

Errata to Program Guidelines

The purpose of this errata notice is to amend and extend program timeline and due dates due to the federal extension of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). Errata #5 extends the last date of order or when cost can be incurred for eligible devices.

Underlined text indicates new or revised information that has been added or changed through errata notice.

Errata #5 January 11, 2021

Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants, page 6, is amended to read:

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), including Public School Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, that expended funds from May 21, 2020, to January 31, 2021, for technology purchases (laptops, tablets, and/or hotspots) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Statutory Requirements

Statutory Requirements, page 7, is amended to read:

3. The applicant assures that CRF funds will only be used for supplemental activities allowable by statute that are:
 - Necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19 pandemic,
 - Allowable costs that were not accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020, and
 - Allowable costs incurred May 21, 2020, through January 31, 2021.

Statutorily Allowable Activities

Statutorily Allowable Activities, page 9, is amended to read:

3. Allowable CRF Activities by end of Fiscal Year 2021.

If due to the timing of the reimbursement, the LEA cannot reclassify the original expenditures from the prior fiscal year and chooses not to implement the reconciliation on the SEFA, then the LEA must use this reimbursement funding for one of the following CRF allowable activities that were incurred in the current fiscal year and by end of Fiscal Year 2021:

- Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions, including safely reopening schools.
- Other eligible expenditures, including payroll and benefit costs of educational support staff or faculty responsible for developing online learning capabilities necessary to continue educational instruction in response to COVID-19-related school closures.

(This does not include general LEA staff.)

Notes:

1. The allowable costs for eligible devices that generated the PPRP amount must be incurred from May 21, 2020, thru January 31, 2021, and received by the LEA by February 28, 2021.
2. The accounting transactions to reclassify/charge these expenses in the PPRP reimbursement funding received must be completed by end of Fiscal Year 2021.

Eligible Devices for PPRP Reimbursement remain as previously required. Laptops (including Chromebooks), tablets, and hot spots purchased (costs incurred by the LEA) from May 21, 2020 thru January 31, 2021, that will be received by the LEA by February 28, 2021, generate PPRP reimbursement. Required fees to make the device functional, such as Chromebook licenses, hot spot data plans (through the end of the 2020-2021 school year), and CIPA filtering, are also allowable costs when associated with the eligible devices listed above.