

ESSER Overview and Updates

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DPI Resources

ESF OPEN OFFICE HOURS - Virtual Meeting using Microsoft Teams

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Weekly through September 30, 2024

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ESSER Grants Inbox

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Stimulus Funds Overview

CARES Act

ESSER I & GEER

3/13/2020 - 9/30/2022

CRRSA Act

ESSER II

3/13/2020 - 9/30/2023

ARP Act

ESSER III, EBIS, Out of School Time, Summer School, LETRS, and Reading Initiatives

3/13/2020 - 9/30/2024

Crisis
Response

Resume /
Sustain
In-person
Instruction

Recovery
and Address
Unfinished
Learning

Activities must prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19

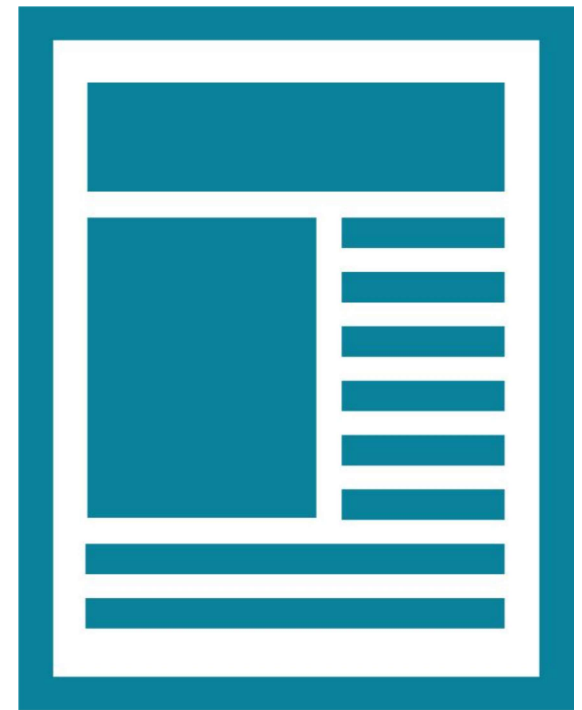
Important Dates



- **ESSER II ends September 30, 2023 (weeks away!)**
 - Double-check to be sure your ESSER II grant is fully obligated
- **ESSER II final claims due December 8, 2023**
- **ESSER III grants end September 30, 2024**
- **Annual ESF Reporting for ESSER and GEER is due Spring 2024**

ESF Annual Reports

- Annual ESSER and GEER reporting due Spring 2024
- Data collection through WISEgrants
Programs > ESF Reporting >
ESSER or GEER Reporting
- Bulk of reporting data comes from ESSER and GEER budgets and claims
- Resources available:
Workbook and FAQ
<https://dpi.wi.gov/cares/reporting-requirements>



ESF Transparency Portal



\$0

<https://covid-relief-data.ed.gov/>

\$28.97 billion

Maximum awarded to the State & IHEs

ESSER II Statistics

- 450 subrecipients
- \$685 million awarded
 - \$478 million claimed (70%)
 - \$208 million balance (30%)
- Obligations through September 30, 2023
- Final claims due by December 8, 2023



Claims data through August 18, 2023

ARP Act

ESSER III



ESSER III Formula Grant *20% must be spent on EBIS	EBIS Grant *100% must be spent on EBIS	Supplemental funds based on in-person learning
Out of School Time & Evidence-based After School	Summer School Grant	Reading Grants (Including LETRS)
Grants to state schools	Grants to CCDEBs	Educator preparation programs

ARP Act

ESSER III



	20% of this allocation required to be spent on EBIS. ARPA Sec. 2001 (e)	100% of these allocations required to be spent on EBIS. ARPA Sec. 2001 (f) (1)			No minimum amount of these allocations required to be spent on EBIS. ARPA Sec. 2001 (f)		
Agency Name	ESSER III Formula Grant Allocation* (90% Formula Grants)	Additional Funding to Raise to \$578 Per Pupil for EBIS	Additional Funding to Raise to LEA Minimum Grant (\$323,074)** for EBIS	EBIS Grant Allocation	Additional ESSER Funding Based on In-Person Hours of Instruction***	Additional Funding per Joint Committee Finance Motion 57	ESSER III Supplemental Grant Allocation
School District	\$ 1,008,859	\$ 1,797,330	\$ -	\$ 1,797,330	\$ 1,108,053	\$ -	\$ 1,108,053



