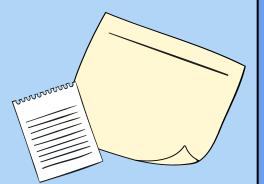


Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding (ESSER)



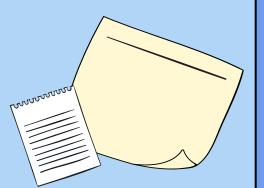
ESSER/ARP Funds

- CARES (ESSER 1)-Relief
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (ESSER II)-Recovery
- American Recovery Plan (ARP ESSER)-Sustain in-person learning and Maximize Opportunities
 - Set-aside to address learning loss
 - Maintenance of Equity



ESSER/ ARP Funds

- Prevent, Prepare for, Respond to COVID-19
- Reasonable and Necessary
- Expenditures must show connection to COVID



What does it mean for ESSER and GEER funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Supporting physical health and safety through strategies, protocols, and policies in line with guidance from the CDC to the extent practical;
- Meeting students' social, emotional, mental health, academic, and other needs; and
- Operational continuity and other allowed uses.



ESSER/ ARP Funds <u>offer the opportunity</u> for SEAs and LEAs to:

- Make educational <u>systems better</u> for students, educators, staff, schools, and their communities post-pandemic.
- Think holistically about their response to COVID-19 in order to address the *impact of lost instructional time* from the pandemic on all students and to *address pre-existing challenges* that, <u>if left unaddressed</u>, *will impede recovery* from the pandemic.

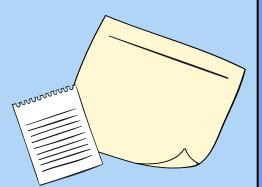
"These Federal emergency resources are available for a wide range of activities to address diverse needs arising from or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, or to emerge stronger post-pandemic, including responding to students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs and continuing to provide educational services as States, LEAs, and schools respond to and recover from the pandemic"

Broad categories for <u>eligible uses</u> of funds

- Direct Student Supports/Continuous Learning
- Technology
- Systemic Procedures
- Facilities (prior approval from DESE)
- Transportation (prior approval from DESE)
- High Quality Instructional Materials
- Preventing Learning Loss
- Additional Pay (plan to justify decisions)
- Maintenance of Equity

*Continuity of Operations

* Budgetary Shortfalls





Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education ESSER Transparency Dashboard

Overview

The ESSER funding dashboard provides the public an opportunity to access information about how much of the funds have been used so far to improve student learning, address lost learning opportunities, support students' mental health and wellbeing, and more.

The dashboard shows spending under all three rounds of ESSER funding – through the CARES Act in May 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act in January 2021, and the American Rescue Plan in March 2021.

For more information, please visit the ESSER Funding site.



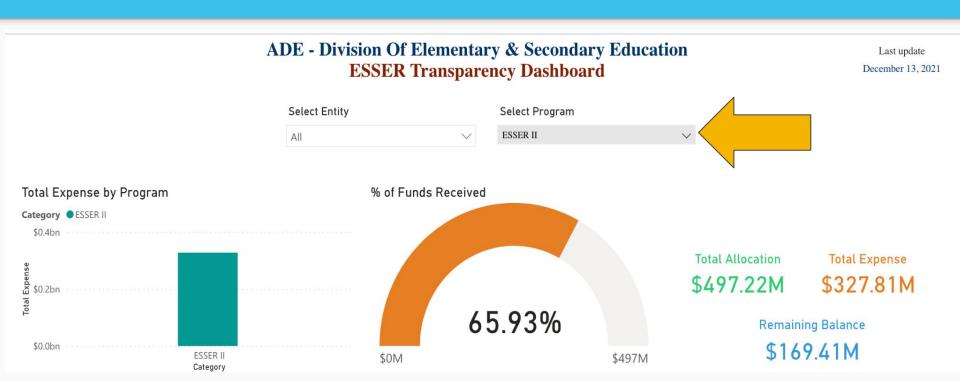








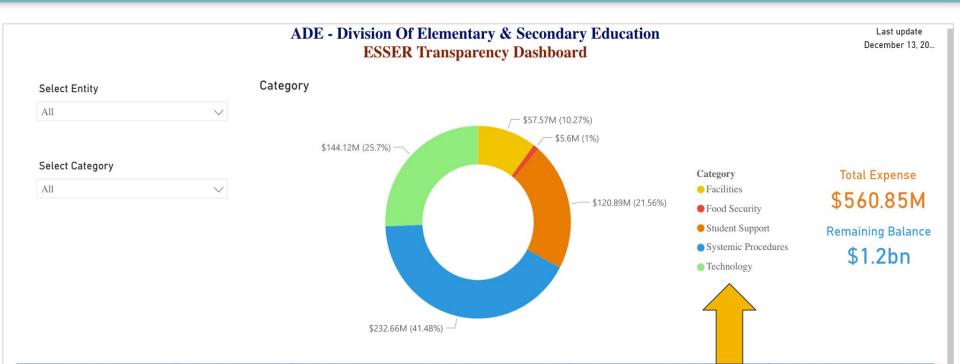












Arkansas's Setaside Funding

Covid-19 Relief Funding by State



State Set Aside Project Update

