



ESSER III Expenditure Plan

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School districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively known as LEAs, that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. In the plan, an LEA must explain how it intends to use its ESSER III funds to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. An LEA may also use its ESSER III funds in other ways, as detailed in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), provided that the input and actions are relevant to the LEA's Plan to support students.

For more information please see the Instructions.

Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

Plan Title	Where the Plan May Be Accessed
Local Control & Accountability Plan	http://cwchollywood.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2019-20-CWC-HW-LCAP.pdf

Summary of Planned ESSER III Expenditures

Below is a summary of the ESSER III funds received by the LEA and how the LEA intends to expend these funds in support of students.

Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA

\$ 486,945

Plan Section	Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures
Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning	\$136,245
Addressing Lost Instructional Time (a minimum of 20 percent of the LEAs ESSER III funds)	\$182,400
Use of Any Remaining Funds	\$168,300

Total ESSER III funds included in this plan

\$486,945

Community Engagement

An LEA's decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community. The following is a description of how the LEA meaningfully consulted with its community members in determining the prevention and mitigation strategies, strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, and any other strategies or activities to be implemented by the LEA. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include input received from community members during the development of other LEA Plans, such as the LCAP, provided that the input is relevant to the development of the LEA's ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, including a list of the community members that an LEA is required to consult with, please see the Community Engagement section of the Instructions.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

Citizens of the World – Hollywood meaningfully consulted with the following community members to obtain public input in the development of the ESSER III Plan, a process that has continued since the development of the school's 2021-22 LCAP, that focused on the areas of: Safe in-person learning; Lost instructional time; and Other impacts related to the pandemic. During meetings with our community members, our Leadership Team presented various types of schoolwide internal assessment results, schoolwide student data, including LCAP Annual Measurable Outcomes (AMOs), survey findings, to guide the discussion on effective use of ESSER III funds, implementation of tiered Evidence-based Interventions (EBI); identify methods and metrics used to measure program effectiveness; and frequency of progress monitoring.

- **Students** were engaged in meaningful consultation via the Spring CWCS Student Survey, in combination with Quarterly Feedback during the Roots Class.
- **Families including (families that speak languages other than English, families of Unduplicated Pupils, and families of Students with Disabilities)**: Members of our Leadership Team engaged in meaningful consultation through virtual meetings: ELAC, Parent Advisory Committee/Council, Affinity Groups, and parent/family survey. Although CWC-Hollywood does not have any languages other than English that meets the CA Department of Education's "15% and above translation needs" criteria requirement, surveys were also provided in Spanish, since 13.5% of families identified Spanish as their primary language. Interpreter services were made available upon request for parent meetings. Surveys and presentations were written in a language that is understandable and accessible to parents. Accommodations as appropriate were also made for family members with disabilities including providing information and school reports in a format (to the extent practicable) in a language that parents understand.

- ***School Administrators, Principals, school leaders, including Special Education Administrators:*** Meaningful consultation took place during weekly Leadership Team meetings, including Special Education Department meetings.
- ***Teachers, Teacher Associates, other educators, school staff:*** meaningful consultation took place during weekly staff meetings, Staff Advisory Council, and staff surveys, which provided opportunities for input and feedback.
- ***Individuals/Advocates representing the interests of “underserved students:”*** Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Leaders Council – established at Citizens of the World to ensure our school cultivates and engages in a civic dialogue around the issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion schoolwide to foster a sense of belonging for all students and families and instilling respect for all.
- Our Leadership Team engaged in meaningful consultation with ***Community Partners, Expanded learning Providers and other Community Organizations*** in conjunction with the planning of the 2021-22 school year. These include but are not limited to: Worthy Beyond Purpose that provides training for our students and leadership on Mindfulness and Meditation practices; Up to Us – afterschool sports program; Educational Pioneer, supports our school in addressing the issue of chronic absenteeism exacerbated by the pandemic; the City of LA Family Source System, provides case management, multi-benefit screening, after-school tutoring and enrichment, financial literacy and coaching, Adult Education (ESL, computer literacy) for families, legal services, and other services through Volunteers of America for our low-income families; and CA Mathematics Council provides professional learning activities for our educators that will ensure continual improvement towards excellence in the teaching of mathematics.

Citizens of the World – Hollywood evaluated its community member engagement opportunities and determined that the following community members/groups are neither present nor currently served by our school: Tribes; Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations; and individuals/advocates representing the interest of migratory students; and children who are incarcerated.

