

Gower District #62

APR ESSER

Use of Funds Plan

The Gower School District's ARP ESSER I, II and III Use of Funds Plan was presented as part of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on April 27, 2021 along with the Updated Staffing Report for the 2021-2022 school year. The Use of Funds Plan for ESSR III was designed in an anticipated fashion in April and updated via this document for public posting and compliance with use of funds. This plan is a culmination of meaningful consultation with stakeholders including students; families; school and district administrators and was made publicly available on the district's website upon presentation at the Board meeting and subsequently submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education for review and approval.

ESSR I Use of Funds Plan: Total Allotment \$70,023

Item/Activity	Cost
Funds will be used to upgrade software subscriptions to enhance remote learning such as SeeSaw, Education version of Zoom, speech and language software subscriptions.	\$6,762
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to purchase 200 replacement Chromebooks for remote instruction at an approximate cost of \$200 each.	\$40,000
Supplies and Materials: masks and hand sanitizer for students/staff safety and to prevent the spread of Covid-19	\$5,000
Supplies and Materials: Plexiglass dividers for student/staff safety and to prevent the spread of Covid-19	\$5,000
Supplies and Materials: funds will be used to purchase additional thermometers for each building to screen students and staff as a preventive measure.	\$4,000
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to provide schools with additional tape to mark 6 feet social distancing requirements/signage/cleaning supply kits.	\$5,000
Purchased Services: Funds will be used to provide professional development training on cleaning, staff safety, and preventing the spread of Covid-19.	\$1,500
Purchased Services: Funds will be used to provide Hotspots and Internet services to students/families who do not have access at home for remote learning. Currently have 2 hotspots and a bill for services \$55.22 each for April and May (\$110.44); approximately \$1325.28 for 12 months. Funds will be used to purchase 2 additional hotspots; approximately \$1325.28 for 12 months for a total of \$2761.	\$2,761

ESSR II Use of Funds Plan: Total Allotment \$270,284

Item/Activity	Cost
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to purchase the Google Licenses for 185 Chromebooks at \$25 each.	\$4,625
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to purchase 185 replacement Chromebooks for student use.	\$63,270
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to purchase individual student math manipulative kits and reading kits to take home or use at school. This will be targeted for our low income students to address learning needs.	\$2,560
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to purchase instructional software to help students with learning loss in the areas of reading, math, or social emotional skills. Examples include: Social Express, Reflex Math.	\$6,138
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to purchase 80 replacement teacher laptops (\$1200 each) to be able to work with students in person or remotely.	\$96,000
Funds will be used for staff overtime for nurses as they have been leading Covid testing at both of our school sites after school hours and on breaks. The nurses record their overtime on timesheets and are paid at their hourly rate. Benefits are paid with local/district funds.	\$3,867
Funds will be used for custodial overtime for Covid work at the employee's hourly rate and recorded on timesheets for Covid cleaning and help with supervision.	\$18,880
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to reimburse the District for the purchase of 72 air purifiers (\$462 per unit) to improve air quality in classrooms as we have been open for in person learning since August.	\$33,264
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to purchase upgraded bus cameras in order to prevent the spread of the virus and to keep students and staff in school. Upgraded cameras are needed to accurately conduct contact tracing for both schools. Gower has 8 buses and we are adding 2 interior cameras per bus at \$480 each, 1 stop arm camera per bus (\$595), 1 forward facing camera per bus (\$275), connectivity software per bus at (\$350), and installation at (\$670) per bus. (Total is \$22,800)	\$22,800
Funds will be used for bus driver overtime for Covid work at the employee hourly rate and recorded on timesheets for Covid cleaning and help with supervision.	\$18,880

ESSR III Use of Funds Plan: Total Allotment \$607,602

Item/Activity	Cost
Recognition, Revitalization, and Retention Stipend of \$2020 each to support their work keeping our schools open for the 2020-2021 school year and reopening in 2021-2022. There are 121 instructional staff members: teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, specialists, and substitutes.	\$244,420
District Math Interventionist: remaining salary of 1.0 FTE. This interventionist will work with targeted students in grades 3-6. The other portion of the salary and benefits are part of the Title I grant.	\$65,227
Funds will be used for 2 assistants to provide instruction in K-2 classrooms in Reading and Math (1.0 FTE) at \$21,993.51 each.	\$43,987
Funds will be used for IMRF benefits for the 2 assistants in K-2 Reading and Math (1.0 FTE) at \$2606.23 each.	\$5,213
Recognition, Revitalization, and Retention TRS benefits for stipend of \$2020 for 121 instructional staff members: teachers, administrators, specialists, and paraprofessionals.	\$1,418
Funds will be used to offset costs of TRS benefits for District Math Interventionist (1.0 FTE). The other portion of the TRS benefits are in the Title I Grant. (\$1650 of \$3000 total is indicated here and \$1350 of \$3000 is indicated in Title I.)	\$1,650
Supplies and materials: Funds will be used for technology supplies such as instructional software subscriptions and remote education subscriptions through Edmentum for students to access remotely as needed.	\$31,164
Supplies and Materials: Funds will be used to purchase intervention materials to use with targeted students. Specific examples would be Dreambox Learning (Math) and Fountas and Pinnell Intervention kits (Reading).	\$6,918
Supplies and materials: Funds will be used for technology supplies such as 55 Chromebooks at \$330.07 each and 55 management licenses at \$32.00 each.	\$19,914
Summer Enrichment Reservation: Funds will be used to purchase supplies and materials to use with targeted students during the summer to meet specific academic needs in Math. A specific example could be manipulative kits with dice for student math games.	\$125
Funds will be used to hire 2 social workers to help with guidance, counseling, social emotional/mental health needs at \$53,996.00 each.	\$107,992
Learning Loss reservation: Funds will be used to purchase mental health interventions that can be used with targeted students. Specific examples are the Social Thinking Curriculum and Social Express license for both schools.	\$626
After school programs: Funds will be used to purchase supplies and materials to help with social emotional needs in an after school program held at Gower West. An example is the Mindfulness Game for Kids (\$19.94 each).	\$125

Funds will be used for TRS benefits for 2 new social workers (\$313 each).	\$626
Recognition, Revitalization, and Retention Stipend of \$2020 each for 2 nurses to support their work keeping our schools open for the 2020-2021 school year and reopening in 2021-2022.	\$4,040
Funds will be used for 2 Lab Director stipends at \$7500 each for 2020-2021 school year and 2021-2022 school year. This was for our schools to become Covid testing sites.	\$15,000
Recognition, Revitalization, and Retention IMRF benefits for stipend of \$2020 for 2 nurses.	\$468
Funds will be used for TRS benefits for the Lab Director stipends at \$7500 each for 2020-2021 school year and 2021-2022 school year at the amount of \$43.50 for 2020-2021 and \$43.50 for 2021-2022. This was for our schools to become Covid testing sites.	\$87
Recognition, Revitalization, and Retention Stipend of \$2020 each to support their work keeping our schools open for the 2020-2021 school year and reopening in 2021-2022. There are 26 non instructional staff members: custodians, bus drivers, clerical staff, library staff, and lunchroom staff.	\$52,520
Recognition, Revitalization, and Retention IMRF benefits for stipend of \$2020 for 26 non-instructional staff members: custodians, bus drivers, clerical staff, library staff, and lunchroom staff.	\$6,082