ESSERF 3: Parameters and Requirements

The American Rescue Plan of 2021 included another round of funds for public schools to support the return to in-person learning in the United States. This fund is also known as ESSER 3. Unlike earlier COVID funds, the application process for ESSER 3 is a lengthier and more detailed process and will have several stages.

The ARP ESSER 3 funding application requires that each school develop a plan for the safe return of students and staff to in-person learning and to ensure the continuity of educational services for the upcoming year.

The district must reserve at least 20 percent of the total ESSER 3 funds to “address the lost instructional time…and to respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student subgroups.” The remaining funds can be used to address needs related to the COVID pandemic to “effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators and staff…”

Once the application is approved, funds can be accessed through September 30, 2024 (this includes a 12 month Tydings Amendment).

Project Summaries

**Addressing Learning Gaps/Lost Instructional Time**
(at least $867,487.87)

Extended Learning Time
- Before/after school tutoring
- Staff salaries and benefits
- Supplies

Mental Health Services and Supports
- Increased student access to mental health professionals
- Addressing social emotional needs for all students PreK-12
- Addressing resource inequities

Summer Programming
- Increased grade span participation in summer school
- Salaries, benefits, supplies
Family Support Resources
- Increased staffing
- Family outreach
- Instructional resources
- Professional development

**Health & Safety Projects**
(remainder of funds, approximately $3,469,951.50)

- HVAC improvements and repairs
- HMHS window replacements and repairs
- HMHS auditorium lighting updates for social distancing
- Sanitizing, cleaning, equipment and supplies
- Roof and ceiling repairs relating to environmental health
- Additional temporary custodial and transportation staff
- Food service costs related to the pandemic
- Educational technology
- Pooled testing and nursing costs