

Recommended Allocations

Sections E and C

Office of Public Instruction

Funding for K-12 education	\$382 million (See attached sub-allocation.)
Assistance to non-public schools	\$7.0 million
Individuals with Disabilities Act	\$10.2 million

Arts Council \$764,000

State Library	Option 1	Option 2
Newsline	\$120,000	zero ¹
Hot Spot Lending Program	\$1,235,444	\$1,235,444
E-learning Digital Content	\$880,000	\$1,000,000

Note 1. Recommend Option 2 only if Newsline funding is covered by “State Recovery Funds.”

Department of Transportation

Grants to Airports	\$600,000
Grants for Rural Transit	\$800,000

Funding for K-12 Education

Line Item	Detail	Appropriation
Basic Allocation to School Districts	The amount allocated by OPI to school districts shall be as required by federal law. OPI shall distribute funds via grants for expenses that are consistent with Section 2001(e) of ESSER III.	\$343,817,000
Supplemental Allocation to School Districts	<p>The office of public instruction shall allocate the funds as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a school district with less than 6 quality educators receives \$10,000; 2. a school district with 6 or more quality educators that receives less than an amount equal to \$10,000 times the number of the district's quality educators in the basic allocation receives an amount for every quality educator plus an additional \$50 for every quality educator that the district is below the statewide average of quality educators for each district; 3. the amount for every quality educator must be calculated to use the \$3.4 million appropriation; and 4. the office of public instruction shall distribute the funds in the same manner as used for the basic allocation. 	\$3,400,000
Allocation to Other Educational Institutions	An allocation to the School for the Deaf and Blind, Pine Hills, and the Youth Academy are to be made on a per quality educator basis. OPI shall distribute the funds in the same manner as used for the basic allocation.	\$120,000
Education Leadership in Montana	The office of public instruction shall create a system to build the capacity of principals, teachers, and other leaders to ensure recovery of each school from the effects of the covid-19 pandemic in a model that addresses the learning opportunities missed and needed by each person to reach their full educational potential.	\$555,234
OPI Database Modernization	Funds shall be used by OPI to repair, improve, and/or replace existing data systems so as to respond to learning loss associated with the pandemic. Actions taken must be consistent with 20-7-104, MCA.	\$5,475,341
Administration	Funds shall be used by OPI for administration of ESSER III activities.	\$1,910,095
State Learning Loss	Funds may be used at the discretion of the office of public instruction for purposes allowed by federal law and may include grants to school districts. A school district may use these funds to provide allowable support to a special education cooperative of which it is member.	\$19,100,950
State Summer Enrichment		\$3,820,190
State Afterschool Programs		\$3,820,190