



Cherokee  
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# American Rescue Plan Report

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The attached American Recovery Plan Close-Out Report provides a detailed description of how funds provided by the federal government (through the Georgia Department of Education) in response to the Coronavirus pandemic were used in Cherokee County School District. However, as you may recall, CCSD received funding to assist with response and recovery from the pandemic for multiple years and from different Acts of Congress. To summarize:

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was enacted by Congress on March 27, 2020 and established the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act (ESSER).
- The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) was enacted by Congress on December 27, 2020. This Act continued and expanded the original CARES Act and is sometimes referred to as CARES II and ESSER II.
- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) provided a third round of funding for ESSER programs and initiatives when passed by Congress on March 11, 2021. This is sometimes referred to as ESSER III.

While the Board has previously received detailed reports relative to CARES and CARES II at the time funds were budgeted and expended, the table below provides a brief summation.

| <b>Act</b> | <b>Amount Awarded</b> | <b>Original Award Dates</b>        | <b>Expended</b>              | <b>Uses</b>   |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| CARES      | \$3,706,578           | April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2022 | July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 | 71% Cleaning supplies/services and Personal Protective Equipment<br><br>28% Online Course Fees for Students<br><br>1% Laptops for Students  |
| CARES II   | \$15,769,128          | July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023  | July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 | 59% Additional Teacher Allotments (125 FTE)<br>35% Employee Retention Bonuses<br><br>3% Additional Nurse, Social Worker and Psychologist Allotments (5 FTE total)<br><br>1% Online Course Fees for Students<br>2% Custodial Services and Supplies |

| Act | Amount Awarded | Original Award Dates              | Expended                     | Uses  |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| ARP | \$35,150,352   | July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024 | July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024 | 63% Additional Teacher Allotments (123 FY23; 100 FY24)<br><br>21% Other Additional Allotments - Student Support Services<br><br>8% Instructional Materials/Equipment and Professional Development<br><br>5.5% Kindergarten Paraprofessionals<br><br>2% Summer School Activities |

The purpose of this report is to offer additional accountability and transparency beyond what is required in grant reporting to the Georgia Department of Education and others. All expenditures within each of the above grants have been reviewed, authorized, and administered by the Georgia Department of Education throughout the duration of the various grant periods.

Specifically, American Recovery Plan Funds were allocated to Instructional Services (76%), Student Services (16%), Improvement of Instructional Services and Staff Training (5%), and Safety and Security (2%). Five percent of funds were one-time investments including math kits that will continue to be used in instruction but will not require continued investments.

Less than one-half of one percent of funds were expended on General and School Administration. A little more than 22% of funds have been continued by absorbing into the FY25 General Operating Budget (General Fund) and will continue to be evaluated in additional years. Of the continuation of funds, 118 of school-assigned kindergarten paraprofessionals have been maintained. Almost 73% of funds have been sunset at this time.

In total, CCSD was awarded \$54.6 million over the course of 4 years and has expended 100% of all allocated funds. This source of revenue has concluded and CCSD has successfully positioned the district to sustain operations without the supplemental funds continuing.

