

TO: Members of the State Board of Education’s Education Transformation and Finance Committee

FROM: Carey M. Wright, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Schools 

DATE: February 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Update on ESSER Spending and Other Federal Grants

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on ESSER spending and other federal grants.

Executive Summary

Office of Finance is providing a spending update for the following programs:

- COVID ESSER funds
- Maryland Leads
- Federal Grants

Closeout details on COVID ESSER funds will be presented to the Board in October 2025.

Action

No action is required; this information is for discussion only.

Attachments

Update on ESSER and Federal Grants.pptx

OFFICE OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Update on ESSER Spending and Other Federal Grants

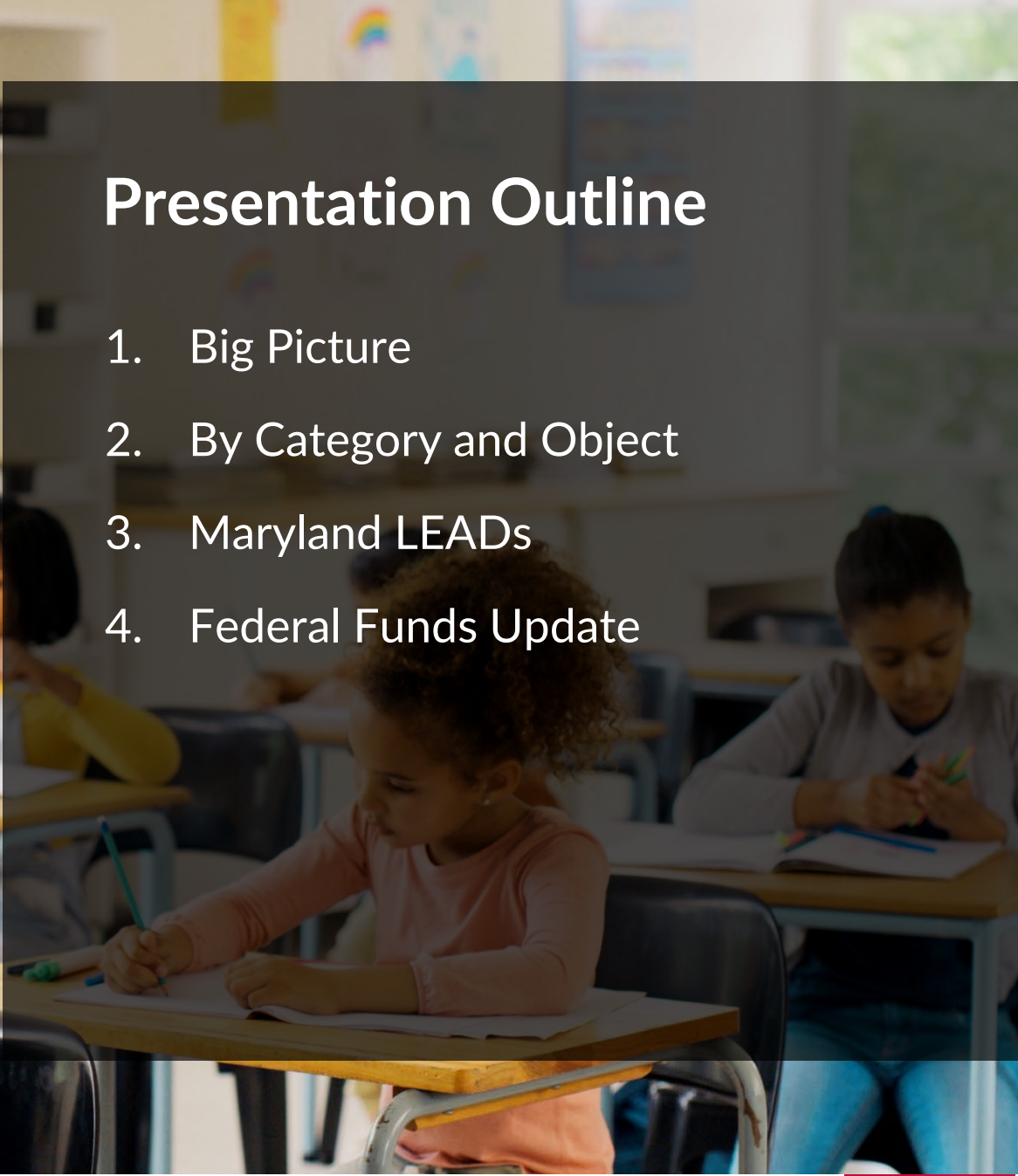
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Presented By | Donna Gunning, Assistant State Superintendent



