



SHOW ME (HOW TO GET) THE MONEY
A LOOK AT NEW FEDERAL FUNDS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

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AGENDA

- **TITLE IV-A BLOCK GRANT**
- **COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS**
- **ADDITIONAL FEDERAL RESOURCES**
- **QUESTIONS**

TITLE IV-A

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

What is ESSA?

- Every Student Succeeds Act (2015)
- Title IV-A is a flexible block grant program as a part of ESSA
- Currently funded at \$1.22B. Authorized at \$1.6B
- Requesting 2B in 2022*

*source: Title IV Coalition



Title IV-A Supports Three Categories:

1. Well-Rounded Education

- Includes music, art, health education, physical education CTE (Career and Technical Education) and more.

2. Safe and Healthy Schools

- Includes mental health services, violence prevention, safety initiatives and more.

3. Technology

- Includes instructional support, professional development, personalized learning, digital devices and more.

How Funding Applies:

Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grant program

Title IV-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act

THIS IS TITLE IV-A

TITLE IV-A COALITION

Authorized at \$1.6 billion, Title IV-A is a formula grant program that supports the district use of funds in three broad areas:

The amount districts receive each year is dependent on what Congress allocates.



WELL-ROUNDED
EDUCATION



SAFE & HEALTHY
STUDENTS



TECHNOLOGY



1.

Congress
appropriates
funds each
year



2.

States receive
the funds July 1



3.

School districts apply
to states for funds
and have 2 years to
use them

AUTHORIZED
\$1.6 BILLION

FY2020
APPROPRIATIONS
\$1.21 BILLION

FY2021
OMNIBUS
\$1.22 BILLION

FY2022
PRESIDENT BIDEN'S
REQUEST
\$1.22 billion

We urge Congress to
fund Title IV-A at \$2
billion in FY 2022.

How does Title IV-A funding work?

The Title IV-A funding rules are divided into two tiers

- Below \$30,000: No needs assessment is required. Funds may be spent in any of the three funding categories; 15% cap on Technology

 - Above \$30,000: Needs assessment is required.
 - 20% of the funds to go to Well-Rounded Program needs
 - 20% to Safe and Healthy Schools programs
 - 60% can go to all three areas with a portion going to Technology
- (*Waived for 2020-21 school year)

Examples of Title IV-A Fund Usage

- Teacher Professional Development such as clinics, in-service, workshops
- Musical instruments such as strings, band, percussion, keyboards
- Adding or expanding music courses such as a guitar program, piano lab, modern band ensembles, mariachi, etc.
- Supplies and textbooks like sheet music, stands and accessories
- Technology programs like music notation, audio editing, audio listening equipment
- Facilities upgrades like acoustic panels, storage units

District Use of Technology - Survey

Out of 652 Districts Surveyed:*

- 54.6% - Teacher professional development
- 44.3% - Blended learning strategies
- 42.3% - Digital devices
- 36.7% - Personalized learning

*Source: Title IV-A Coalition, April 2021 www.titleiva.org

Key Steps

1. Meet with your fellow music teachers, principal and district coordinators (VAPA, C&I)
2. Perform a needs assessment to build a priority list
3. Share with your district's grant personnel
4. Keep going! This is an **annual** process



COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

The Big Questions

- What is ESSER?
- Why should I care?
- What can I do?

What is ESSER?

- **Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief**
 - Part of the CARES Act, CRRSA Act and ARP Act
 - Addresses the impact of COVID-19 on education
 - **NOT** associated with Title I Funding
 - Use it or lose it

ESSER Funds

- ESSER I - \$13.2 billion
- ESSER II - \$54.3 billion
- ESSER III - \$122.0 billion

\$189.5 Billion for K-12

Why should I care?

- **ESSER funding is about planning for a safer return to in-person learning and addressing the needs of the students including their social, emotional and mental health needs—particularly those who have been disproportionately impacted.**
- Funds can be used to support music programs!
- ESSER I & II funds have already been allocated to the states
- ESSER III (ARP) funds are being allocated **NOW**
- Many teachers and administrators don't know the funds are available **OR** how to access them

Who is eligible?

- Public, Charter and Nonprofit K-12 schools
- Check the State/District appropriations
- Nonprofit schools can request money under the Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program

How do I request funds?

- **Teachers need to get involved in the process to communicate program needs**
- Contact your supervisor
 - Principals or VAPA coordinators

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL RESOURCES

Title II Funding 2020: Professional Development

Supports the recruitment, preparation, development, and retention of excellent teachers and school leaders.

URL: bit.ly/TitleIIFunding

CTE: Career and Tech Ed

Courses (at the high school level) and programs (at the postsecondary or sub-baccalaureate level) that focus on the skills and knowledge required for specific jobs or fields of work.

URL: bit.ly/CTEFunds

RESOURCES

Title IV Article:

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Access Title IV-A Funds and Build a Stronger Music Program

 Program Health  Heather Mansell  November 11, 2019



You have grand plans for your music program, but money is tight. In 2015, music educators celebrated the passing of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which calls for a "well-rounded education" that includes music and the arts. But it's been almost five years since ESSA was signed into law, and your program is working to stretch every dollar.

ESSER Article:

bit.ly/ ESSER_Funds

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Updated: How to Get ESSER (CARES, CRRSA, ARP) Funding for Your Music Program

 Program Health  Dr. Dave Gerhart  May 01, 2020



UPDATED: March 30, 2021

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. This COVID relief bill extends or modifies several provisions in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that was passed in March 2020 and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) that was passed in December 2020.



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