

CHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT - ARP

CARES ACT III - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - BACKGROUND

- The ARP was signed into law on March 11, 2021 authorizing Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds in which New York State was allocated \$9 billion.
- 90% of this funding was allocated to schools in NYS based on their Federal Title 1 allocations.
- By May 24, 2021 each Local Educational Agency (LEA) gave assurances that we would use the funding for its intended purposes.
- Individual districts (LEAs) were provided with their allocation of the CARES Act ARP funding. For Chester UFSD this totaled \$1,462,045.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - APPLICATION

- The application process begins with the anticipated use of the grant allocations to achieve the one or more goals outlined in the “assurances” of **allowable uses** and **required uses**, reported on May 24th.
- The application consists of:
 - Online questions and answers to get a narrative of our intended use of funds.
 - Meaningful consultation with stakeholders.
 - Final plan development and
 - Formal financial breakdown of our use of funds (Form FS10)
- This process is due by November 15, 2021

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – ALLOWABLE USES

- The Allowable uses for ARP Funding include:
 - Implement prevention and mitigation strategies to safely open and conduct in-person learning.
 - Including formal review and update of our reopening plan.
 - Address the academic impact of lost instructional time through evidence-based interventions.
 - Respond to the social, emotional and mental health needs of all students.
 - Coordinate preparedness and response efforts with local DOH or other agencies.
 - Train staff on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.
 - Planning for long-term facilities closures through online learning and the purchase of educational technology.
 - Providing mental health services and supports, providing for summer, after-school and school year enrichment to address learning loss from pandemic disruptions.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – REQUIRED USES

- The Required uses for ARP Funding include:
 - 20% of the Federal Allocation (90% of the total) must be used to address learning loss through evidence-based interventions.
 - 5% of the State Allocation (10% of the total) must be used to address lost instructional time through evidence-based interventions.
 - 1% of the State Allocation (10% of the total) must be used to carry out evidence-based summer enrichment programs.
 - 1% of the State Allocation (10% of the total) must be used to carry out evidence-based after-school enrichment programs.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – THE PLAN

- Each of the required uses are found in our DRAFT spending plan that will be presented in four (4) individual budgets on the Forms FS10 for New York State review and approval. A summary, including project numbers, program dates and allocation, follows:

	Cares Act III - American Rescue Plan				
Title	ESSER	GEER A 5%	GEER B 1%	GEER C 1%	Total
Program Dates	3/13/20 - 10/31/24	3/13/20 - 9/30/24	3/13/20 - 9/30/24	3/13/20 - 9/30/24	
Allocation	762,045.00	499,996.00	100,002.00	100,002.00	1,462,045.00
Costs:					
.15-Prof. Salaries	536,698.00	379,610.00	86,185.00	86,185.00	
.80-Benefits	225,347.00	120,386.00	13,817.00	13,817.00	
Total Allocation	762,045.00	499,996.00	100,002.00	100,002.00	1,462,045.00
Mental Health Services	380,000.00	-	-	-	380,000.00
Learning Loss	382,045.00	499,996.00	-	-	882,041.00
Summer Enrichment	-	-	100,002.00	-	100,002.00
After-School Enrichment	-	-	-	100,002.00	100,002.00
Totals	<u>762,045.00</u>	<u>499,996.00</u>	<u>100,002.00</u>	<u>100,002.00</u>	<u>1,462,045.00</u>

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – THE PLAN

- The DRAFT plan calls for use of the CARES Act – ARP funding to be used for professional salaries and related benefits to provide for:
 - Three Summer School teachers over three years.
 - Two after-school teachers over three years.
 - Two full-time Academic Intervention Services (AIS) teachers for two years.
 - One year each of 1.0 FTE math teacher, 1.0 FTE K-6 teacher, 2.0 FTE special education teacher 1.0 FTE school counselor and .5 FTE social worker.