ESSER Overview and Updates

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Stimulus Funds Overview

CARES Act

ESSER I, GEER 3/13/2020 - 9/30/2022

Crisis Response **CRRSA Act**

ESSER II 3/13/2020 - 9/30/2023

Resume/
Sustain Inperson
Instruction

ARP Act

ESSER III 3/13/2020 - 9/30/2024

Recovery Address
Learning
Loss

Funds must be used to prepare for, respond to, or prevent COVID-19

	Economic :	Aid, Relief, and Security Act ES Act)	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)		
Grant Program	ESSER I	GEER	ESSER II	ESSER III	ARP-HCY	ARP-IDEA
Performance Period	3/13/2020 - 9/30/2022		3/13/2020 - 9/30/2023	3/13/2020 - 9/30/2024		
Grants to LEAs in Wisconsin	\$158M (\$40K Min)	\$46.6M	\$686M (\$100K Min)	\$1.3B - LEAs must reserve 20% for EBIS	\$1.8M - Part 1 \$5.6M - Part 2	\$47.6M
Additional funds for In-Person Instruction	No	No	Yes - Added to the formula grant	Yes -	No	No
LEAs provide Equitable Services	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
EANS provided by DPI	No	No	\$77.1 M	\$73M		
Statewide Initiatives	\$16M	All funds to LEAs	All funds to LEAs	\$155M	Yes	No
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State level only

Maintenance of Effort

State level only

State level AND LEAs - Maintenance of Equity

ESSER I and GEER

- Available through September 30, 2022
 - o GEER Final Claims due date: December 15, 2022
 - ESSER I Final Claims due date: <u>December 30, 2022</u>
- Equitable Participation for Private School Students
 - NEW! <u>General Disposition Guidance for Equitable</u>
 <u>Services</u>
 - NEW! <u>CARES Act Partial Refusal of Funds Guidance</u>
 - Explainer video of CARES Act Partial Refusal of Funds WISEgrants process



ESSER II

- January recalculation of allocations
 - 424 LEAs saw an increase
- Available through September 30, 2023
- Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to COVID-19

CRRSA Act

ESSER II

Planning Recommendations

Emergency Assistance for Von-Public Schools (EANS)

Related Links

ARP Act

CRRSA Act

CARES Act

ARP-Homeless Children &

ESSER and GEER Annual Performance Reporting

GEPA Section 427

Paying Employees & Contractors to the Greatest Extent Practicable

Planning Recommendations

Digital Equity Gap

CRRSA ACT / ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF FUND II (ESSER II)

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Education Relief Fund II (ESSER II)

The total ESSER II allocation for the State of Wisconsin is \$686,056,238.90 percent (\$617,450,615) will be distributed to LEAs using the 2020-21 Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I, Part A formula calculation as required under CRSA. LEA allocations are based on the number and percentage of children from low-income families. Although ESSER II award amounts are calculated based on Title I, Part A allocations, they are not Title I, Part A funds. Title I requirements do not apply to ESSER II.

The remaining 10 percent of the state's ESSER II allocation (\$68.6 million) will be directed to LEAs in two ways, based on Wisconsin's Joint Committee on Finance Motion #16 🕒

- Funds will be used to ensure every LEA receives a minimum of \$100,000 ESSER II allocation. In other words, each LEA in Wisconsin will receive funding based on the Title I formula or \$100,000, whichever is greater.
- 2. Any LEA that does not reach a \$395 per pupil allocation with either the \$100,000 minimum allocation or the Title I formula will be eligible for additional funds. There are 175 LEAs eligible for this additional funding. The amount of funding for each of these LEAs will be based on the total number of in-person instructional hours provided during the entirety of the 2020-21 school year. As a result, instructional designs and closures at any time during the school year may impact the calculation. DPI will need to collect information on hours of instruction from eligible LEAs at the conclusion of the school year. DPI will be unable to calculate amounts for eligible LEAs until the data collection is complete, which may take until fall.

ESSER II allocations as of 1-6-2022 ☑ includes additional funds for in-person instruction to eligible LEAs and recalculation of formula amounts based on changes to independent charter school economically disadvantaged student counts.