ESSER III + Supplemental Funds Statistics

- 454 subrecipients
- \$1.427 billion awarded
 - \$359 million claimed (25%)
 - \$1.07 billion balance (75%)
- Available through September 30, 2024



Claims data through August 18, 2023

Supplemental Funds Grant

- [ESSER III Supplemental Funds in WISEgrants Guide](#)
- Added to ESSER III formula grant in WISEgrants
- No minimum requirement for EBIS
- Prevent, prepare for, respond to COVID-19

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III Budget - General Education Submission

EBIS Budget Summary			
Total Funds Available	Amount of ESSER III Formula Funds	Amount of Supplemental Funds	Minimum Amount of Formula Funds to Budget for EBIS
\$1,035,569.00	\$535,569.00	\$500,000.00	\$107,113.80
100%	51.70%	48.30%	(20% of Formula Funds)

Amount Budgeted (all subbudgets)	Proportion of Amount Budgeted (all subbudgets) that must be allocated for EBIS	EBIS Budgeted
\$1,033,540.00	\$106,868.04	\$217,708.62

EBIS Name	Sub-Budget	Amount Budgeted
Teaching Academic Content and Literacy to English Learners in Elementary and Middle Schools	General Education	\$217,708.62

EBIS Grant Statistics

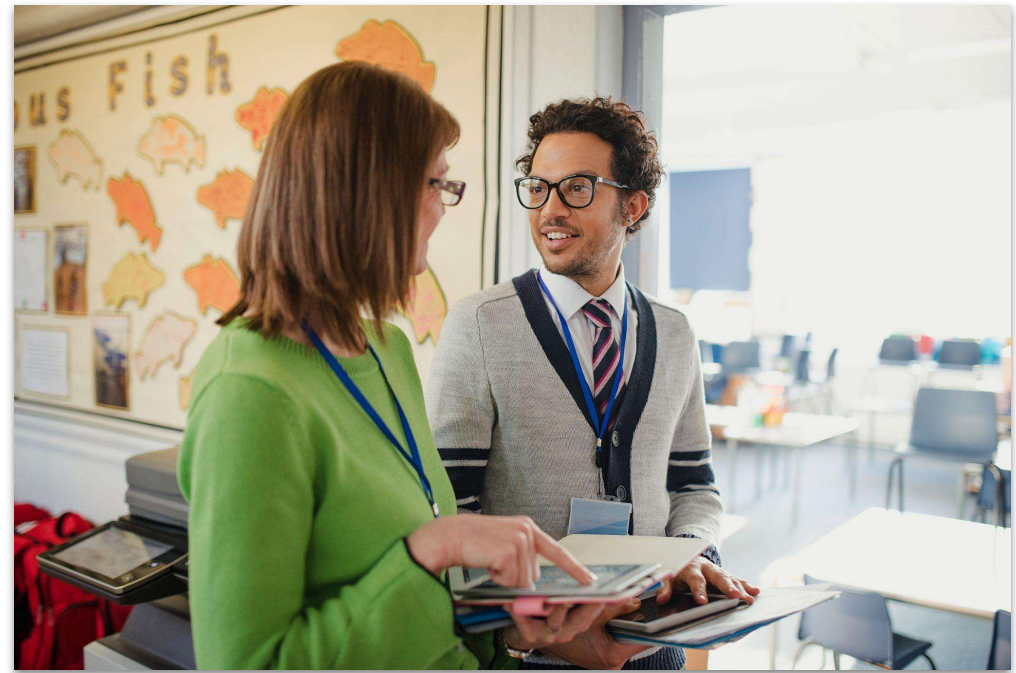
- **132 subrecipients**
- **\$67 million awarded**
 - \$30 million claimed (44%)
 - \$37 million balance (56%)
- **Available through September 30, 2024**