Presentation Outline

1. Big Picture
2. By Category and Object
3. Maryland LEADs
4. Federal Funds Update



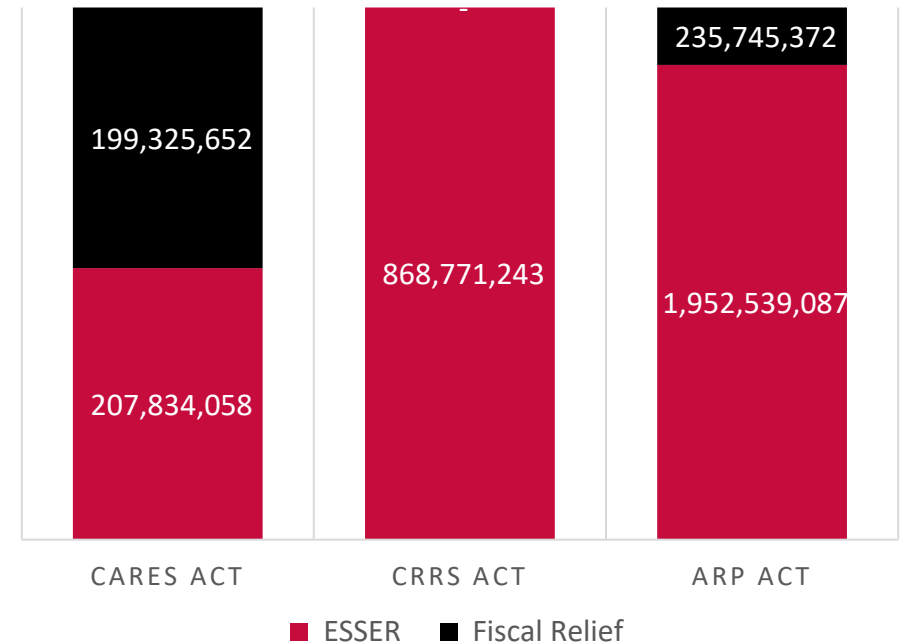
COVID RELIEF FUNDS – Multiple Programs

Cares Act: June 2020 – Sept. 2022

CRRS Act: Dec. 2021 – Sept. 2023

ARP Act: March 2022 – Sept. 2024

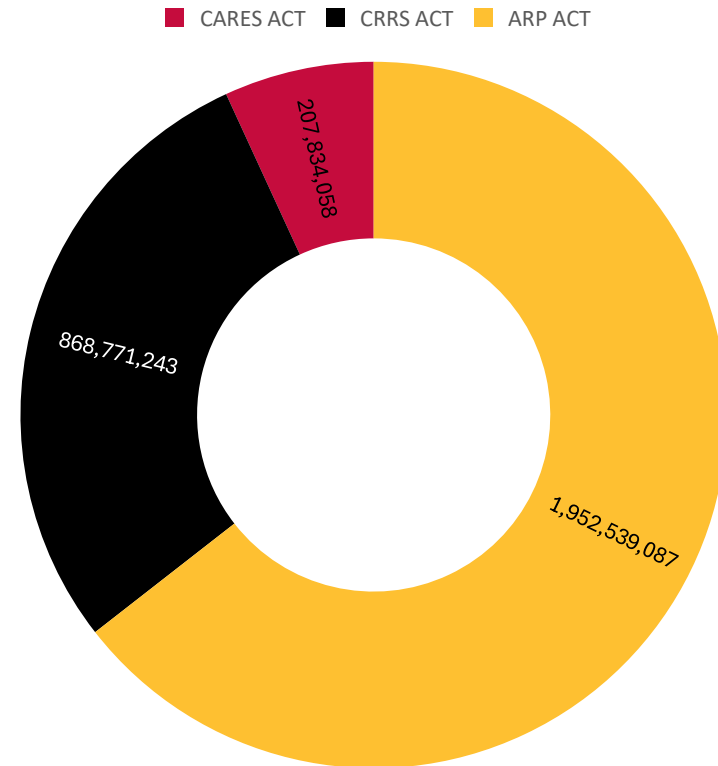
ALL COVID RELIEF FUNDS



COVID RELIEF FUNDS – ESSER

- Addressing Physical Health and Safety
- Meeting Students’ Academic, Social, Emotional, and Other Needs (Excluding Mental Health Supports)
- Mental Health Supports for Students and Staff
- Operational Continuity and Other Allowed Uses
- Any Allowable use of federal Title Programs, IDEA, Perkins

