

California Beautification Initiative

Governor Gavin Newsom launched a statewide day of action highlighting his **\$1.1 billion initiative**, in partnership with local governments, to revitalize California's streets and public spaces through litter abatement and local beautification projects.

The statewide program includes potential projects in all 58 counties, with nearly a third of the funds being directly invested into cities, counties, tribes and transit agencies to clean and enhance local streets and public spaces. Caltrans will award **\$296 million** in matching grants to fund impactful projects on local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways and transit centers in underserved, rural and urban communities. The Department is developing a needs-based formula that will provide additional support to underserved communities, with a goal of funding more than 100 local projects a year.

CARES Act Funding - Federal Stimulus Funding (CA Dept of Education)

CA Spending Allocation: **Over 2 billion Dollars**

Funding for **March 13, 2020 – September 30, 2022**

This relief package provided states with both funding and streamlined waivers to give State educational agencies (SEAs) necessary flexibilities to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The relief package includes \$30.75 billion in emergency education funding.

The two main funding sources are the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER I Fund) and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER I Fund). The ESSER Fund provides California's with **\$1,647,306,127** and the GEER I Fund accounts for approximately **\$355,227,235**. This funding will provide local educational agencies (LEAs) with emergency relief funds to address the impact COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation.

- **Program Questions:** EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov
Questions about the application process, use of funds, and reporting requirements.
- **Fiscal Questions:** CAAR@cde.ca.gov
Questions about the determination of LEA allocation amounts and the timing and apportionment of funds.