A description of how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

Citizens of the World – Hollywood’s use of ESSER III funds was influenced by the input and feedback provided in consultation with community members, with a focus on addressing students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, and address opportunity gaps that existed before and were further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Feedback provided from community input includes:

Student's feedback from surveys conducted suggested they would like additional opportunities to socialize; additional clubs for students; additional electives to be added to the master schedule; and the return to field/learning trips.

Families including (families that speak languages other than English, families of Unduplicated Pupils, and families of Students with Disabilities suggested the following:

Families support the school's focus on equitable education for all students; and know/understand our school is working to close achievement performance gaps for our marginalized student groups while at the same time increasing academic and social-emotional supports for all students. Families are enthusiastic about returning to supporting teachers in the classroom, however due to health and safety concerns due to COVID-19, Citizen of World Charter Schools will revisit this concern in the future once it safe to do so. The health and safety of our students and staff is our primary concern.

School Administrators, Principals, school leaders, including Special Education Administrators suggested that funding focus on addressing learning loss as a result of remote/virtual instruction; and to strengthen Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction.

Special Education (SPED) Team including SPED Paraprofessionals suggested RSP teacher allocation, testing kids, and Behavioral Interventionists to support students as they transition to in-person instruction.

Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Staff suggested the following:

- Hire additional support staff to create and implement intervention blocks
- Strengthen English Language Development (ELD) Program implementation
- Implementation of Just Words and Foundations Training & materials to support in foundational instruction of phonics as well as layers of support for any student performing far below grade level.
- Hire Teacher Associates to support with small group evidence-based instruction
- Behavioral Interventionists to support with identified increase in student behavioral issues, and elopements from the classroom from our youngest students, many of whom are attending in-person instruction for the first time as 5-7 years, resulting from the pandemic.
- Training and Coaching on Readers & Writers Workshop

- Training on how to create and execute Inquiry Units with a focus on Culturally relevant lessons through blended learning of Social Studies and Science standards.
- Social-emotional Coaching for Teachers (SEL Coaches)

Individuals/Advocates representing the interests of “underserved students:” suggested the need for highly effective instructional practices with designated English Language Development (dELD), and the need for a systematic method for tracking EL student performance with the implementation of English 3D curriculum. There is a racial performance gap within the school that we are deeply concerned with, and are using NWEA MAP assessment data in combination with Fountas & Pinnell assessments to track student progress throughout the year by student group. Another suggestion was to train targeted teachers in the Just Words Program including all elementary grade level teachers with the implementation of the Foundations curriculum, and how to monitor student progress which is critical to our work.

Community Partners, Expanded learning Providers and other Community Organizations suggested the need to further identify and expand the following services for students (in alignment with our MTSS/RtI model) academic, social-emotional supports and mental health needs including referrals to community partners.

The development of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan was influenced by the input and feedback during our multiple meaningful consultations with community members. However due to limitations with funding, the following areas of focus will be implemented and funded with ESSER III Funds as outlined in this plan:

- Health & Safety (Strategies for Continuous & Safe In-Person Learning)
- Academic Intervention & Supports (Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time)
- Social-emotional; and Mental Health Needs (Use of Any Remaining Funds)

Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs

The following is the LEA’s plan for using its ESSER III funds to meet students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as how the LEA will address the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic. In developing the plan, the LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, please refer to the Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs section of the Instructions.

Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

A description of how the LEA will use funds to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning in a way that reduces or prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Total ESSER III funds being used to implement strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning

\$136,245

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Not applicable	Health & Safety	Implement prevention and mitigation strategies consistent with CDC recommendations, CA State Public Health Department and LA County Health Department guidance on reopening schools. To safely operate our school in a manner that maximizes in-person learning classified staff and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) material resources will be acquired to administer COVID testing, contact tracing, contacting families, health providers, and ensure school safety policies are adhered to.	\$136,245

Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

A description of how the LEA will use funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

Total ESSER III funds being used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time

\$182,400

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Not applicable	Academic Interventions & Supports	Acquire Teacher Associates to address academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and strategies. Teacher Associates will provide additional academic support and address the unique needs of Students with Disabilities (SWD), English Learners (EL), low-income, and students struggling academically as identified through the school's MTSS/Rtl tiered model.	\$182,400

Use of Any Remaining Funds

A description of the how the LEA will use any remaining ESSER III funds, as applicable.

