

**ESSER USE OF FUNDS PLAN
ROE#1 (Alternative education programs)**

ESSERS 2021

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ESSER I, ESSER II, and ESSER III

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CARES ACT:	ESSER I	CRSA: ESSER II	ARP: ESSER III
Start Date	March 13, 2020	March 13, 2020	March 13, 2020
End Date	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2024
ROE#1 Allocation	\$2,666	\$8,749	\$114,926

Allowable Uses:

- Coordinate emergency funding
- Purchase cleaning supplies
- Educational technology
- Mental health supports
- Supplementary learning
- Added needs for at-risk population
- Transportation
- Coordinated services for long-term closure
- Professional development
- Other grant allowable expenses
- McKinney Vento Expenses
- Parent education
- Learning loss (required for ESSER III)
- Improving air quality
- Improving facilities

CARES Act: ESSER I

In March 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. The CARES Act dedicated \$13.2 billion for K-12 schools through the Elementary

and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. This grant is known as ESSER I. The intent and purpose of ESSER I funding is to provide emergency relief funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19. ESSER I funds can be used to cover expenses incurred March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2022. ROE#1 safe school and alternative programs applied to receive its ESSER I allocation in June 2020. ROE#1's ESSER I allocation of \$2,666 was used for PPE and sanitation supplies to be utilized by the alternative schools operated by the Regional Office of Education #1 at its school sites. Purchases included: non-contact infrared forehead thermometers, masks for both teacher and student use, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer for both teacher and student use, and miscellaneous cleaning/disinfectant supplies for the three alternative education classrooms.

CRRSA: ESSER II

In December, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) was signed into law. CRRSA dedicated an additional \$54.3 billion to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The grant is known as ESSERS II. ESSER II funds can be used to cover expenses incurred March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2023. ROE#1 safe schools and alternative programs applied to receive its ESSER II allocation in March 2021. ROE#1's ESSER II allocation was \$8,749 and was used to provide a remote extended school year option to provide an opportunity for students to earn credits towards graduation lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. This opportunity was offered to all currently enrolled students. Three part-time staff members were hired to supervise the program.

ARP: ESSER III

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law. ARP dedicated \$122 billion to the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) Fund. This grant is known as ESSER III. The intent and purpose of ESSER III is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the Coronavirus on students. ROE#1's safe schools and alternative programs will apply to receive its allocation of ESSERS III funds April 1, 2022, based on feedback from stakeholder groups. ROE#1's ESSER III allocation is \$114,926. These funds are supplemental to ROE#1's budget and will be used to address the impact COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on our program. ROE#1's plan for ESSER III funds may include salaries for staff members to hold an extended school year programs for the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years and an extended school day programs for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years to provide an additional opportunity for students to earn credits towards graduation lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds may also be utilized to provide salaries to support the retention of classroom staff that would traditionally be cut due to the decreasing enrollment that has been a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. ROE#1 is seeking input as we create a plan for using these resources. Please share your feedback by completing the brief survey linked below.