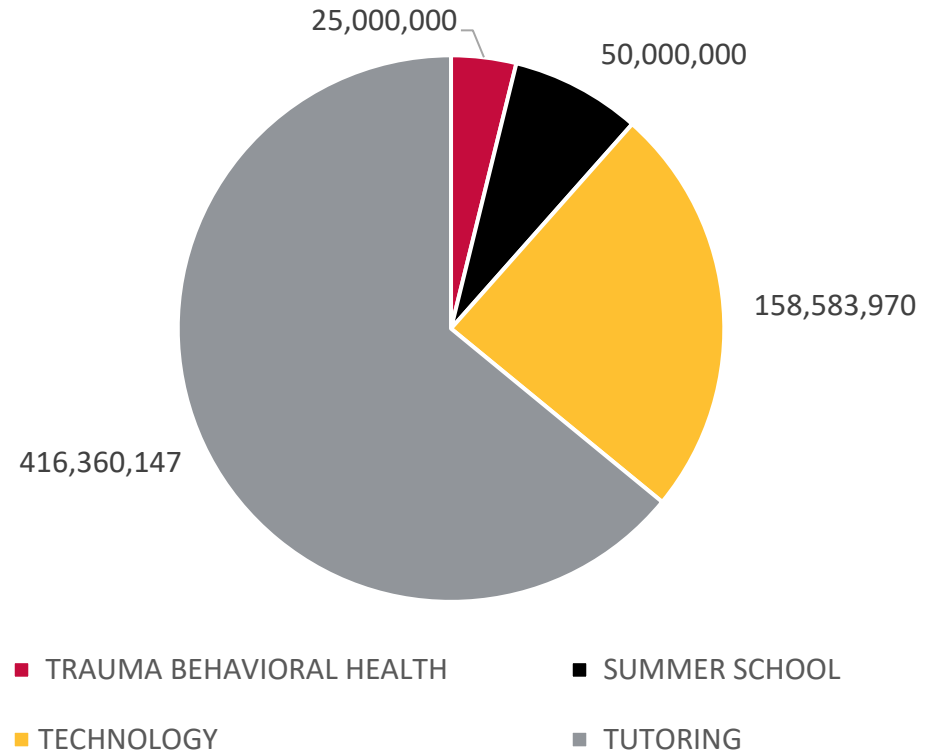
ESSER FUNDS by PROGRAM



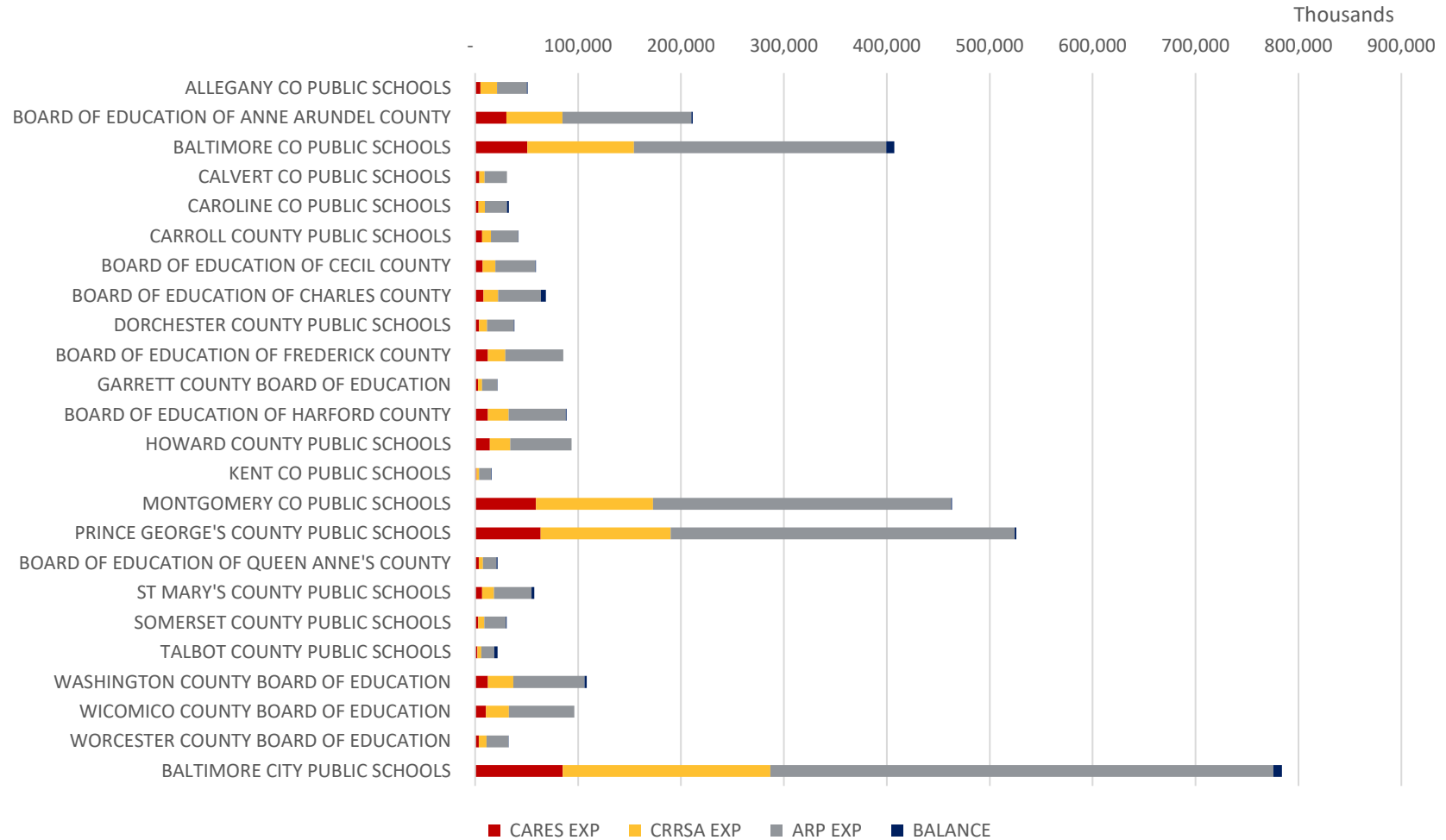
COVID RELIEF FUNDS – Big Picture Activities