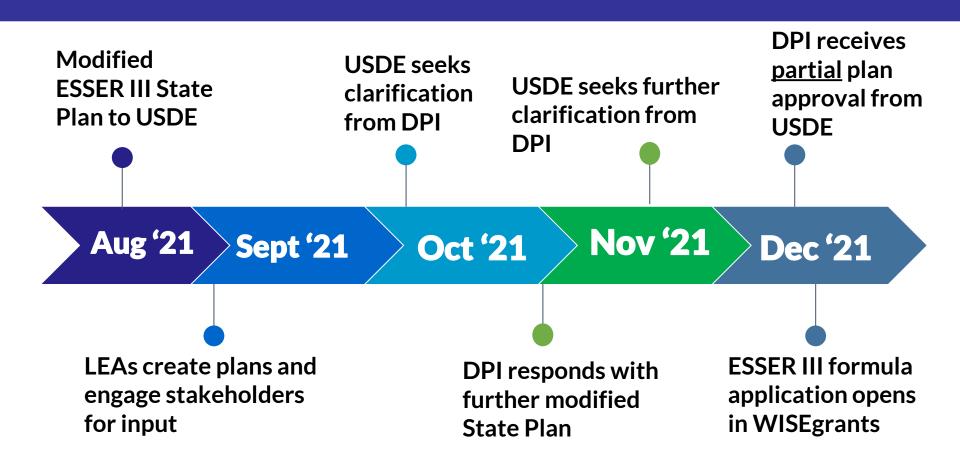
ESSER III

State Plan for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

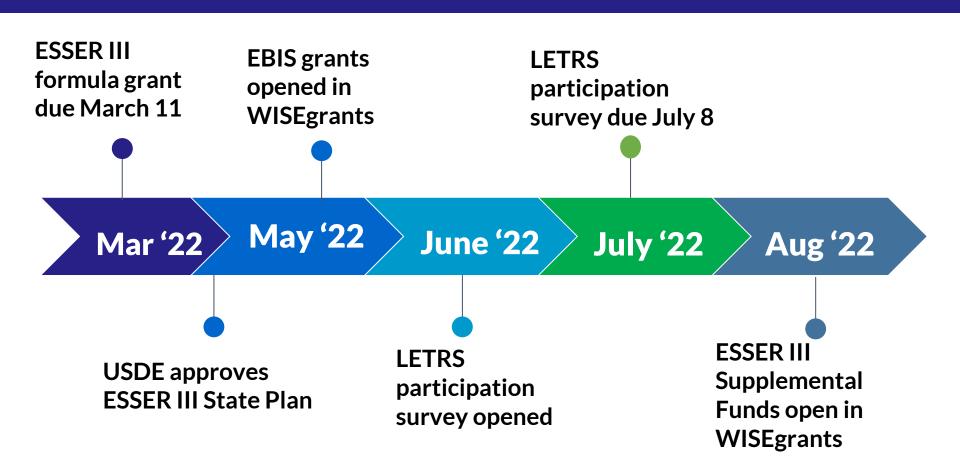


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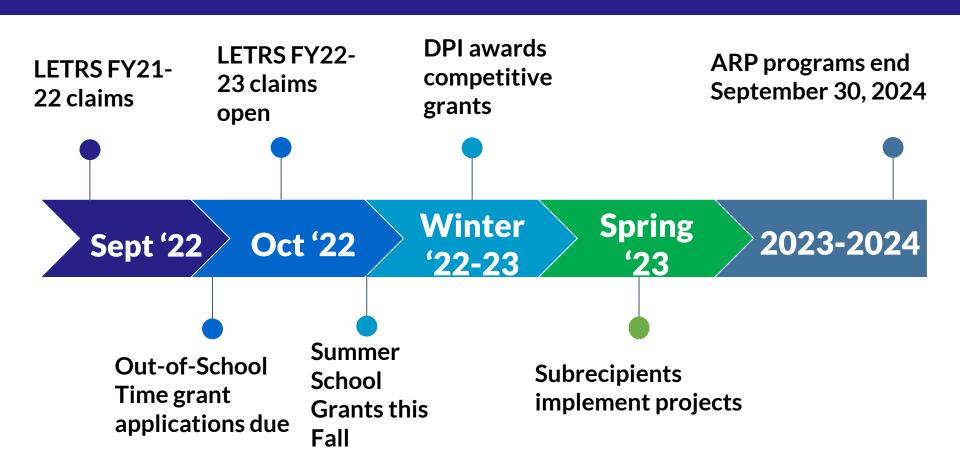
ARPA ESSER III Timeline



