

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund



ESSER

The Purpose of ESSER Funds

Congress set aside approximately \$13.2 billion of the \$30.75 billion allotted to the Education Stabilization Fund through the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund). Signed into law on March 20, 2021, the Department awarded these grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the Nation.

Understanding the Funds

Fund Title	ESSER II- PRC 171	ESSER III- PRC 181
Expenditure Deadline	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2024
Allowable uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Addressing Learning Loss● Facility Repairs/Improvements to Minimize Virus Transmission● Improve Air Quality● Coordination of Preparedness & Response● Providing Principals/Leaders with Resources● Addressing Unique Needs of Special Populations● Training to Minimize Virus Transmission● Supplies to Sanitize & Clean● Long-Term Closure Activities● Education Technology● Mental Health Services● Summer Learning● Other ESSA Eligible Activities	

Allotments

Fund Title	ESSER II- PRC 171	ESSER III- PRC 181
Allotment	\$1,791,942.00	\$4,014,160

Proposed ESSER Fund Expenditures

Fund Title	ESSER II- PRC 171	ESSER III- PRC 181
Proposed Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Summer Learning & Extension Program: salaries, transportation costs, state-mandated bonus pay, school nutrition, supplies & materials● Educational Technology: software subscriptions, chromebooks● Curriculum Development: district pacing guides & curriculum maps, staff stipends● Professional Development: contracted services● Supplies & Materials: resources needed to support principals/leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maintenance: HVAC/Air Quality repairs/improvements● Preparedness & Response: salaried positions designated to address curriculum & instruction, interventions for at-risk students, drop-out prevention, and digital learning● Educational Technology: hardware & software

Proposed Expenditure Details ESSER II PRC 171

1. Addressing Learning Loss

- a. Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction; implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students; tracking student academic progress with evaluating and comparing to pre-pandemic grades and progress to identify students that experienced learning loss
- b. \$280,000.00

2. Providing Principals/Leaders with Resources

- a. Providing principals and others school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools
- b. \$89,222.10

3. Educational Technology

- a. Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors
- b. \$855,777.90

4. Summer Learning

- a. Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care
- b. \$566,942.00

Proposed Expenditure Details ESSER III PRC 181

1. Facility Repairs/Improvements to Minimize Virus Transmission
 - a. School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission & exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs
 - b. \$300,000.00
2. Improving Air Quality
 - a. Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, and upgrade projects to improve indoor air quality in school facilities
 - b. \$569,265.00
3. Educational Technology
 - a. Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors
 - b. \$855,777.90
4. Coordination of Preparedness & Response
 - a. Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies with State, local, Tribal, and public health departments and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus
 - b. \$45,000.00
5. Addressing Unique Needs of Special Populations
 - a. Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth
 - b. \$1,647,168.00

Proposed Expenditure Details ESSER III PRC 181

6. Long-Term Closure Activities

- a. Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures, including how to provide meals to eligible students, how to provide technology for online learning for all students, how to provide guidance for carrying out requirements under IDEA and how to ensure educational services can continue to be provided
- b. \$80,000.00

7. Educational Technology

- a. Purchasing educational technology for students who are served by the LEA
- b. \$569,895.00