- Summer School funds: 2021-2025
- Tutoring: 2020-2025
- Technology: 2020-2025
- Trauma/Behavioral Health: 2021-2025

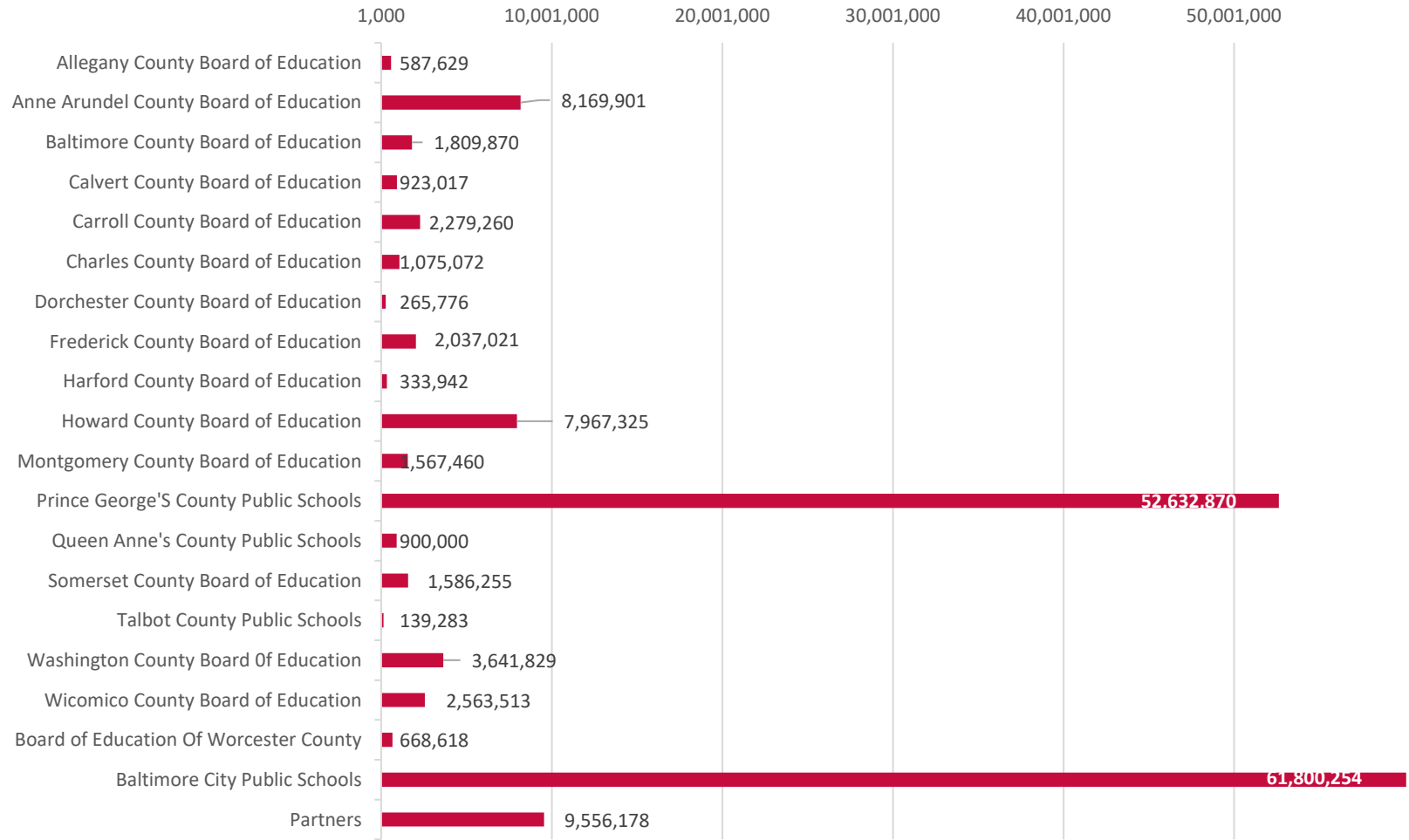
COVID Funds by Major Category



COVID RELIEF FUNDS – LEA Expenditures



COVID RELIEF FUNDS – Late Liquidations

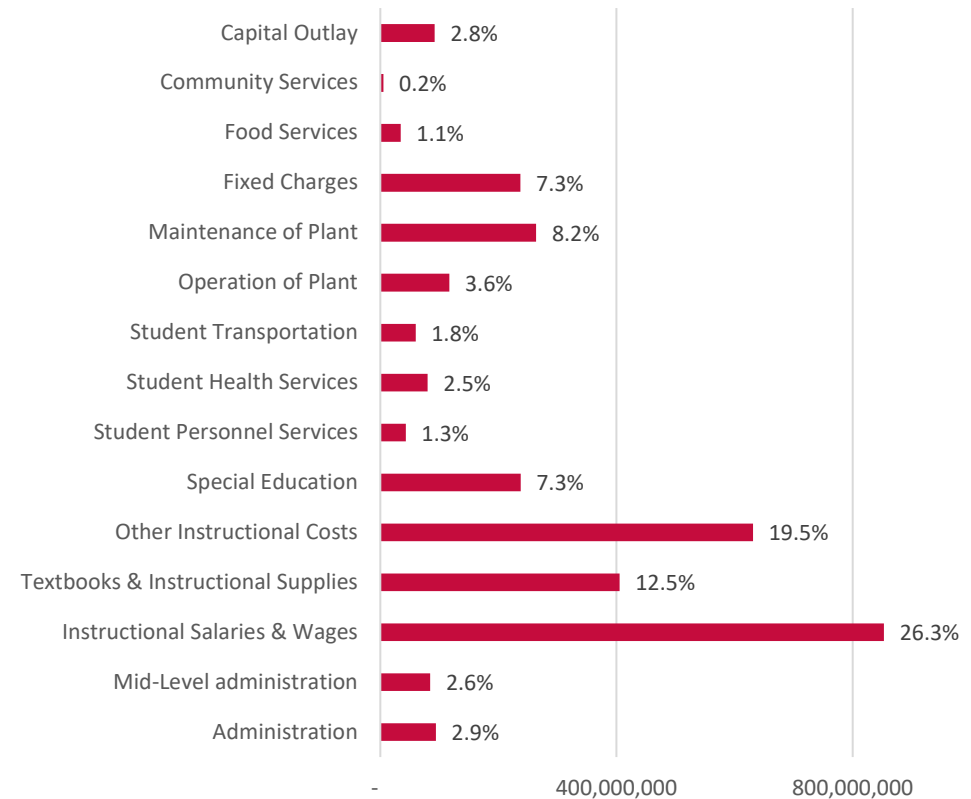


LEA Expenditures - Category

Category is used to classify expenditures for analysis and reporting purposes.

- Administration, Mid-level Administration
