

Governor's Office
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund Expenses
As of 3/31/2022

Federal Legislation	Date of Allocations	FY 2019-2020	FY2020-2021	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	
				\$69,562,793

GEER FUND Award	Date of Award	Amount of Award	Explanation	Expenditures as of 3/31/2022
Department of Juvenile Justice	April 21, 2021	\$12,054,124	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.	\$1,645,025
Charter Schools	April 14, 2021	\$9,000,000	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.	\$884,601

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 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.</p>	\$285,000
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.	\$0
Department of Social Services	January 5, 2021	\$4,913,800	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.	\$116,334
SC Technical College System	January 5, 2021	\$8,000,000	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	\$7,967,705

			\$5,000 per participant. No funds are used for administrative costs.	
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	\$3,985,094
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	\$1,157,472
TOTAL		\$48,467,924		\$16,041,231

*One school district provided expenses that were then cancelled when the district stopped offering classes, which accounts for the \$20,244 difference between prior report

Note: The Office of the Governor has contacted agencies to determine if there is a need to adjust the awards.

GEER Fund

Total Budget: \$48,469,552

Awards: \$48,467,924

Expenditures: \$16,041,231

GEER II FUND	Date of Award	Amount of Award	Explanation	Expenditures as of 3/31/2022
SC Technical College System	July 30, 2021	\$4,000,000	As of July 30, 2021, \$7.5 of the \$8.0 million 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.	\$0
SC Technical College System	November 3, 2021	\$17,093,241	<p>Efforts initiated with GEER 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,</p> <p>Scholarship recipients will be required to maintain a 2.0 grade point average and complete one of the following requirements:</p> <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. 	\$0
TOTAL		\$21,093,241		\$0

GEER II Fund

Total Budget: \$21,093,241

Awards: \$21,093,241

Expenditures: \$ 0