

PaperCut Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (Esser)

U.S. Department of Education



Overview

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 provides \$168B for Local Education Agencies and Charter Schools with LEA status to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. Funds provided to State educational agencies and school districts in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) are intended to help schools address the impact COVID had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools throughout the nation. This is in addition to the CARES Act and Covid Relief Package which was over \$300B collectively.

FUNDING OBJECTIVES

Purchasing educational technology for students

Hardware, software, and connectivity to aid in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors (including hybrid learning), including low income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

Planning, coordination, preparedness, and response

Including activities to improve coordinated responses among LEAs and other state and local government entities, implementing summer learning or supplemental after-school programs, providing technology for online learning in the event of long-term closures, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements. Necessary activities to maintain the operation of schools and continuity of services.

Address learning loss among students

LEAs must reserve at least 20% of their 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.

Training and professional development

On sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases. Providing mental health services and supports including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools.

Support student access to resources

Ensure access to teachers, counselors, and other school personnel to support student needs.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/>

ESSER SPENDING TIMELINES

- CARES Act ESSER Funds: Obligated by Sept 2022
- CRRSA Act ESSER Funds: Obligated by Sept 2023
- ARP Act ESSER Funds: Obligated by Sept 2024

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and charter schools with LEA status

WHO TO INVOLVE IN PLANNING

- CIOs, Tech directors, or other IT personnel
- Business Administrator(s)
- Assistant Superintendent or VP of Curriculum or Operations

EXAMPLE USES OF FUNDS:

When it comes to the actual spending of the stimulus fund, the discretion is left up to each individual school district to address the needs of their individual schools how they see fit. This leaves room for individual districts to use the funds for anything already allowed under the main federal education law, expenditures that let school districts continue operations, and to continue employing their existing staff. Other uses for stimulus funding may include:

- Technology (Hardware, Software, Connectivity)
- Professional Development
- Enrichment Programs
- Addressing Learning Loss

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