- Instruction (salaries, textbooks, other costs)
- Special Education
- Student Personnel, Health Services
- Transportation
- Operation/Maintenance of Plant
- Fixed Charges (health, retirement)
- Food Services
- Community Services
- Capital Outlay

COVID Expenditures by Category

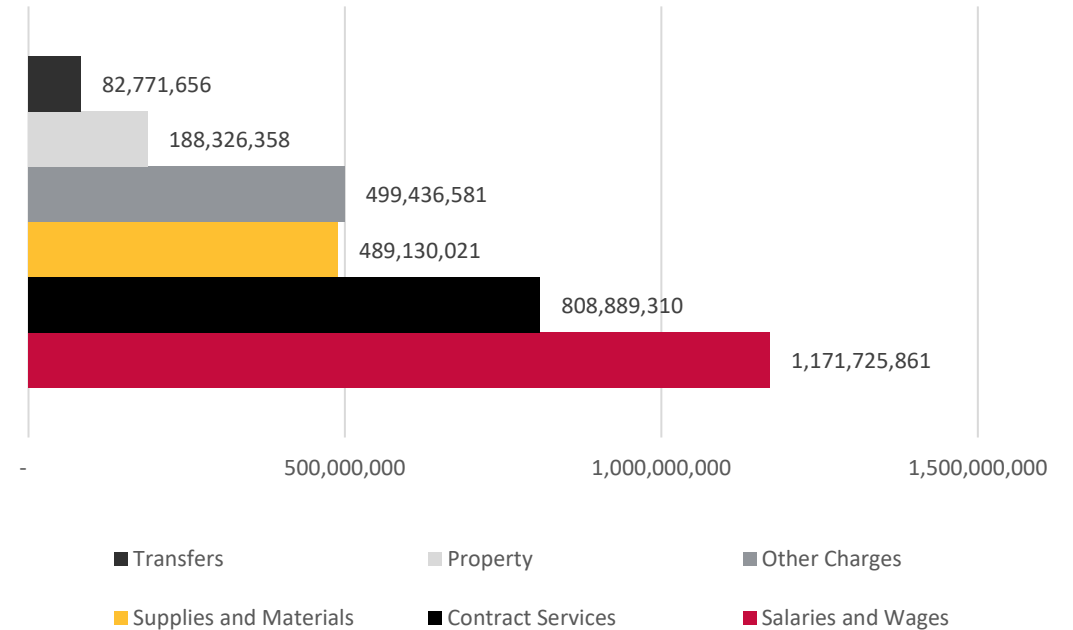


LEA Expenditures - Object

Object is used to classify expenditures for analysis and reporting purposes.

