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Planning for Success with ESSER Funds

Spring 2021

What are ESSER Funds?

- ESSER: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds
- Federal funds that have been allocated to support public schools in addressing the impact of COVID-19
- There were three rounds of COVID related stimulus funding to support public schools



Funding Allocations

ESSER I Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)	ESSER II Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act)	ESSER III America Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP Act)
\$13 Billion (Total Allocation) \$170 million (Mississippi)	\$54 billion (Total Allocation) \$652 million (Mississippi)	\$122 billion (Total Allocation) (Mississippi: UNDETERMINED)
\$12,299,929.00 (JPS Allocation)	\$47,744,415.00 (JPS Allocation)	(JPS: UNDETERMINED)
Expended by September 30, 2022	Expended by September 30, 2023	Expended by September 30, 2024



Allowable Expenditures

ESSER I

- Any activity under ESEA, IDEA, Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Action of 2006, or McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Provide principals and school leaders with resources to address the needs of schools
- Training and PD for staff on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
- Planning for and coordinating long-term closures
- Purchasing of educational technology
- Provide mental health services and supports
- Planning and implementing summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs

ESSER II

ALL of the allowable expenditures from ESSER I plus the following:

- Addressing learning loss among students
- School facility repairs and improvements
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities

ESSER III

All of the allowable expenditures from ESSER I and II with the following requirement:

Not less than 20% of the school district's formula allocation must be reserved to address learning loss through evidencebased interventions. Such interventions might include extended time activities that respond to academic, social and emotional needs and the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on certain at-risk student groups.



Potential JPS Expenditures

- Afterschool programming
- Summer learning programs
- Tutoring/interventions during the school day
- Scholar re-engagement
- SEL programs and mental health support
- Activities to ensure a well-rounded education and/or addressing the safety and health of scholars (i.e., STEM/STEAM and accelerated learning)
- Educator professional development
- HVAC system remediation
- Construction projects that are aligned to the preparation, prevention, or response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Technology infrastructure and support

