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ESSER FUNDS

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS

In 2020 and 2021, Congress passed three stimulus bills that provided nearly \$190.5 billion to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. States receive funds based on the same proportion that each state receives under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title-IA. States must distribute at least 90% of funds to local education agencies (LEAs) based on their proportional share of ESEA Title I-A funds. States have the option to reserve 10% of the allocation for emergency needs as determined by the state to address issues responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed on March 27, 2020, provided \$13.5 billion to the ESSER Fund.
- The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA), passed on Dec. 27, 2020, provided \$54.3 billion in supplemental ESSER funding, known as the ESSER II fund.
- The American Rescue Plan Act, passed on March 11, 2021, provided \$122.7 billion in supplemental ESSER funding, known as the ESSER III fund.
 - The SEAs are required to reserve their allocations to carry out activities: 5% to address learning loss, 1% for afterschool activities, and 1% for summer learning programs.
 - The LEAs must reserve at least 20% of the funding they receive to address learning loss.
 - Two-thirds of ESSER funds are immediately available to states, while remaining funds will be made available after states submit ESSER implementation plans. The U.S. Department of Education is tracking [state plans](#), 28 states have submitted their plans for review and approval.

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

ESSER I (CARES Act)	ESSER II (CRRSA Act)	ARP ESSER (ARP Act)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 18003 of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 313 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act

PERIOD OF FUND AVAILABILITY

ESSER I (CARES Act)	ESSER II (CRRSA Act)	ARP ESSER (ARP Act)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared.• Available for obligation by State Educational Agencies (SEAs) and subrecipients through September 30, 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared.• Available for obligation by SEAs and subrecipients through September 30, 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared.• Available for obligation by SEAs and subrecipients through September 30, 2024.

USE OF FUNDS AND RESERVATIONS

ESSER I (CARES Act)	ESSER II (CRRSA Act)	ARP ESSER (ARP Act)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CARES Act includes allowable uses of funds related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19.• ESSER funds may be used for the same allowable purposes as ESSER II and ARP ESSER, including hiring new staff and avoiding layoffs.• No required reservations of funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESSER II funds may be used for the same allowable purposes as ESSER and ARP ESSER, including hiring new staff and avoiding layoffs.• Note that the “additional” LEA allowable uses of funds under the CRRSA Act (addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings) already are permitted under the CARES Act.• No required reservations of funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An LEA must reserve not less than 20 percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups.• The remaining ARP ESSER funds may be used for the same allowable purposes as ESSER and ESSER II, including hiring new staff and avoiding layoffs.

Allocations for Lemont High School

ESSER I	ESSER II	ESSER III
ESSER I-\$117,024	ESSER II-\$465,054	ESSER III-\$1,043,942
		*20% must be spent to address learning loss/instruction/curriculum

We'd Like Your Feedback

Please complete the survey to provide your input on how Lemont High School should utilize ESSER III funds.

ESSER III USE OF FUNDS-SURVEY