- Salaries and Wages
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Other Charges (Fixed Charges)
- Property (Equipment)
- Transfers (expenditures for equitable services)

COVID FUNDS by LEA OBJECT

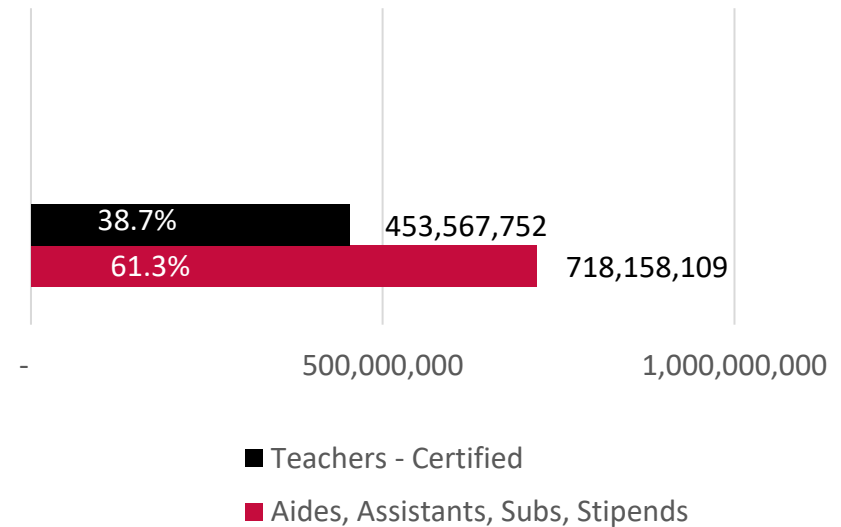


LEA Expenditures – Object Deeper Dive

Object is used to classify expenditures for analysis and reporting purposes.

- Salaries and Wages
 - Certified Teachers
 - Retention Stipends
 - COVID bonuses
 - Aides, Assistants, etc.
 - Additional student support
 - Stipends for Extended Learning Time, Summer School
 - Additional support for operating during COVID

LEA Expenditures - Object

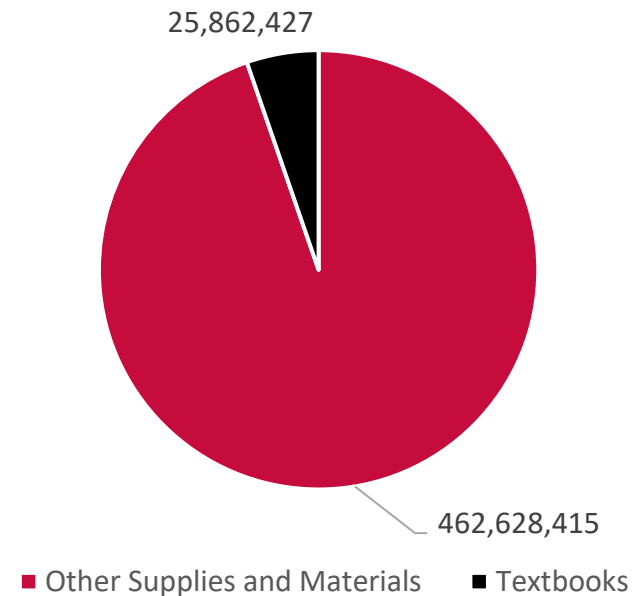


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- Supplies and Materials
 - Textbooks
 - Packet Materials in spring 2020
 - E-textbooks to support virtual instruction
 - Other
 - Devices for Students and Staff

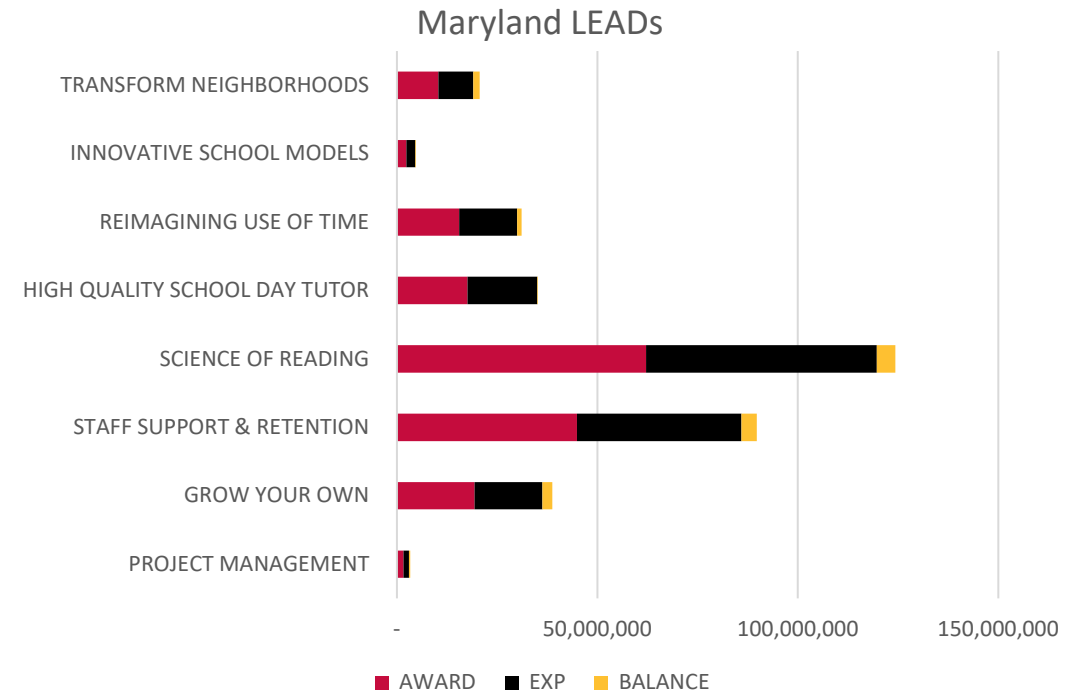
Supplies and Materials by Major Category



