5 of the \$8.0 million initially awarded to SC Technical College System had been obligated. To finish the fiscal year and continue providing short-term training programs for adults, an additional \$4.0 million was awarded to the SC Technical College System to cover the cost of the training. Funds may be used to defray costs of tuition, fees, textbooks, and materials up to \$5,000 per participant. No funds are used for administrative costs.	\$4,000,000
SC Technical College System	November 3, 2021 Addendum signed March 27, 2023 to allocate up to \$3.0 million for the JAG program from ARP-EANS funds, leaving any unexpended funds for the JAG program from GEER II funds to be reallocated to the Workforce Scholarships for the Future Initiative. Maximum amount of GEER Funds going to JAG Program remains \$4.0 million. <i>Award adjustments were reflected on the May 31, 2023 report.</i>	\$15,743,441 May 31, 2023 Award Amount Adjusted to \$15,743,441 November 3, 2021 Award Amount was \$13,093,241	Efforts initiated with GEER I funds for short-term training programs is extended and expanded due to the demand created by the pandemic. These funds will be used for a new workforce scholarship "pilot" program at South Carolina's 16 technical colleges designed to address the historic labor crisis affecting employers in all sectors of the economy. This initiative will be called the <i>Workforce Scholarships for the Future</i> . The scholarships will cover the cost of tuition and required fees at any technical college in the state for any adult or recent high school graduate pursuing an associate degree or industry credential in high-demand careers like manufacturing, health care, computer science and information technology. Scholarship recipients will be required to maintain a 2.0 grade point average and complete one of the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 100 hours of voluntary time to a nonprofit or public-service organization; or • Are employed; or • Take a financial literacy course offered at the technical college. 	\$15,743,441
SC Technical College System	May 11, 2022 Addendum signed March 27, 2023 to allocate up to \$3.0 million for the JAG program from ARP-EANS funds,	\$1,349,800	As of May 11, 2022, up to \$4,000,000 may be expended to administer the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program.	\$1,349,800

	<p>leaving any unexpended funds for the JAG program from GEER II funds to be reallocated to the Workforce Scholarships for the Future Initiative. Maximum amount of GEER Funds going to JAG Program remains \$4.0 million. <i>Adjustments were made to the award on the May 31, 2023 report.</i></p>			
TOTAL GEER II				

GEER II Fund

Total Budget: **\$21,093,241**

Awards: **\$21,093,241**

Expenditures to date: **\$21,093,241**

Balance to date: **\$ 0**

ARP EANS	Date of Award	Amount of Award	Explanation	Expenditures as of 1/24/2024
SC Technical College System	May 11, 2022	\$22,681,879 May 31, 2023 Award Amount Adjusted to \$22,681,879 March 28, 2023 Award Amount Adjusted to \$22,332,079	Workforce scholarships and grants. The scholarships will cover the cost of tuition and required fees at any technical college in the state for any adult or recent high school graduate pursuing an associate degree or industry credential in high-demand careers like manufacturing, health care, computer science and information technology.	\$17,354,424
SC Technical College System	Addendum signed March 27, 2023 to allocate up to \$3.0 million for the JAG program from ARP-EANS funds, leaving any unexpended funds for the JAG program from GEER II funds to be reallocated to the Workforce Scholarships for the Future Initiative. Maximum amount of GEER Funds going to JAG Program remains \$4.0 million.	\$2,650,200 May 31, 2023 Award Amount Adjusted to \$2,650,200	As of March 27, 2023, up to \$3.0 million may be expended to administer the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program.	\$783,112

ARP EANS

Total Budget: \$25,332,079

Awards: \$25,332,079

Expenditures to date: \$18,137,536

Balance to date: \$ 7,194,543

Note: Unobligated federal ARP EANS funds revert to the Governor for uses under the GEER Program. These funds are available for obligation through September 30, 2024.

South Carolina received \$40.3 million in ARP EANS funds of which \$15 million was spent, leaving \$25.3 million redirected to the GEER Program. The expenditure of ARP EANS funds were the same as those in section 312(d) of the CRRSA Act with two exceptions:

- A State educational agency (SEA), the SC Department of Education, could only provide services or assistance under ARP EANS to non-public schools that enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income families and are most impacted by COVID-19; and
- An SEA, the SC Department of Education, could not use ARP EANS funds to provide reimbursements to any non-public school as authorized under section 312(d)(4)(M) of the CRRSA Act.

SC ARP EANS Allocation	\$40,357,466.00
Total Spent	<u>\$15,025,386.68</u>
Unobligated (Goes to GEER Uses)	\$25,332,079.32