ARPA ESSER III Timeline Continued



ARPA ESSER III Timeline Continued



90% Formula Grants to LEAs	\$1,387,671,695
5% EBIS Supplemental Funds for minimum grant awards and per pupil amounts, expanding community services, Grad Alliance	\$77,092,872
2.92% Supplemental Funds to select LEAs based on in-person learning; grants for The Lincoln Academy, state schools, CCDEBs; reading initiatives; and educator preparatory programs	\$41,255,724
1% Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment Programs	\$15,418,574
1% Evidence-Based Comprehensive Afterschool Programs	\$15,418,574
.08 % Administrative Costs	\$1,200,000
Total	\$1,541,857,439



Formula Grants (90% of state total)

- \$1.387 billion to LEAs
- Calculated with Title I, Part A formula
- Available now as ESSER III grants
- 20% minimum must be spent on EBIS





Evidence Based Improvement Strategies (EBIS) Funds (5% of state total)

- \$67 million to LEAs
- 100% must be spent on EBIS
- Application opened May 2022
- Raises minimum per pupil amount to \$578
- Raises minimum grant amount to \$320,863

LEAs with fewer than 25 pupils minimum \$200,000





EBIS Supplemental Funds (cont'd) (5% of state total)

- \$5 million for Graduation Alliance
- Earmarked funds to identify and reengage high school students who have been chronically absent since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic





EBIS Grants (cont'd) (5% of state total)

- \$5 million
- Competitive grants to expand evidence-based out-of-school programming for students
- LEAs and community-based organizations eligible



Supplemental Funds (3% of state total)

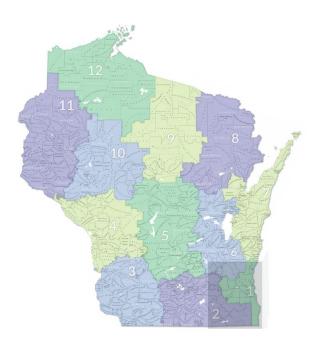
- \$37.6 million to 151 LEAs allocated in two rounds
- Additional funds for 2020-21 in-person instruction
- Not required to spend on EBIS
- Must be spent on allowable ESSER costs





Supplemental Grants (cont'd) (3% of state total)

- \$300,000 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- \$400,000 Wisconsin School for the Deaf
- \$700,000 Syble Hopp School (Brown County CDEB)
- \$700,000 Lakeland School (Walworth County CDEB)
- Funding for The Lincoln Academy (new independent charter school in Beloit)

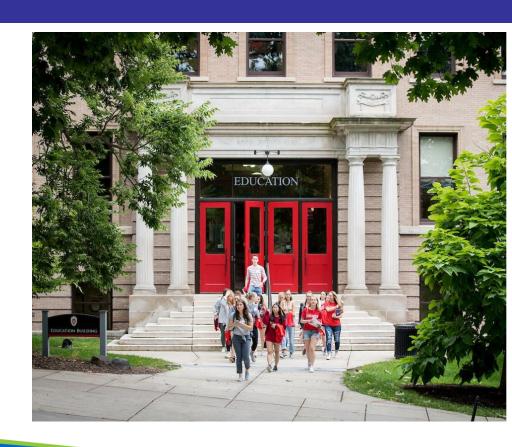


Supplemental Grants (cont'd) (3% of state total)

- \$2,000,000 LEA and CESA professional learning in literacy
 LETRS Grant
- \$300,000 CESA professional learning in early literacy
- \$150,000 CESAs 8 & 9 expanded professional learning in literacy instruction
- \$650,000 CESA (except 8 & 9) grants for literacy audits and capacity building for literacy training and coaching
- Any unallocated funds from these specified programs will remain available for reading programs

Supplemental Funds (cont'd) (3% of state total)

- \$600,000 Landscape analysis of educator preparatory programs
- \$1,300,000 UW System educator preparatory grant programs



1% Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment

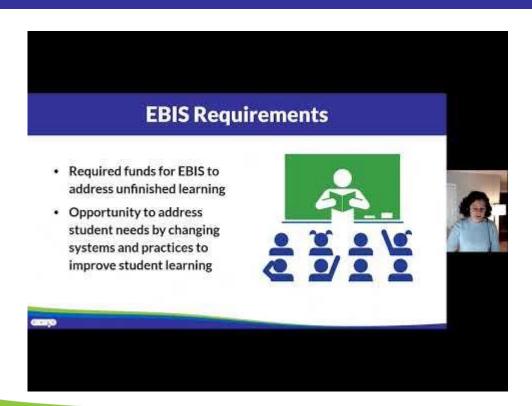
- \$15,418,574 available
- Competitive grant
- 1st round for LEAs receiving sparsity aid in FY21
- 2nd round open competition





1% Evidence-Based Afterschool

- \$15,418,574 available
- Competitive grant
- 1st round for LEAs receiving sparsity aid in FY21
- 2nd round open competition



WI ARP ESSER III State Plan May 2022 video available on the ESSER III webpage

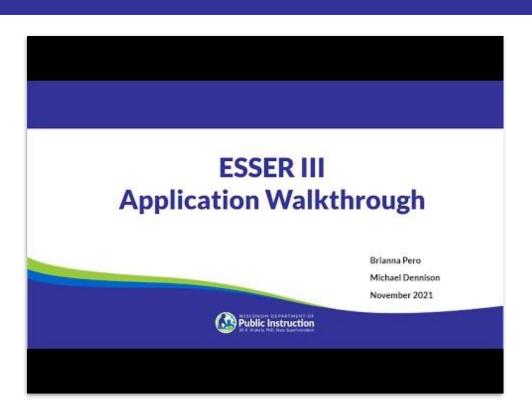
ESSER III Grants for LEAs

Current ESSER III Grants Available to LEAs



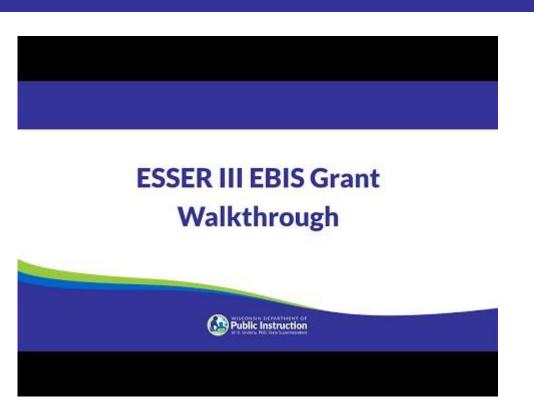
ESSER III Grant Walkthrough

- ESSER III Start Guide
- ESSER III Grant
 Application and Budget
 - Walkthrough Video →



EBIS Grant Application Open

- EBIS Grant Start Guide
- EBIS Grant Application and Budget Walkthrough Video
- 100% EBIS required
- Raise the per pupil amount to \$578 or the minimum grant amount to \$320,0863 or \$200k for LEAs with fewer than 25 total pupils



EBIS Requirements

- Required funds for EBIS to address unfinished learning
- Opportunity to address student needs by changing systems and practices to improve student learning



EBIS Support

- ESSER III Funds and EBIS Resource
- ESSER III EBIS Allowable Cost
 Examples
- Logic Model Guidance and Template
- EBIS/ESSER III Helpline:
 Schedule a meeting
 with EBIS and
 Implementation Consultants
- Send EBIS questions to EBISsupport@dpi.wi.gov



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

Total Funds Available	Amount of ESSER III Formula Funds		Amount of Supplemental Funds	Minimum Amount of Fo Budget for	
\$1,035,569.00	\$53	35,569.00	\$500,000.00	\$107,113.	.80
100%	51.70%		48.30%	(20% of Formula	a Funds)
Amount Budget	ed (all	Proportion of A	Amount Budgeted (all subbudge	ts) that must be allocated	d EBIS
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ARPA ESSER III LEA Requirements

ESSER III LEA Plan



ESSER III LEA Plan



- 1. Extent to which the LEA is consistent with CDC guidelines on reopening schools
- 2. Implementation of evidence-based improvement strategies
- 3. ESSER III budget on allowable activities
- 4. Interventions respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of <u>all</u> students

ESSER III LEA Plan technical assistance

ESSER III LEA Plan



ESSER III LEA Plan Report

School District 2021-2022

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

Student Demographics
Data Source: 2020-21 WISEdash

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?

