

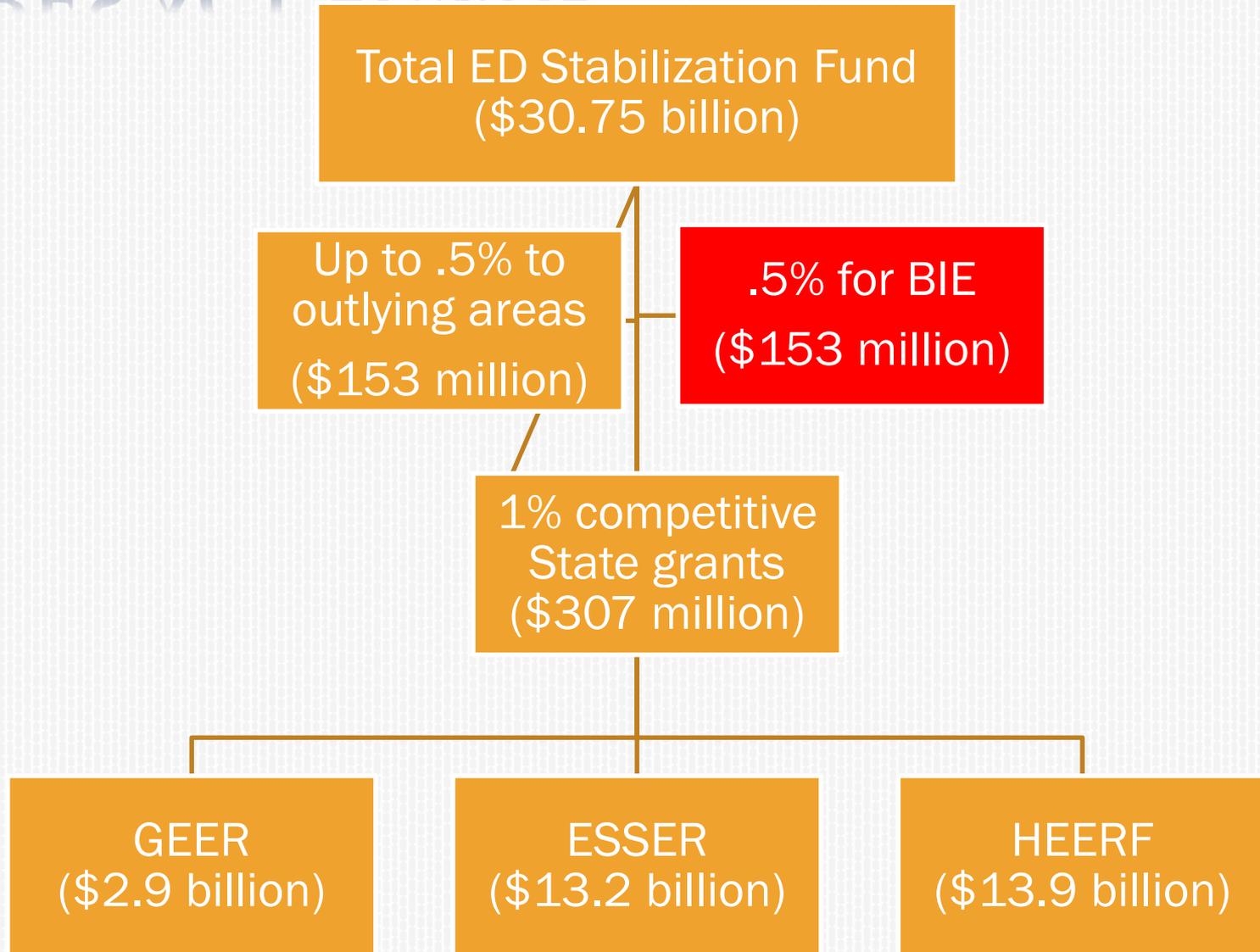
LISTENING SESSION | APRIL 28 & 30, 2020

Written Public Comments Accepted Through May 6, 2020

OVERVIEW OF THE CARES ACT

- On March 27, 2020, the President signed the CARES Act into law in response to the coronavirus emergency.
- Overall, \$2 trillion in assistance is authorized; \$30.75 billion for an Education Stabilization Fund.
- In addition to set-asides for BIE and the outlying areas, four grant programs were created under the ED Stabilization Fund:
 - Discretionary Grants
 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER)
 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

CARES ACT FUNDS

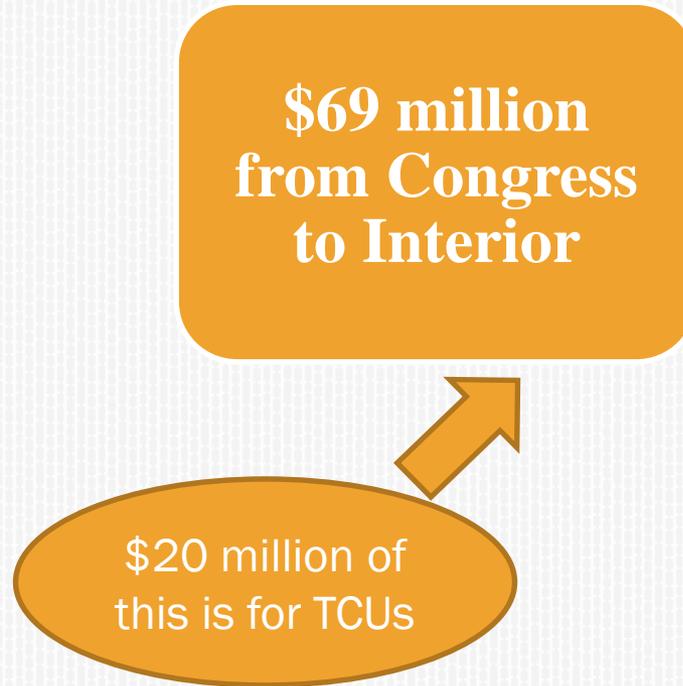


FLOW OF CARES ACT FUNDING

Education Stabilization Funds

**\$153 million
from
ED to BIE**

Direct Appropriation to Interior



PURPOSE OF THE LISTENING SESSION

The feedback from the listening sessions and through the written comment period will inform the final terms the two agencies will reach on the funds that ED will transfer to BIE.

TOPICS

Focusing on the \$153 million that will flow to BIE from ED through the Education Stabilization Fund:

1. The needs of BIE-funded schools and their students as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.
2. The types of current physical and mental health needs of students at BIE-funded schools due to the COVID-19 crisis.

TOPICS

3. The best possibilities for prioritizing CARES Act funding that BIE receives from ED such as:
 - Internet connectivity for students, teachers, and schools
 - Support for distance learning activities
 - Educational technology for students and teachers, including technology to support accessibility for children with disabilities
 - Teacher/school leader salaries
 - Other?

TOPICS

4. The allocation of the ED CARES Act funds from ED be allocated:

➤ For K-12 BIE-funded schools only.

VS.

➤ Split between Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and K-12 BIE-funded schools.

Note: that TCUs have a specific set-aside of \$20 million from the Interior appropriation of the CARES Act.

RESOURCES

Education Stabilization Fund:

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/>

White House on Initiative American Indian & Alaska

Native Education Website: <https://sites.ed.gov/whiaiane/>

Contact BIE: www.bie.edu or (202) 208-6123

Contact ED: listeningession@ed.gov