



Prospect Heights School District 23
Board Memorandum
Information Item

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Subject: Grant Information Update

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New Grants Available

ESSERS II Funds - The Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSERS II) application and allocation came available for \$467,692 within the month of March. The funds are emergency relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation. Districts must use these funds to provide services to students and teachers in public schools as required under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) act, 2021. Mrs. Amy McPartlin has developed a one-pager that outlines our plan for the use of these funds: [2021 FEMA & ESSERS Funding Updates](#)

ESSERS III Funds - The new American Rescue Plan (ARP) legislation passed allocates a significant amount of funds provided for schools. On March 31st, we received the preliminary estimated allocation for District 23 for the amount of \$1,049,862. The application will be titled The Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSERS III) and is not yet available but should be in the coming months. We are waiting to learn the parameters for the use of these funds. Once received, the Administration will be discussing the plan for the use of these funds.

eRead Illinois - Our District 23 Library Media Center Specialists worked together to apply for a new grant through the Reading Across Illinois Libraries (RAILS) and Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS). eRead Illinois provides Illinois libraries (public, school, academic, and special) with affordable access to e-books. The eRead Illinois program focuses on

- Expanding access to e-books for Illinois residents
- Training on e-books for libraries to better serve their communities
- Exploring further opportunities for increasing access to e-books through collaboration with Illinois authors, libraries, publishers, and other organizations

We have received \$1,000.00 (\$250.00 per school library) for our membership and access to the program AXIS 360 which will become available for our students next school year.

Grants and Amendments

In the Summer of 2020, District 23 was allocated \$127,081 in Title I, \$26,856 in Title II, \$37,825 in Title III, and \$10,000 in Title IV. Administrators collaborated to create an expenditure plan that would enhance the educational experience for our staff and students. Throughout the year, ISBE releases additional funds which are based on the carryover of funds we did not utilize last year as well as additional funds ISBE has issued for our district. This requires us to rewrite the grant and allocate the funds with an amendment. When we get additional funding from the State, it is the perfect time to make any changes in the grant especially when new funds such as ESSERS become available.

A summary of the initial grants and the amendments is provided in the table below.

Title 1- Student Improvement Expenditure Descriptions	Original Grant	Amendment 1	Amendment 2
Yet to be allocated *			\$25,236
Eisenhower tutors	\$31,500	\$31,500	
Ross tutors	\$21,000	\$21,000	
Sullivan Tutors	\$21,000	\$21,000	
Summer School - Ross	\$1,500	\$4,450	
Summer School- Eisenhower	\$1,500	\$4,450	
Summer School - Sullivan	\$1,500	\$4,450	
Summer School - MacArthur		\$4,450	
Supplemental instructional online programs	\$10,000	\$10,000	
District Title I Supplies/Materials	\$8,811	\$8,811	
District-wide stipends for PD and curriculum writing projects	\$4,000	\$4,000	
Professional Development Conferences/ Speakers	\$7,000	\$7,000	
Mentor Teacher Stipends (Mentors)	\$7,750	\$7,750	
New Teacher Mentoring and Induction Meetings (Mentees)	\$8,520	\$8,520	
Non-Instr. Supplies - Homeless	\$350	\$350	
Neglected & Delinquent student set aside	\$150	\$150	
Title I Parent Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,500	
	\$127,081	\$140,381	\$165,616

* We plan to assign unallocated funds within the next two weeks.

Title II - Professional Development Expenditure Descriptions	Original Grant	Amendment 1	Amendment 2
Yet to be allocated *			\$2,930
Title II Hourly Stipends	\$7,000	\$7,000	
Title II Tuition Reimbursement	\$15,000	\$15,000	
Title II Prof Development	\$2,000	\$7,524	
Title II Professional Development Supplies	\$2,856	\$4,000	
	\$26,856	\$33,524	\$36,454

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Title III - Bilingual Programs Expenditure Descriptions	Original Grant	Amendment 1
Title III Instructional Assistants at Eisenhower and MacArthur	\$31,075	\$31,075
Title III Summer Reading Program	\$1,500	\$1,500
Title III Supplies and Materials	\$250	\$2,057
Title III Professional Development	\$1,500	\$1,500
Title III Stipends for BPAC Planning and Events	\$1,500	\$1,500
Title III Presenter for BPAC Virtual Concert		\$250
Title III Bilingual Parent Advisory Council (BPAC) Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,000
	\$37,825	39,882

Title IV - Technology and Wellness Expenditure Descriptions	Original Grant	Amendment 1
Yet to be allocated*		\$971
Title IV online subscriptions for Newsela	\$10,000	
	\$10,000.00	\$10,971

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Career and Technical Education Improvement (CTEI) Expenditure Descriptions	Original Grant
Career Lab/Tech Lab Supplies/Materials	\$1,000
Professional Development for Career Classes such as FACS/STEM Lab	\$328
	\$1,328

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.