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Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)



Date: September 21, 2021

Federal Funding for School Districts

ESSER = Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief

ESSER I (CARES Act) - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

ESSER II (CRRSA Act) - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

ESSER III (ARP Act) - American Rescue Plan



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ESSER Grants - An Overview

- **Minimum Local Education Agencies (LEA) allocations:**
 - ESSER I: \$513 million for Illinois schools (passed March 27, 2020)
 - ESSER II: \$2.0 billion for Illinois schools (passed December 27, 2020)
 - ESSER III: \$4.5 billion for Illinois schools (passed March 11, 2021)
- **The District total allocation of all 3 ESSER grants is \$4,886,947**
- ***Biggest single federal outlay on K-12 education in U.S. History!!!***



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ESSER I (CARES Act)

- **D155 Allocation:**
 - \$320,798
- **Allowable Uses of Funds:**
 - The CARES Act may be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This includes PPE expenditures, cleaning supplies, hiring new staff and avoiding layoffs.
- **District 155 Specific Use:**
 - Funds used to address the digital divide during remote/hybrid learning.



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ESSER II (CRRSA Act)

- **D155 Allocation:**
 - \$1,295,796
- **Allowable Uses of Funds:**
 - Similar to ESSER I, but additional allowable expenditures now includes addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings.
- **District 155 Specific Uses:**
 - Crystal Lake South High School automated outside air system and cooling towers.
 - Funds used to address the digital divide during remote/hybrid learning.



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ESSER III (ARP Act)

- **D155 Allocation:**
 - \$3,270,353
- **Allowable Uses of Funds:**
 - Similar to ESSER II; however, a district must reserve not less than 20% of its total allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of “evidence-based” interventions and ensure that such interventions respond to students’ academic social, and emotional needs and to address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups.



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ESSER III (ARP Act) Continued

- **District 155 Specific Uses:**
 - Dedicated Outside Air Systems, furnish learning/ tutoring centers, support after school and summer enrichment programs for learning loss recovery, curriculum based online learning platforms, technology equipment and WiFi hotspots to support remote/hybrid student learning in addition to COVID-19 contact tracing and mitigation efforts.
- **Eligible Reimbursement Period:**
 - March 13, 2020 - September 30, 2024 as long as program requirements met.



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