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ESSER Closeouts



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ESSER FUNDS

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding (ESSER)

ESSER I

- Enacted March 2020
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)
- Ohio allocation: $489.2 million
- Nonpublic set-aside required

ESSER II

- Enacted January 2021
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)
- Ohio allocation: $1.9 billion
- Nonpublics are now covered by EANS

ARP ESSER

- Enacted March 2021
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Ohio allocation: $4.4 billion
- EANS continues
- *New requirements*

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PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY

Grant	FY23 CCIP Budget Revision Deadline	Obligation Deadline (see §75.707)	FY23 Project Cash Request (PCR) Deadline	FY23 Final Expenditure Report (FER) Deadline*
ESSER II	9/1/23	9/30/23	11/20/23	12/1/23
GEER II	9/1/23	9/30/23	11/20/23	12/1/23
ARP ESSER	9/1/23	9/30/23	11/20/23	12/1/23

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REQUIREMENTS OF ARP ESSER: MAINTENANCE OF EQUITY

- LEAs must not, in fiscal year 2023—
  - (A) reduce per-pupil funding (from combined State and local funding) for any high-poverty school …
  - (B) reduce per-pupil, full-time equivalent staff in any high-poverty school …
- This requirement does not apply to an LEA in fiscal year 2023 that meets at least 1 of the following criteria:
  - (A) LEA has a total enrollment of less than 1,000 students
  - (B) The LEA operates a single school
  - (C) The LEA serves all students within each grade span with a single school
  - (D)The LEA is not experiencing budget reduction and can certify using Appendix B
  - (E) The LEA demonstrates an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance, such as unpredictable changes in student enrollment or a precipitous decline in the financial resources

REQUIREMENTS OF ARP ESSER: LEARNING LOSS

- Not less than 20 percent of the LEA's total ARP ESSER allocation will be used to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as:
  - Summer learning or summer enrichment
  - Extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs
  - Extended school year programs
  - Other evidence-based interventions

Guidance: https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf

ESSER ALLOWABLE USES

4. ARP ESSER Activities

Select activities that the LEA will implement with the ARP ESSER Fund and provide an estimated amount for that activity (check one or more). The total in the Amount boxes must add up to the allocation.

P = Public

	AMOUNT	P	a. Activities authorized under ESEA, IDEA, Perkins, McKinney-Vento subtitle B, Adult Education and Family Literacy Acts. Please elaborate below.
	AMOUNT	P	b. Coordinate preparedness and response efforts of LEA with state, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments and other relevant agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.
50,000.00	AMOUNT	P	c. Activities to address unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, foster youth.
	AMOUNT	P	d. Develop and implement procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEA.
	AMOUNT	P	e. Training and PD for staff of LEA on sanitation and minimizing spread of infectious diseases.
50,000.00	AMOUNT	P	f. Purchase supplies to clean and sanitize facilities of the LEA.
	AMOUNT	P	g. Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures (meals, technology, IDEA, and other educational services provided consistent with Federal, state, local requirements).
50,000.00	AMOUNT	P	h. Purchase educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students served by LEA, including low-income and IDEA.
	AMOUNT	P	i. Provide mental health services and supports.
100,000.00	AMOUNT	P	j. 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, children with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.
999,358.51	AMOUNT	P	k. Addressing learning loss. Please elaborate below.
	AMOUNT	P	l. School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.
	AMOUNT	P	m. Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.
	AMOUNT	P	n. Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff. Please elaborate below.
	AMOUNT	P	o. Other activities necessary to maintain the operations and continuity of services in the LEA and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA. Please elaborate below.

Details of A from above: Select under which authorized program/s the district intends to utilize the funds. Select all that apply and provide an estimate of the amount budgeted for each.

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CONSTRUCTION

- Period Ending 9/30/24
- Construction and Other Capital Expenditures/Improvements Page in CCIP
- Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage
- Monitoring Updates

OTHER REMINDERS

- Common Questions
  - Funding Existing Staff
  - Bonuses
  - Subscriptions
- Annual Reporting: Upcoming FY23 reporting January-March 2024

CRRSA (ESSER II) LATE LIQUIDATION

- Late Liquidation
  - Targeted survey emailed out 11/1/23
    - Due 11/20/23
  - Support Documentation
  - No reimbursement for up to 14 months from the end of the obligation period
  - See CCIP Note 535 and CCIP Note 539 for more information

RESOURCES

- CCIP Note 528 FY23 ESSER and GEER Grants – Important Dates and Reminders
- CCIP Note 535 Extension Request for Late Liquidation of CRRSA Act Funds
- CCIP Note 539 Eligibility and Process for Late Liquidation of CRRSA Act Funds
- USDE ESSER Website
- CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools
- USDE ARP ESSER Fact Sheet
- USDE ESSER GEER Frequently Asked Questions
- USDE ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQ
- Budget Details and Assurances for Construction and Capital Expenditures Using ESSER Funds
- Additional Guidance - Construction and Renovation Using ESSER_4.12.22
- For ESSER assistance, email federalprograms@education.ohio.gov or contact your Federal Programs consultant

QUESTIONS?

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