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EBIS Support

- [ESSER III Funds and EBIS Resource](#)
- [ESSER III EBIS Allowable Cost Examples](#)
- [EBIS/ESSER III Helpline:](#)
Schedule a meeting
with EBIS Consultants
- Send EBIS questions to
EBISsupport@dpi.wi.gov



LETRS Grant



- **Funding for Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) training or another program endorsed by the Center for Effective Reading Instruction as an Accredited Independent Teacher Training Program**
- **LEAs & CESAs participated in 2022 and 2023**
- **Potential opportunity for LEAs and CESAs in 2023/2024**

LETRS Grant

Costs

Vendor training costs for staff who successfully completed the LETRS training or another program endorsed by the Center for Effective Reading Instruction

Eligible Entities

LEAs and CESAs who opted in to participate in the LETRS Training Reimbursement Program

Amount

\$4,000 is available for each eligible entity. For entities that choose to participate, the funding is available for any eligible training costs that were incurred in FY21-22, as well as training costs through June 30, 2024

- **\$2,000,000 total; \$4,000 per eligible agency**
- **First round participation response was due to DPI on July 8, 2022**
 - watch for future opt-in message
- **Vendor payment costs only**
- **[ESSER III Reading Initiatives webpage](#)**

LETRS Grant Statistics

- 323 subrecipients
- \$2 million allocated (more to be added)
 - \$919k claimed (46%)
 - \$1.08 million balance (54%)
- Claiming in 2022-23 WISEgrants
 - [LETRS Claiming Funds Technical Assistance](#)



Claims data through August 18, 2023

Out of School Time (OST) Grant



- Programs must address academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- LEAs and CBOs awarded funds through competitive grant process (Fall 2022)
- Examples: mentoring, tutoring, programs for individuals with disabilities, programs for English learners

Out of School Time (OST) Grant

- **\$5,000,000 awarded to 17 Community Based Organizations (CBO) for Out of School Time programming**
- **\$15,418,674 awarded to 44 LEAs for Evidence-based After School programming**
- **Recipients will be receiving reporting forms to complete in September 2023 and August 2024**



Summer School Grant



- **Programs address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through high quality and evidence-based summer learning programs**
- **LEAs awarded funds through competitive grant process (April 2023)**
- **Examples of allowable activities: programs that build STEM skills, remedial education, art & music programming**

Summer School Grant

- **\$15,418,674 awarded to 48 LEAs for Summer School programming**
- **Recipients will be receiving reporting forms to complete in September 2023 and August 2024**



Educator Prep

Supplemental Funds

- **\$600,000 Landscape analysis of educator preparatory programs**
 - Vendor: Teacher Preparation Inspection-US (TPI-US)
- **\$1,300,000 UW System educator preparatory grant programs**



ESSER Compliance Information



Education Stabilization Funds (ESF) Monitoring

- LEAs selected through a risk assessment by DPI
- Factors are:
 - Student assessment & graduation data
 - Inequitable distribution of teachers
 - Combined allocations for all Federal grants
 - Monitoring history
 - History of past single audit findings
 - History of late application and late report submissions



Education Stabilization Funds (ESF) Monitoring

- Spring 2023, 14 LEAs went through comprehensive monitoring
- More information and resources can be located in the [ESF Monitoring Guide](#)
 - Updated version coming Fall 2023
- LEAs will be notified in the Fall of 2023 if they have been selected



ESSER III LEA Plan



ESSER III LEA Plan Report

School District
2021-2022

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent
Madison, Wisconsin

General Information

LEA Name: ██████ School District
Address: ██████
Superintendent/District Administrator: ██████
Grades Served: K4 - 12
Number of Schools: 2
LEA Website: www.█████.wi.us

Student Demographics

Data Source: 2020-21 WiscEdash

Total Student Enrollment: 323

Funding

ESSER III Allocation: \$33,298.00
Amount Budgeted for Evidence-based Improvement Strategies: \$6,800.00
Amount Budgeted for all other ESSER Activities: \$1,250.00
Total Amount Budgeted in Approved Application: \$8,050.00
Remaining Amount to Budget: \$25,248.00

Plan for ESSER III

a) How will the funds be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidelines on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in person learning?

