

## Update E.F.W.M.A ESSER Information

### **Background Information and Rational - ESSER III -**

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund). Under the ESSER Fund, established as part of the Education Stabilization Fund in the CARES Act, 1 State educational agencies (SEAs) will award subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the impact that the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the Nation.

<https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/05/ESSER-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf> Grant

### **Grant Purpose**

The intent of the American Rescue Plan of 2021, ESSER III funding is to safely open and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on Students..

To **address learning loss** among LEA students, including low-income students, SWD, English learners, racial & ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, & children in foster care the district plans to administer and use high-quality assessments which will enable us to determine specific learning gaps for individual students in order to prepare individualized learning plans to address those gaps. In addition, we will implement evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students. Reading academies will provide teachers with evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students in reading where we see the most learning loss. The bilingual interventionist and dyslexia/RTI professional will provide teachers and students evidence-based activities to mitigate learning loss

To **provide mental health services and supports**, including implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools, we will utilize behavior coaches, who will assist the campuses with the implementation of behavioral supports and a campus-wide social and emotional learning program to better meet the needs of students as they adjust to returning to school. In addition, they will work with teachers to help them more easily identify a student with emotional needs at the earliest stages and provide appropriate support.

Funds will also be used to plan and implement activities related to **summer learning**, including providing classroom instruction during summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, SWD, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, & children in foster care. Summer school programs will be planned and designed to meet the individual learning gaps of students.

<b>ESSER Spending</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Total</b>
EFWMA Allocation	\$576,575	\$208,567	\$865,142
20% Minimum Required to address:			
<b>“Learning loss”</b>	\$115,315	\$41,713.40	\$173,028.40
<b>Remaining Programs</b>	\$461,260	\$166,853.60	\$692,113.60
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	\$576,575	\$208,567	\$865,142

22-22

ESSER by Object Code	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Total Grant
Salaries - 6100	\$136,550	\$136,550	\$136,550	\$409,650
Contracted Services - 6200	\$39,680	\$94,406	\$94,406	\$228,492
Supplies - 6300	\$10,500	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$41,500
6400 - Operating Cost	\$5,166.66	\$5,166.66	\$5,166.66	\$15,500
6600 - Capital Outlay	\$40,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$170,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$231,896.66</b>	<b>\$316,622.66</b>	<b>\$316,622.66</b>	<b>\$865,142.00</b>

Amendments 2022-2024

ESSER by Object Code	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Total Grant
Salaries - 6100	\$136,550	\$209,956	\$209,956	\$556,462
Contracted Services - 6200	\$39,680	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$109,680
Supplies - 6300	\$10,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$21,500
6400 - Operating Cost	\$5,166.66	\$1,166.66	\$1,166.66	\$7,500
6600 - Capital Outlay	\$40,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$170,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$231,896.66</b>	<b>\$316,622.66</b>	<b>\$316,622.66</b>	<b>\$865,142.00</b>

**ESSER I Update**

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act (CARES) designated \$1.29 million in relief funds to Texas.
- Last Spring, State leaders used federal COVID funds to fill other budget holes.

**ESSER II Update**

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSA) designated \$5.53 billion in relief funds to Texas
- At this time, I Don't know when and how much our school will be allotted

**ESSER III Update**

- State leaders announced the release of new federal funds on April 28, 2021
- \$11.2 billion to help address students' learning loss and costs incurred as a result of COVID-19 pandemic for next three years.
- EFWMA will receive \$864,863 in ESSER III funding
- Initial  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the funds available immediately under grants administered by TEA = \$576,575

- Final 1/3 to be distributed contingent upon approval by US Department of Education  
= \$288,287

### **ESSER III Requirements**

- ESSER III may be spent between March 13, 2020, and September 20, 2024.
- Minimum of 20% must be sent on evidence-based interventions
- Interventions must respond to students' academic, social and emotional needs and address disproportionate impact of COVID on Title 1 students, students experiencing homelessness and youth in foster care.
- Districts must consult stakeholders and have the opportunity to provide input.

### **Allowable Activities**

- Covid preparedness - prevent, prepare, and respond to covid
- Special Populations - low income, sped, esl, homeless, racial and ethnic minorities
- Training to improve response - training on sanitization to minimize the spread of infectious diseases
- Covid supplies and sanitization - purchasing supplies to sanitize the school
- Long Term Closure Activities - Meals, technology, education activities to be provided by law
- Educational Technology - hardware and software, and connectivity for students and teachers
- Mental Health Support - SEL
- Summer School Learning - providing
- Learning Loss - providing summer instruction

### **ESSER III Funding Options**

- Hire a Literacy Coach
- Hire Interventionists to work with students identified as having significant academic gaps  
(COVID slide)
- Hire TA's
- Hire Lower Elementary Montessori Team Manager
- Hire a Sped Teacher
- Hire tutoring for after school online tutoring and homework center help for 3rd - 5th and 1st - 2nd
- Pay for Summer School Coordinators, ESL Teacher and Cook

- Hire an admin secretary for administrative tasks
  - Purchase technology for students
  - Purchase curriculum
  - Purchase new HVAC for better air quality
  - Expand our gymnasium to support distancing and health

### **Grant Support of EFWMA Strategic Goals -**

Goal 1 - Students will increase academic achievement and success through structured systems in place to improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning.

Goal 3 - To engage all stakeholders in relevant experiences in the school, ie.. parent engagement.

Goal 4 - To create financial sustainability through creative and strategic funding not restricted or allowable by T.E.A

### **Survey Link for Update 5/22**

[Parent Input Survey for ESSER III](#)