

Bullard Independent School District

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Public Comment on Bullard ISD ESSER III Application and Use of Funds:

The Bullard Independent School District is applying for the America Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Federal grant for funding. These federal funds were appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for public education purposes under the ARP ACT Through ESSER III Funds.

ARP ESSER III Overview: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III or ARP ESSER) Fund.

General grant specifics are as follows:

- Grant Timeframe: Grant expires September 30, 2023. If needed, districts can carry over unused funds and be allowed to continue spending until September 30, 2024.
- Districts will be required to follow all federal, state, and local regulations and requirements for federal grant administration and fiscal spending of funds.
- Bullard ISD has been allocated \$1,706,512 (estimate) - to be expended over a 3-year period.

ARP ESSER III Purpose: The purpose of the ARP ESSER III fund is to address learning loss and support the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. ARP ESSER III grant funds were issued for one-time or short-term types of expenditures to address the identified needs caused by the pandemic.

The tentative plan for ARP ESSER III funds were discussed and agreed upon by the Bullard ISD strategic planning committee.

1. Learning Loss
2. Parent Support
3. Mental Health Services
4. Air Quality
5. Internet Devices and Internet Access

[Interested parties may file a comment online by completing this form.](#) If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail your comment to Bullard ISD, Attention: ESSER III, 1426 B South Houston, Bullard, Texas, 75757.

Alternatively, you may also deliver your comment to Cheryl Hendrix, Assistant Superintendent, at the same address. Written comments must be received on or before July 14, 2021. The district appreciates your participation and values your comments.

1. Email Address

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