

ESSER I, II, III

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds

Quick Facts

- Funding passed by Congress as part of the COVID-19 relief bills (CARES, CRRSA, ARP)
- ESSER I - \$13 billion (March 2020)
- ESSER II - \$54 billion (December 2020)
- ESSER III - \$122 billion (March 2021)
- Federal government allocates money to the state education agency (SEA)
- School Districts (LEA) receive money based on Title I funding formulas.

SPECIAL NOTE: These funds are **not** Title I funds even though they are being allocated to districts based on Title I formulas. They may be used to benefit any school regardless of that school's Title I status.

Funding Uses

- Purchasing of PPE or protective equipment for use in the classroom
- Support for training to conduct in-person instruction safely (professional development)
- Sanitization supplies
- Additional instruments and equipment
- Tools to support virtual instruction
- Additional instructional support to provide remediation, including summer programs
- Materials to facilitate social distancing in a classroom setting
- Facility improvements

How to Apply

- Google "ESSER and the Name of Your State" to see how much has been allocated to your state and district.
- Create a plan on how you can use ESSER funds to support your program.
- Meet with school principal or VAPA coordinator to show them your plan.
- The principal will work with the district to allocate money.

Additional Resources

- [Frequently Asked Questions about ESSER Funding](#)
- [NAfME COVID-19 Relief Funding in the Music Classroom](#)
- [Show Me \(How to Get\) The Money Webinar](#)
- [American Rescue Plan Act Fact Sheet](#), including a comparison of all three ESSER funds
- [ESSER I, II and III Funding Estimates](#)
- Article from [SBO Magazine](#) about [COVID-19 Relief Funding Available to Schools/Districts](#)