

# ECF Factors to be Considered:

## 1) Review Administrative Rules

**24:05:33.01:12. Priority to high cost student applications.** Priority for extraordinary cost funds, except for those funds allocated pursuant to § 24:05:33.01:11, shall first be given to applications for extraordinary cost funds for high cost students and then to ap

**24:05:33.01:11. Funds set aside for supplemental aid applications.** Ten percent of the total appropriation for extraordinary cost funds shall be set aside to fund applications for extraordinary cost funds for supplemental aid. This ten percent total is the maximum amount which can be used to fund applications for extraordinary cost funds for supplemental aid. If applications are in excess of the ten percent, the secretary may adjust or prorate the requested amounts. The maximum allowable request for an individual school district for extraordinary cost funds based on supplemental aid is \$50,000.

Any unallocated funds from the set aside referenced in this section may be used to fund applications for extraordinary cost funds for high cost students or high cost programs as referenced in § 24:05:33.01:12

## 2) Growing Fund Balance:

District's actual end of the fiscal year fund balance is greater than the projected fund balance calculated in the ECF application.

## 3) HCS applications:

Out of district students (all costs associated with the student are reported in the special education fund) are included in the student count for general aid calculations (SAFE count includes these students). So to reflect the **total state funding provided** to a district to provide services for these students the board may want to consider an amount = to the general aid per student equivalent for total aid to serve the out of district students. All districts were allowed to include their SE teachers to meet accountability in FY2018.

## 4) Priority to New Applications

Risk analysis shows the number of applications that have been submitted for the past 5 years.

## 5) Include Fund Balance as Means of Finance or Limit FB to X%

ECF funding worksheet allows districts to maintain beginning fund balance if less than 10% of total expenditures. Districts could be adjusted to include the beginning fund balance as a means of finance for this fiscal year and/or, if available, limit the estimated ending fund balance to X%.

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Recommendations may include an option to allocate any recovered funds - must be recovered before end of fiscal year