



Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)



The Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) provides funding to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on the Nation’s elementary and secondary schools and students.

ESSER Facts

- ESSER I-III can be used for reimbursements for COVID-19 related expenses dating back to 3/13/2020
- ESSER I-III funds can be used to make up the difference between the amount covered by E-rate and the total cost of equipment.

Important Deadlines

As of December 31, 2021, all funding has been allocated. Awardees have until the following to obligate funds:

- ESSER I (CARES): 9/30/22
- ESSER II (CRRSA): 9/30/23
- ESSER III (ARP): 9/30/2024

Flow of Funds

U.S. Department of Education ▶ SEAs ▶ LEAs

Funds were allocated to the state education agencies (SEAs) who are required to re-allocate 90 percent to the local education agencies (LEAs), including public charter schools. Allocations to the LEAs were based on Title I, Part A of ESEA in the most recent fiscal year.

Use of Funds

Allowable uses of ESSER funding: prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic including its impact on social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students.

20% of ESSER III funds MUST be used to address learning loss through evidence-based interventions that address the academic/social/emotional needs of at-risk students that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Technology-friendly Use Cases

- Professional Development
- Faculty/Staff Collaboration & Remote Work
- Technical Education Training
- Cybersecurity
- Mobile Technology
- Access to Internet
- Teleconferencing
- Software
- Hardware Accessories

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