| Description                         | Expenditure Description   | FY23                 | FY24                 | Total Expended       | Sustainability Evaluation | Plan  |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Instructional Services              | Salaries for Teachers   | \$ 7,794,160         | \$ 7,251,178         | \$ 15,045,338        | Sunset                    | Reduced through attrition (123 in FY23, 100 in FY24)              |
| Instructional Services              | Salaries for Kindergarten Paraprofessionals                                     | \$ -                 | \$ 1,728,818         | \$ 1,728,818         | Continued                 | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund                            |
| Instructional Services              | Salaries for Summer School Activities   | \$ 171,104           | \$ 164,651           | \$ 335,755           | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
| Instructional Services              | Benefits for Teacher Salaries   | \$ 3,579,566         | \$ 3,598,992         | \$ 7,178,558         | Sunset                    | Reduced through attrition   |
| Instructional Services              | Benefits for Summer School Activities   | \$ 36,448            | \$ 31,503            | \$ 67,951            | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
| Instructional Services              | Benefits for Kindergarten Paraprofessionals                                     | \$ -                 | \$ 132,254           | \$ 132,254           | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund                                     |
| Instructional Services              | Online Subscription to Digital Content  | \$ 310,812           | \$ 155,400           | \$ 466,212           | Continued                 | Some Retired, Some Included in FY25 General Fund                  |
| Instructional Services              | Classroom Literacy, Math and Science Manipulative Kits                          | \$ 456,974           | \$ -                 | \$ 456,974           | One-time Investment       | One-time Expense, replace as needed with General Fund             |
| Instructional Services              | Specialized Materials for Summer School Activities                              | \$ 28,928            | \$ 2,568             | \$ 31,496            | One-time Investment       | One-time Expense, replace as needed with General Fund             |
| Instructional Services              | Equipment to Support CTAE Pathways  | \$ 460,622           | \$ 227,549           | \$ 688,171           | One-time Investment       | One-time Expense, replace as needed with General Fund or Perkins  |
| Instructional Services              | Building Fluency Addition and Subtraction Kits                                  | \$ -                 | \$ 536,718           | \$ 536,718           | One-time Investment       | One-time Expense, replace as needed with General Fund             |
| Student Services                    | Salaries for 7 Middle School Counselors   | \$ 454,945           | \$ 506,721           | \$ 961,666           | Sunset                    | Reduced through attrition   |
| Student Services                    | Salaries for 2 School Nurses  | \$ 67,659            | \$ 97,388            | \$ 165,047           | Sunset                    | Reduced through attrition   |
| Student Services                    | Salaries for 2 School Psychologists   | \$ 177,874           | \$ 174,232           | \$ 352,106           | Sunset                    | Reduced through attrition   |
| Student Services                    | Salaries for 1 Social Worker  | \$ 68,500            | \$ 74,232            | \$ 142,732           | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund                                     |
| Student Services                    | Salary for 1 System Navigator   | \$ 26,675            | \$ 53,500            | \$ 80,175            | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund                                     |
| Student Services                    | Salaries for 6 Graduation Coaches   | \$ 479,116           | \$ 496,044           | \$ 975,160           | Sunset                    | Reduced through attrition   |
| Student Services                    | Salary for 1 Administrator on Special Assignment (Assessment)                   | \$ 98,400            | \$ 104,570           | \$ 202,970           | Continued                 | Converted to Assessment Specialist in FY25 General Fund           |
| Student Services                    | Salaries for 4 Behavior Specialists   | \$ 286,208           | \$ 294,284           | \$ 580,492           | Continued                 | 3 FTE Included in FY25 General Fund                               |
| Student Services                    | Salaries for 2 Teachers on Special Assignment to Serve as Admins in High School | \$ -                 | \$ 258,301           | \$ 258,301           | Sunset                    | Reduced through attrition   |
| Student Services                    | Salaries for Summer School Activities   | \$ 27,490            | \$ 21,411            | \$ 48,901            | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
| Student Services                    | Benefits for Student Services Salaries  | \$ 737,773           | \$ 986,466           | \$ 1,724,239         | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund As Appropriate                      |
| Student Services                    | Contracted Services for Summer School Activity                                  | \$ 2,070             | \$ -                 | \$ 2,070             | Sunset                    | One-Time Purchase   |
| Improvement of Educational Services | Salaries for 3 Digital Content Designers  | \$ 277,899           | \$ 313,172           | \$ 591,071           | Continued                 | Converted to Content Specialists in FY25 General Fund             |
| Improvement of Educational Services | Salary for 1 Administrator on Special Assignment (School Operations)            | \$ 140,000           | \$ 97,369            | \$ 237,369           | Continued                 | Converted to Coordinator of Student Services in FY25 General Fund |
| Improvement of Educational Services | Salary for 1 Technology Specialist to Provide Summer School Services            | \$ 3,985             | \$ -                 | \$ 3,985             | Sunset                    | Provide as Needed with General Fund                               |
| Improvement of Educational Services | Benefits for Improvement of Educational Services Salaries                       | \$ 185,638           | \$ 210,733           | \$ 396,371           | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund                                     |
| Improvement of Educational Services | Professional Development for Digital Content Designers                          | \$ 11,469            | \$ 13,000            | \$ 24,469            | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund As Appropriate                      |
| Instructional Staff Training        | Professional Development for Teachers and Staff (LETRS, ESOL, STEM)             | \$ 408,310           | \$ 175,806           | \$ 584,116           | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund As Appropriate                      |
| General Administration              | Salary for Part-Time Clerical Staff   | \$ 40,000            | \$ 40,000            | \$ 80,000            | Sunset                    | Eliminated with Grant Admin Responsibilities                      |
| General Administration              | Benefits for Part-Time Clerical Staff   | \$ 3,060             | \$ 3,060             | \$ 6,120             | Sunset                    | Eliminated with Grant Admin Responsibilities                      |
| General Administration              | Supplies and Equipment to Support Grant Administration                          | \$ 3,029             | \$ 250               | \$ 3,279             | Sunset                    | Eliminated with Grant Admin Responsibilities                      |
| School Administration               | Administrative Support for Summer School Activities                             | \$ 11,448            | \$ 39,656            | \$ 51,104            | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
| School Administration               | Benefits for Administrative Support for Summer School Activities                | \$ 3,105             | \$ 10,854            | \$ 13,959            | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
| Maintenance and Operations          | Salaries for 4 Community Police Officers  | \$ 313,455           | \$ 191,347           | \$ 504,802           | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund                                     |
| Maintenance and Operations          | Benefits for 4 Community Police Officers  | \$ 143,173           | \$ 81,050            | \$ 224,223           | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund                                     |
| Maintenance and Operations          | Cleaning Supplies for Schools   | \$ 236,305           | \$ -                 | \$ 236,305           | Continued                 | Included in FY25 General Fund                                     |
| Student Transportation Services     | Salaries for Bus Drivers for Summer Schools Field Trips                         | \$ 2,500             | \$ 5,000             | \$ 7,500             | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
| Student Transportation Services     | Benefits for Bus Drivers for Summer School Field Trips                          | \$ 344               | \$ 689               | \$ 1,033             | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
| Student Transportation Services     | Fuel for Summer School Field Trips  | \$ 3,250             | \$ 6,500             | \$ 9,750             | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
| School Nutrition Services           | Meals Provided to Students in ESOL Summer Programs                              | \$ 6,396             | \$ 6,396             | \$ 12,792            | Sunset                    | May be Evaluated for FY26 General Fund Budget as Needed           |
|                                     | <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 17,058,690</b> | <b>\$ 18,091,662</b> | <b>\$ 35,150,352</b> |                           |   |