



Spending for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Federal Grants Update

Elwood UFSD

Board of Education Meeting
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Office of Curriculum and Instruction
Elwood Business Office

Grant Allocations

Governor's Emergency
Education Relief Fund
(GEER)

GEER
2021-2023

\$147,054

Elementary & Secondary
School Emergency Relief
Fund (ESSER)

ESSER
2021-2023

1,645,370

American Rescue Plan
(ARP)

ARP
2021-2024

\$1,903,490

Pandemic Relief Funds

Objectives:

- Support the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services
- Address the impact of lost instruction through the evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning and/or enrichment, extended day, etc.
- Ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social and emotional needs
- Address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on economically disadvantaged students, English language learners, students with disabilities, etc.

Funding Initiatives Completed

Status after 1.5 years of the 3 year Grant Cycle



INITIATIVES COMPLETED

Purchase of new K-6 Math Curriculum - EnVision	Purchase of Large Musical Instruments
Shopbot Computer Numeric Control (CNC) for Technology Classes	Virtual School through Western Suffolk BOCES
Purchased new textbook for AP US History	Purchased new textbook for Criminal Justice



Funding Initiatives In Progress

INITIATIVES	
Flat Panel Whiteboards (SmartBoards) in all K-12 Classrooms	Teaching Assistants for Academic Intervention Services (AIS) and English as a New Language (ENL)
Professional Development (PD) for New Math Curriculum	Instructional Technology Teacher Assistant (Harley)
HS Credit Recovery Courses	Ventilator Upgrades
English as a New Language (ENL) Teacher (part-time)	College Board SAT Prep (after-school)
K-8 Summer Boost Program & Transportation	HS Academic Support Period
HS WSB Summer School & Transportation	Aftercare for Economically Disadvantaged Students

Funding Initiatives In Progress

INITIATIVES	
Elementary Literature Clubs	MS Ethics & ASL Club
Elementary Homework Clubs	HS Art Classes
Director of Math, Science, and Technology (MST) & Federal Grants	Administrative Participation in the National Council of Educational Resources & Training Program
Clerical Support for Federal Grants	Science Materials
Middle School Restorative Practices, Student Mentoring, and Service Learning Programs	HS Social, Emotional Learning (SEL) Wellness Program
Elementary Health & Wellness Program	Nearpod Interactive Learning Platform
Career Exploration	Curriculum Resources/Textbooks

Long Range Planning

after ARP Grant concludes

- ❖ The federal grants have afforded many opportunities for students and support for program enhancements.
- ❖ However, all of the federal grants are concluding in either 2023 (GEER & ESSER) or 2024 (ARP).
- ❖ Program evaluations have been and will continue to be conducted to identify priorities to add to the 2024-2025 General Fund budget if funding allows for their inclusion.



Criteria for Identifying Priority Initiatives

- Provides more equitable access to academic support
- Promotes student academic success by the enhancing social & emotional wellness of students and staff
- Provides access to enriched curriculum in addition to standard programs
- Ensures high quality instruction and programs, ensures accountability of all stakeholders, and promotes alignment with the new NYS Standards
- Generates high levels of student interest
- Reflects positive survey results
- Prepares students for graduation, enhances college and career readiness
- Public input through Board presentations with email address provided for feedback: ARPGrantFeedback@elwood.k12.ny.us

Initial Recommendations for Inclusion in the 2024-2025 Operating Budget

- ❑ WSB HS Summer School for students who did not earn course credit or pass Regents exam
- ❑ K-8 Summer Boost Program for students at risk of not meeting grade level standards
- ❑ Elementary Clubs for Literature Study and Homework
- ❑ Director of MST for supervision of staff, implementation of standards-aligned curriculum & MST enhancements
- ❑ AIS and ENL Teacher Assistants
- ❑ HS Academic Support Period (MS Level Up proposed for General Fund)
- ❑ Elementary Health & Wellness push-in program with certified PE and Health teachers
- ❑ Secondary Wellness program to promote mental health and emotional well being
- ❑ MS Ethics and ASL Club
- ❑ Additional Art classes to enhance course offerings
- ❑ ENL Teacher (part-time)
- ❑ SAT Prep (after school)
- ❑ Instructional Technology TA - provides for one Tech TA per building

Additional Expenses Associated with Shifting Grant-funded Initiatives to Operating Budget

Initiative	Current Annual Cost
Elem Literature & HW Clubs (10)	\$22,350
MS Ethics & ASL Clubs	\$5,600
SAT Prep Course (after school)	\$2,376
Director of MST & Federal Grants	\$142,000
AIS & ENL Teacher Assistants	\$51,854
Elementary Health & Wellness Program	\$23,500
Secondary SEL Wellness Program	\$8,250

Initiative	Current Annual Cost
ENL Teacher (part-time)	\$38,672
K-8 Summer Boost (program & busing)	\$100,342
WSB HS Summer School (program & busing)	\$73,156
HS Art Classes	\$22,171
Instructional Technology TA @ Harley (one per bldg)	\$27,277
HS Academic Support Classes	\$49,944
TOTAL COST - ALL ITEMS	\$567,492

Discussion & Community Input

All community members are invited to provide feedback and input on the use of Federal Grant funds.

Send your replies to:
ARPGrantFeedback@elwood.k12.ny.us

Next ARP Grant Update - June 2023