		Purchase Item Detail or Position Activity		EBIS	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	Object Number-	Purchase Item or	Purchase Item Detail or	Function Number-	Amount
	Type	Object Label	Position/Area	Position Activity	Function Label	Budgeted
General Education	None	0 - None		7,0	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

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 are eligible for funding and who chose 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 future training costs through June 30, 2024

- \$2,000,000 total; \$4,000 per eligible agency
- FY21-22 reimbursement opened in September, FY22-23 reimbursement open the first of October
- Vendor payment costs <u>only</u>
- ESSER III Reading Initiatives webpage

Out-of-School Time Grant

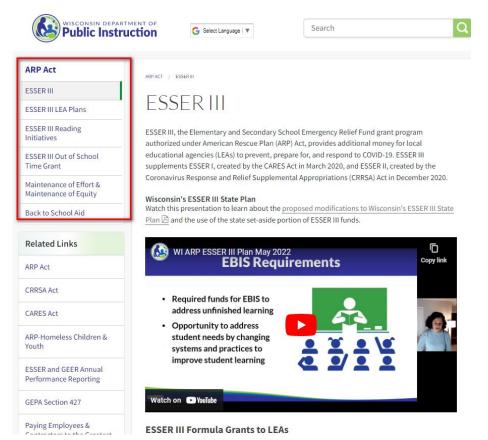
Round 1

Available to LEAs (Districts and Independent Charter Schools eligible for Sparsity Aide under WIS Stat 115.436)

- Competitive Grant Process
- Project Period: December 1,
 2022 September 30, 2024
- Grant Applications Due: October 14, 2022
- ESSER III Out of School Time
 Grant webpage
- Email: ESSER3ost@dpi.wi.gov



Finding the wedpages to the Other ESSER III Grants



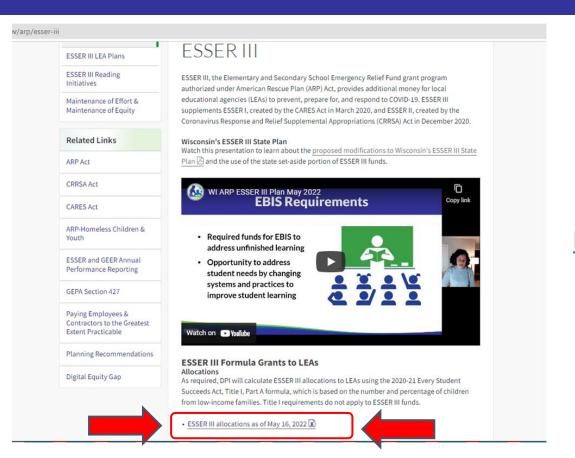
ESSER III: https://dpi.wi.gov/arp/esser-iii

LETRS: https://dpi.wi.gov/arp/esser-iii-reading-initiatives

Out-of-School Time:

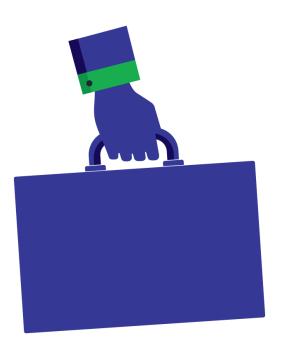
https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/clc/esser-iii-ost-grant-opportunity

Finding Your Allocation Amounts



https://dpi.wi.gov/arp/esser-iii

New ESSER Reporting Requirements



ESSER Reporting Requirements

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



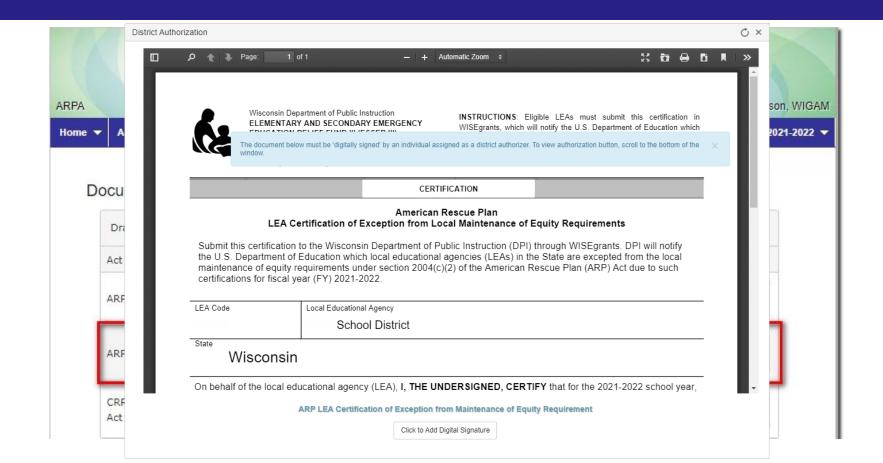
Maintenance of Equity

Exceptions:

