The GEER Fund was authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. It allows governors to determine how best to meet the needs of students in public and nonpublic schools, higher education, and other education-related organizations. GEER focuses on providing and expanding broadband access to benefit education in the state. The funds can also be used for improving access to technology in other ways, which could include providing Wi-Fi hotspots and devices. Funding may also be used to offer professional development related to remote learning to educators in school districts and non-public schools, as well as in colleges and universities.

GEER allocations to K-12 schools are calculated based on the estimated household internet access need within the district and nonpublic school. The final allocation represents a distribution of $400/household in need.

GEER allocations for institutions of higher education total $6.9 M and are divided into three components:

- Component 1: Access and connectivity, $4.4 M
- Component 2: Capacity-building and professional development, $1.5 M
- Component 3: Adult education and literacy, $1.0 M

For more information on the components of GEER, click here.