

ESSERF 3 Funds – EUT Project Overview

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 Tidings Amendment).

Project Summaries:

Improvement in Learning (approximately \$200,000)

- Technology Integration
- Outdoor Learning Environment
- Curriculum Updates and Professional Development

Health & Safety (approximately \$279,000)

- School Nurse
- Improved Air Quality System
- Improved Transpiration Fleet Coordination

Loss of Learning (approximately \$200,000)

- Developing and Staffing a Learning Lab
- Access to data to support student strengths and weaknesses
- School Social Worker

Public Comment:

To submit public comments or feedback on the proposed ESSERF 3 Funds Project Overview, please reach out to the EUT directly.