Object	Purchase Item or Position/Area	Purchase Item Detail or Position Activity	Function	Amount Budgeted

b) How will the LEA use their required 20% to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after school programs, or extended school year programs?

Object Number-Object Label	Purchase Item or Position/Area	Purchase Item Detail or Position Activity	Function Number-Function Label	EBIS	Student Group	Amount Budgeted
200 - Employee Benefits	Staff / Activity Funding for Multiple Staff	Professional Development	221300 - Instructional Staff Training	Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials and Professional Learning		\$6,800.00

c) How will the LEA spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with allowed activities defined in the ARP Act?

Subbudget	Program Type	Object Number-Object Label	Purchase Item or Position/Area	Purchase Item Detail or Position Activity	Function Number-Function Label	Amount Budgeted
General Education	None	0 - None			000000 - None	\$1,250.00

d) How will the LEA ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions under the 20% reservation of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English Learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students?

Educator Practices

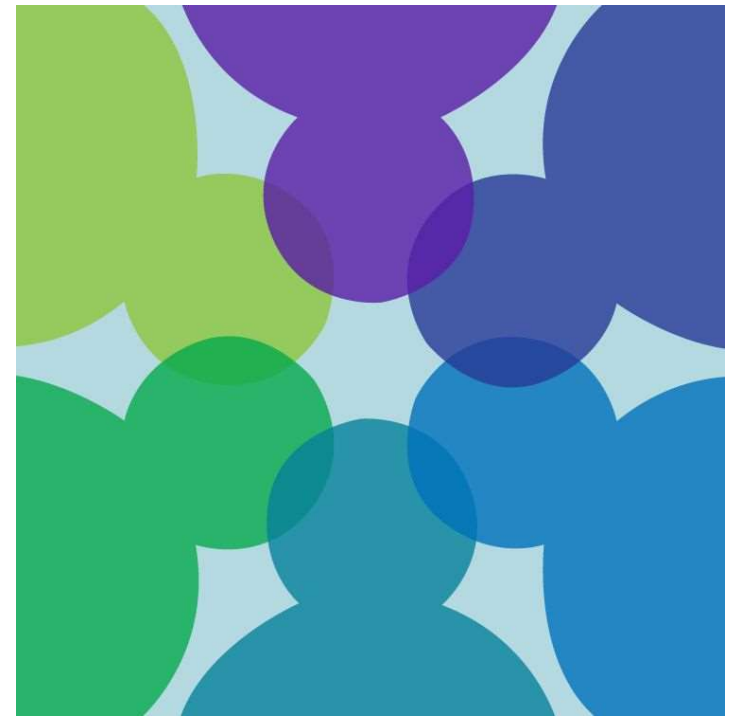
Maintenance of Equity

FY 2021-22 & FY 2022-23

LEAs may not reduce per-pupil spending or staffing for high-poverty schools at a greater rate than the reductions (if any) that are applied to all schools in the LEA

Exceptions:

LEA faces one-time implementation challenges due to the enactment of the ARP Act in March 2021 and the impact of the pandemic



Construction Technical Assistance

- [Technical assistance document and presentation resources](#)
- **Construction Services Budgeting**
 - Assurance
 - Requirements
- **Discuss construction projects with your LEA's legal counsel**



Davis-Bacon and Related Acts

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- All contracts involving labor that exceed \$2,000
- Locally prevailing wage and benefits
- Pay covered workers weekly
- Obtain weekly certified payroll records
- Prevailing wage determination posted on the job site
- Davis-Bacon labor standards clauses included in LEA contracts
- Davis-Bacon requirements included in written procurement procedures

