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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #280-21**

DATE: October 1, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds to Support HVAC Replacement and Improvement Projects - Application Due November 15, 2021**

The 2021 Special Session II of the General Assembly appropriated \$250,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds \(CSLFRF\)](#) to support qualifying ventilation replacement and improvement projects in public school facilities. School division allocations are based on Fiscal Year 2022 projected March 31 average daily membership, with a minimum allocation of \$200,000 per school division (**Attachment B**).

A local match equal to 100 percent of the grant amount is required to receive funds. A school division may elect to use local Capital Improvement Plan funds or federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) I, II, or III formula funds to provide the required local match. If ESSER funds are used, the federal requirements for the ESSER program must be met. A school division may choose to apply for a grant amount that is less than its formula allocation.

The period of performance for the CSLFRF grant includes qualifying expenses for costs incurred beginning on **March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2024**. All funds must be fully expended and reimbursement requested by **December 31, 2026**. LEAs that use ESSER funds to meet the local match requirement must ensure that the matching funds are fully expended and reimbursement requested within the period of performance for the ESSER award. LEAs

must be able to, at a minimum, separately track the amount of CSLFRF obligated and expended and when such funds were obligated and expended.

The grant application and *Guidelines, Instructions, and Assurances* were made available to school divisions via a SharePoint site. The application due date is **November 15, 2021**; early submissions are strongly encouraged. An application has been submitted when it has been uploaded into the web-based Online Management of Education Grant Awards (OMEGA) system and has been fully approved at the LEA level. Due to the tight timeline for the application review process, **late applications will be denied** and funds not requested by November 15, 2021 will be reallocated to LEAs that submitted applications by the due date.

For more information

The Virginia Department of Education will host a webinar on the CSLFRF grant application process on **Friday, October 15, 2021**. Information on the webinar was provided to school division federal pandemic relief programs coordinators in a separate communication.

Questions about the application process should be directed to

VDOEfederalrelief@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [Additional Required Special Terms and Conditions for Grant Awards or Cooperative Agreements](#) (DOCX)
- B. Attachment: [ARP Act CSLFRF Division Allocations for Ventilation Projects](#) (XLSX)
- C. Attachment: [ARP Act CSLFRF for Ventilation Projects Terms of Grant Award](#) (DOCX)