Maryland LEADs by Strategy

Seven High-value Strategies to support implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.

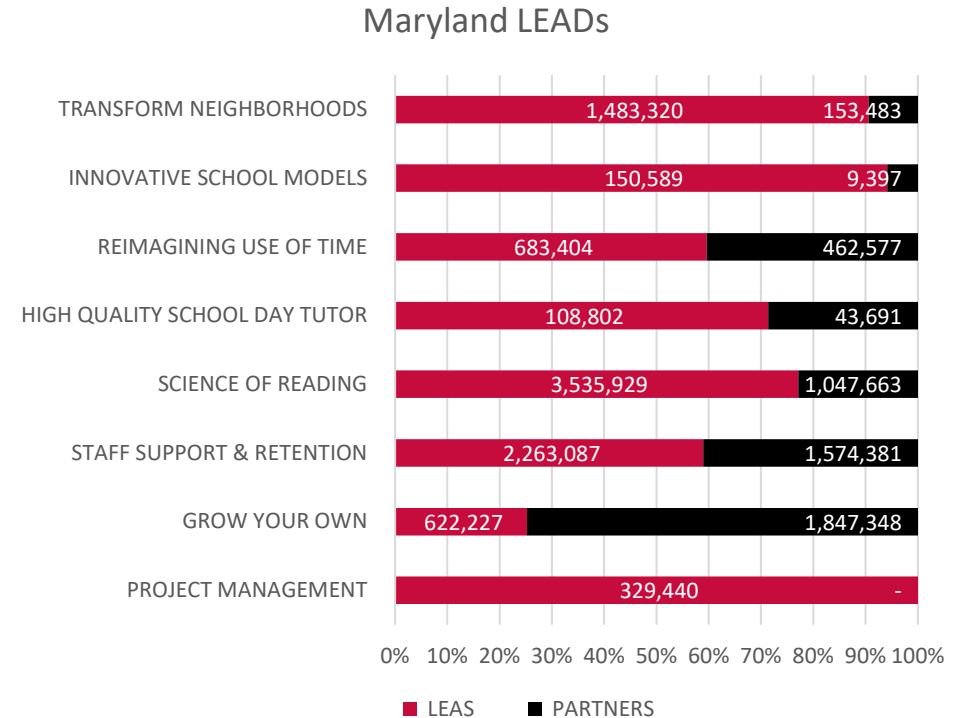
- Science of Reading
 - Curriculum
 - Instructional Materials
 - Professional Development
- Staff Support and Retention
 - Retention Bonuses
 - Health and Wellness
- Grow Your Own
 - Scholarships for High School Students
 - Tuition and Fees for TAs



Maryland LEADs – LEAs and Partners

A total of \$14.3 million or 8.2% of the \$173 million program is available as of January 1, 2025