Davis-Bacon and Related Acts

Overview of what auditors will look for:

- Procurements made with federal funds comply with the federal regulations for procurement including Davis-Bacon requirements and local written procurement procedures
 - Prevailing wage
- LEAs verified that their vendors were not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded



Surveillance Equipment and ESSER

- Consider alternative fund uses: [How American Rescue Plan Funds Can Prevent and Respond to Crime and Promote Public Safety](#)
- [ESSER and GEER Use of Funds FAQ question B-14](#)
- Costs must prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 including addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs
- Surveillance activities must comply with federal civil rights laws to ensure nondiscrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex - including sexual orientation and gender identity, disability, and age
- Clearly established policy on the use of video systems on school property
- Student privacy concerns and FERPA
- Community and LEA stakeholders supported the use of federal ESSER funding on purchasing surveillance systems



ESSER and WISEgrants

- **Keep Grant Contacts up-to-date**

Grants found in prior WISEgrants fiscal years, so be sure to update the ESSER grant contacts to ensure your staff are receiving important notifications

- **Multiple subbudgets: Funds 10, 27, 50, and 80**

When revising multiple subbudgets that are fully allocated, you may need to submit one subbudget at a time if shifting across Funds

- **Indirect Cost Recovery**

Uses unrestricted indirect cost rate (no “supplement, not supplant” provision)

Ensure indirect costs recovered are based on amount of modified total direct costs claimed in each fiscal year

Stimulus Grants Panel in WISEgrants

School District - Stimulus Grants - Grant Summary					
This panel provides a summary of the LEA's education stabilization funds (ESF). Click the grant name to access the grant application and specific grant year in WISEgrants.					
Grant	WISEgrants Grant Year	Grant End Date	Allocation Amount	Amount Claimed to Date (across all subbudgets)	Amount Remaining to Claim (total allocation – claimed to date)
ESSER I	2020-2021	9/30/2022	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
ESSER II	2021-2022	9/30/2023	\$214,603.00	\$214,603.00	\$0.00
ESSER III	2021-2022	9/30/2024	\$198,871.00	\$102,012.38	\$96,858.62
ARP-HCY II	2021-2022	9/30/2024	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00
EBIS	2021-2022	9/30/2024	\$148,564.00	\$0.00	\$148,564.00

Stimulus Project and Source Codes

Grant	Source	Project
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - CARES Act (ESSER I)	730	160
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) - CARES Act	730	162
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - CRRSA Act (ESSER II)	730	163
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - ARP Act (ESSER III) ESSER III, EBIS Grant, LETRS, Summer School Grant, Out of School Time, and Evidence-Based After School	730	165
ARP Act IDEA Flow-Through	730	344
ARP Act IDEA Preschool	730	346
Homeless Children & Youth (Part I)	730	168
Homeless Children & Youth (Part II)	730	173

[WUFAR Coding for Federal K-12 COVID Relief Funds](#)

Required Quarterly Claiming

Claims due within 90 days of end of quarter

- Period ending date June 30 is due September 30
- Period ending date September 30 is due December 31 (ESSER II final claims due December 8, 2023)
- Period ending date December 31 is due March 31
- Period ending date March 31 is due June 30



DPI Resources

- [Preparing for the Federal Single Audit](#)
Guidance on the areas of compliance auditors are required to examine during the auditing process. It also includes items subrecipients should have prepared for the federal fund audits.
- [WISEgrants for Auditors](#)
Provides step-by-step instructions on where to find reports and other pertinent information for audits in WISEgrants.
- [ESSER II page](#)
- [ESSER III page](#)
- [WISEgrants Podcast](#)
- **NEW!** [WISEdata Finance and Financial Reporting Podcast](#)
- [EBIS/ESSER III Helpline](#)
- [ESSER III Reading Initiatives \(LETRS\)](#)
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