**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND**

* Montana allocation:
	+ Total funds: $41,295,230
	+ 90% to local districts $37,165,707
	+ 10% OPI reserve: $ 4,129,523
	+ 0.5% Grant administration: $ 206,476
* Timing
	+ OPI submitted application on 4/24, USED approved 4/29
	+ Expect 3 day approval turnaround by USED
	+ State must award all funds within 1 year
	+ Recipients have until September, 2022 to spend funds
	+ Pre award costs as far back as March 13 can be charged to this grant
* OPI certifications
	+ Maintenance of Effort – State must expend average of last 3 years for both K-12 and Higher Education (Waiver possible)
	+ LEAs will expend funds on allowable costs
	+ LEAs must provide equitable services (non-cash) to private schools
	+ SEA and LEAs must continue to compensate employees and contractors to the greatest extent practicable
	+ SEA must provide technical assistance to LEAs
	+ SEA must submit quarterly reports
	+ SEA must provide a detailed budget for the 10% reserve
* OPI Application specifics
	+ What information will we require from districts when they apply:
		- How are you going to spend the money?
		- What technical assistance can OPI provide?
	+ How will OPI spend the 10% reserve?
		- Minimum of $10,000 to each district - $625,022
		- Grant administration - $206,475
			* One FTE for one year to administer grant and develop E-grants module
			* Software vendor costs
			* Enhance E-grants for schools
		- Support special education with equitable grants to cooperatives and schools that do not belong to cooperatives
		- Support community-based organizations
		- Address districts with the worst COVID-19 impact
		- Provide technical assistance to school district as described in applications