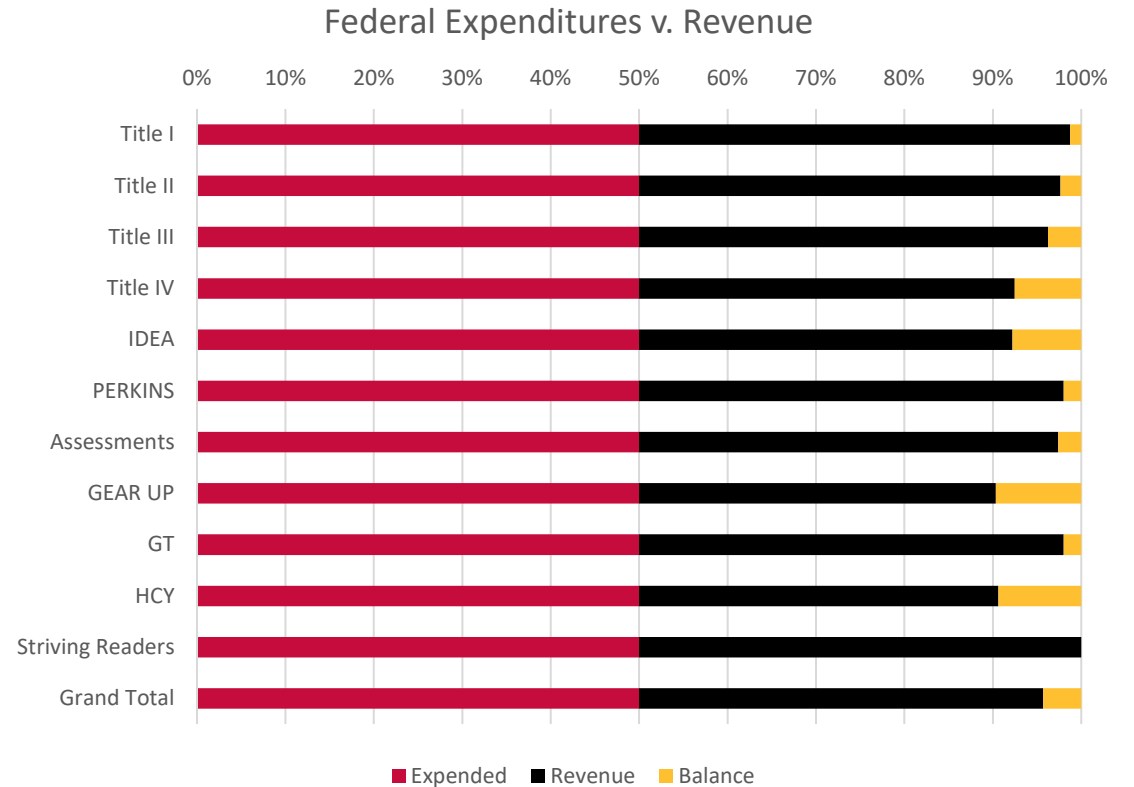
- Staff Support and Retention
 - Health and Wellness
- Grow Your Own
 - Tuition and Fees for Tas
 - Continues through Spring 2025
- High Quality School-day Tutoring
 - Continue tutoring through the 2024-2025 school year



Federal Grants

Update on information provided in October 2024

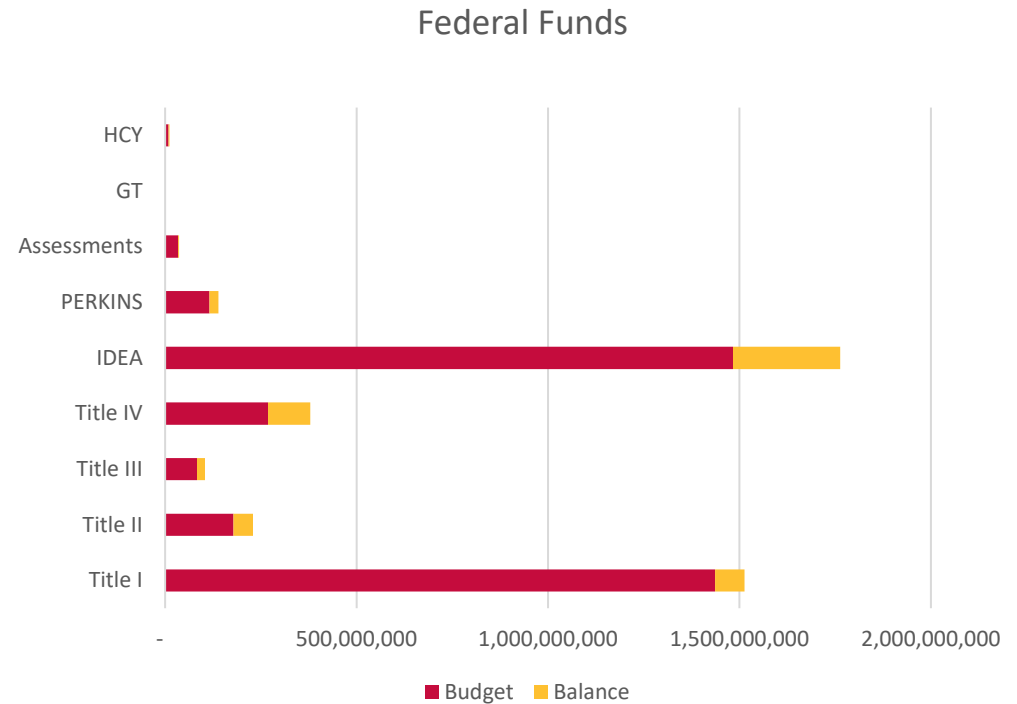
- Negative Balances Resolved
- 91% of Expenditures reimbursed as of 2/1/2025
- Clean-up through prior five years is complete; working on remaining five years through Spring



Federal Grants - Spending

Federal funds available in fiscal 2024 – 84.3% spent statewide. Grant details below

- Title I – 94.6%
- Title II – 71.8%
- Title III – 75.8%
- Title IV – 58.9%
- IDEA – 81.1%
- Perkins – 80.2%



Feedback & Questions