Total ESSER III funds being used to implement additional actions

\$168,300

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Not applicable	Social-emotional; and Mental Health Needs	Acquire Psychologist to provide mental health services, social-emotional supports, and address barriers to learning for Students with Disabilities (SWD), English Learners (EL), low-income, and students identified through our MTSS/Rtl tiered model.	\$168,300

Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The following is the LEA’s plan for ensuring that the actions and expenditures in the plan are addressing the identified academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of its students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
Health & Safety	Leadership Team will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hire classified staff for Health & Safety. Ensure CDPH Sanitation; Safe School Guidelines; and CDPH Safe School COVID-19 guidelines are adhered to. Purchase of PPE supplies Monitor & document COVID-19 testing, supplies, contact tracing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Annual, as needed Quarterly Semi-annual (as needed) Monthly
Academic Interventions & Supports	MTSS/Rtl Leadership Team will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hire Teacher Associates 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Annual, as needed Trimester (3 times/year) Trimester Monthly, as needed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Administer NWEA MAP Reading. Math Assessment (Gr 2-5) c. Administer Fountas & Pinnell (F&P) Benchmark Assessments (K-5) d. Administer Illustrative Math Summative Assessments (K-5) e. Monitor/document Referral/caseload Intervention Teacher f. Monitor/document Referral/caseload Teacher Associates g. Participation rate - Professional development/learning for Teacher Associates on evidence-based pedagogical strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Trimester f. Trimester g. Monthly
Social-emotional; and Mental Health Needs	<p>MTSS/Rtl Leadership Team will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hire Psychologist. b. Document total number and types of referrals – Psychologist (General Education & Students with Disabilities) c. Suspension Rate d. Chronic Absenteeism rate e. Attendance Rate f. Implementation of Tiered reengagement strategies g. Implementation of Playworks model h. PBIS Team meetings i. Implementation of Responsive Classroom SEL Model (Classroom Observations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual b. Monthly c. Monthly d. Monthly e. Monthly f. Monthly/trimester g. Trimester h. Monthly i. Bi-weekly

ESSER III Expenditure Plan Instructions

Introduction

School districts, county offices of education (COEs), or charter schools, collectively known as local educational agencies (LEAs), that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before September 30, 2021 and must be submitted for review and approval within five days of adoption. A school district must submit its ESSER III Expenditure Plan to its COE for review and approval; a COE must submit its plan to the California Department of Education for review and approval. A charter school must submit its plan to its chartering authority for review and to the COE of the county in which the charter school operates for review and approval.

In addition, consistent with the requirements of the ARP, Volume 86, *Federal Register*, page 21201, April 22, 2021, the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be:

- Written in an understandable and uniform format;
- Written in a language that parents can understand, to the extent practicable;
 - If it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, the plan must be orally translated for parents
- Provided in an alternative format to a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, upon request; and
- Be made publicly available on the LEA's website.

For additional information regarding ESSER III funding please see the ARP Act Funding web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/arpact.asp>.

For technical assistance related to the ESSER III Expenditure Plan template and instructions, please contact LCFF@cde.ca.gov. For all other questions related to ESSER III, please contact EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov.

Fiscal Requirements

- The LEA must use at least 20 percent (20%) of its ESSER III apportionment for expenditures related to addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
 - For purposes of this requirement, “evidence-based interventions” include practices or programs that have evidence to show that they are effective at producing results and improving outcomes when implemented. This kind of evidence has generally been produced through formal studies and research. There are four tiers, or levels, of evidence:
 - **Tier 1 – Strong Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented randomized control experimental studies.
 - **Tier 2 – Moderate Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental studies.
 - **Tier 3 – Promising Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented correlational studies (with statistical controls for selection bias).
 - **Tier 4 – Demonstrates a Rationale:** practices that have a well-defined logic model or theory of action, are supported by research, and have some effort underway by a State Educational Agency, LEA, or outside research organization to determine their effectiveness.
 - For additional information please see the Evidence-Based Interventions Under the ESSA web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/evidence.asp>.
- The LEA must use the remaining ESSER III funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act, including for:
 - Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965;
 - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
 - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act;
 - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006;

- Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
- Activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless students, and foster youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population;
- Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs;
- Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of an LEA, including buildings operated by such agency;
- Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under IDEA, and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements;
- Purchasing education technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment;
- Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools;
- Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of underserved students;
- Addressing learning loss among students, including underserved students, by:
 - Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiated instruction,
 - Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students,
 - Providing information and assistance to parents and families of how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment, and
 - Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education;

Note: A definition of “underserved students” is provided in the Community Engagement section of the instructions.

- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risks of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs;
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door replacement;
- Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff;
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in LEAs and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and/or the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan, provided that the input and/or actions address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

An LEA that chooses to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents must provide the name of the plan(s) referenced by the LEA and a description of where the plan(s) may be accessed by the public (such as a link to a web page or the street address of where the plan(s) are available) in the table. The LEA may add or delete rows from the table as necessary.

An LEA that chooses not to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents may provide a response of “Not Applicable” in the table.

