**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