- Total enrollment of less than 1,000 students (249 LEAs)
- Operates a single school (56 LEAs)
- Serves all students within each grade span with a single school (97 LEAs)
- Demonstrates an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance

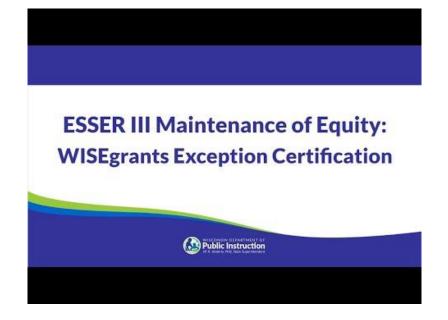


Maintenance of Equity



Maintenance of Equity

- Maintenance of Equity webpage
- ESSER III Maintenance of Equity in WISEgrants guide
- Maintenance of Equity WISEgrants
 Exception Walkthrough Video



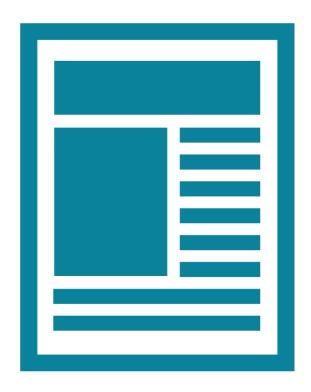
School-Level Learning Modality

- Number of public schools providing each mode of instruction (i.e., remote instruction, in-person instruction, hybrid model)
- WISEgrants year 2022-2023
- Due October 14, 2022
- School-level Learning Modality
 Guidance



Annual Performance Reporting

- ESSER and GEER Performance Reporting
 Webpage
- Collection will take place in Spring 2023
 - ESSER I and GEER, third annual report
 - ESSER II and ESSER III, second annual report
- ESSER and GEER Reporting Workbooks available to prepare for data collection
- Data collection will take place in WISEgrants



ESSER Resources



ESSER Resources

New Resources



NEW! 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 audit of federal funds.

NEW! WISEgrants for Auditors

Provides step-by-step instructions on where to find reports and other pertinent information for audits in WISEgrants.

NEW! ESSER III LEA Plan webpage

NEW! ESSEER III LEA Plan technical assistance

NEW! <u>Certifying the ESSER III Safe Return to In-Person</u> <u>Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan</u>

Construction Technical Assistance

- <u>Technical assistance document and presentation resources</u>
- Construction vs minor remodeling
- Davis-Bacon and Related Acts
- Construction Services Budgeting
 Assurances
 Requirements
- Discuss construction projects with your LEA's legal counsel



ESSER and WISEgrants Fiscal Years

Grant	Available through	WISEgrants Fiscal Year
ESSER I	September 2022	2020-2021
GEER	September 2022	2020-2021
ESSER II	September 2023	2021-2022
ESSER III	September 2024	2021-2022



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)	730	165
ESSER III EBIS Grant	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

Stimulus Project and Source Codes

Grant	Source	Project
ESSER III Supplemental Grant	730	165
LETRS	730	165
Leadership in Literacy	730	165
Expand EBIS in Literacy (CESA 8, CESA 9)	730	165
Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment	730	165
Evidence-Based After School	730	165
UW System Ed Prep Programs	730	165
Out-of-School Time Grants	730	165

DPI Resources

- CARES Act ESSER I
- CARES Act GEER
- CRRSAA ESSER II
- ARPA ESSER III
- Guidance on Allowable Costs
- Construction Technical Assistance
 Slides | Video | How to Budget
- WISEgrants podcast
- EBIS/ESSER III Helpline

- **ESSER III Reading Initiatives**
- Out-of-School Time Grant Opportunity
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