Summary of Expenditures

The Summary of Expenditures table provides an overview of the ESSER III funding received by the LEA and how the LEA plans to use its ESSER III funds to support the strategies and interventions being implemented by the LEA.

Instructions

For the ‘Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA,’ provide the total amount of ESSER III funds received by the LEA.

In the Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures column of the table, provide the amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement the actions identified in the applicable plan sections.

For the ‘Total ESSER III funds included in this plan,’ provide the total amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement actions in the plan.

Community Engagement

Purpose and Requirements

An LEA’s decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community, and thus the LEA’s plan must be tailored to the specific needs faced by students and schools. These community members will have significant insight into what prevention and mitigation strategies should be pursued to keep students and staff safe, as well as how the various COVID–19 prevention and mitigation strategies impact teaching, learning, and day-to-day school experiences.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following community members, as applicable to the LEA:

- Students;
- Families, including families that speak languages other than English;
- School and district administrators, including special education administrators;
- Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and local bargaining units, as applicable.

“Meaningful consultation” with the community includes considering the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Comprehensive strategic planning will utilize these perspectives and insights to determine the most effective strategies and interventions to address these needs through the programs and services the LEA implements with its ESSER III funds.

Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following groups to the extent that they are present or served in the LEA:

- Tribes;
- Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations (e.g. the American Association of People with Disabilities, the American Civil Liberties Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, etc.); and
- Individuals or advocates representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, homeless students, foster youth, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.
 - For purposes of this requirement “underserved students” include:
 - Students who are low-income;

- Students who are English learners;
- Students of color;
- Students who are foster youth;
- Homeless students;
- Students with disabilities; and
- Migratory students.

LEAs are also encouraged to engage with community partners, expanded learning providers, and other community organizations in developing the plan.

Information and resources that support effective community engagement may be found under *Resources* on the following web page of the CDE’s website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc>.

Instructions

In responding to the following prompts, the LEA may reference or include input provided by community members during the development of existing plans, including the LCAP and/or the ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the input is applicable to the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA’s local community.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

A sufficient response to this prompt will describe how the LEA sought to meaningfully consult with its required community members in the development of the plan, how the LEA promoted the opportunities for community engagement, and the opportunities that the LEA provided for input from the public at large into the development of the plan.

As noted above, a description of “meaningful consultation” with the community will include an explanation of how the LEA has considered the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A description of the how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

A sufficient response to this prompt will provide clear, specific information about how input from community members and the public at large was considered in the development of the LEA’s plan for its use of ESSER III funds. This response must describe aspects of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan that were influenced by or developed in response to input from community members.

- For the purposes of this prompt, “aspects” may include:
 - Prevention and mitigation strategies to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning;
 - Strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through implementation of evidence-based interventions (e.g. summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs);
 - Any other strategies or activities implemented with the LEA’s ESSER III fund apportionment consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act; and
 - Progress monitoring to ensure interventions address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs for all students, especially those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19

For additional information and guidance, please see the U.S. Department of Education’s Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students’ Needs Document, available here: <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf>.

Planned Actions and Expenditures

Purpose and Requirements

As noted in the Introduction, an LEA receiving ESSER III funds is required to develop a plan to use its ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instructions

An LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. When including action(s) from other plans, the LEA must describe how the action(s) included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan supplement the work described in the plan being referenced. The LEA must specify the amount of ESSER III funds that it intends to use to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. Descriptions of actions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA’s local community.

Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds for prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

As a reminder, the LEA must use not less than 20 percent of its ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds 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 afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

Use of Any Remaining Funds

After completing the Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning and the Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time portions of the plan, the LEA may use any remaining ESSER III funds to implement additional actions to address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. LEAs choosing to use ESSER III funds in this manner must provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions with any remaining ESSER III funds, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.

- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of any additional action(s) the LEA will implement to address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. If an LEA has allocated its entire apportionment of ESSER III funds to strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning and/or to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, the LEA may indicate that it is not implementing additional actions.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. If the LEA it is not implementing additional actions the LEA must indicate “\$0”.

Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most 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.

The LEA may group actions together based on how the LEA plans to monitor the actions’ progress. For example, if an LEA plans to monitor the progress of two actions in the same way and with the same frequency, the LEA may list both actions within the same row of the table. Each action included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be addressed within the table, either individually or as part of a group of actions.

Complete the table as follows:

- Provide the action title(s) of the actions being measured.
- Provide a description of how the LEA will monitor progress of the action(s) to ensure that they are addressing the needs of students.
- Specify how frequently progress will be monitored (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, every 6 weeks, etc.).

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