

FY23 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Department of Education

1	Federal Agency/Bureau	Department of Education
2	Program Name	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
3	Authorizing Legislation	American Rescue Plan
4	Program Overview	On Thursday, March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law. It is an unprecedented \$1.9 trillion package of assistance measures, including \$122 billion for the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund. Funds are provided to State educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the Nation's students.
5	CFDA	84.425D
6	Program Website	https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-and-secondary-school-emergency-relief/
7	Type of funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount):
8	Link to application site, NOFO, FOA, or Grants.gov (if different from program website above)	Not Applicable
9	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. one-time funding): One-time Funding
10	Important Dates (if applicable)	Not Applicable

12	FY2023 Appropriations Amount	Total Amount:\$0 Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): Not Specified												
13	Matching Requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, what is the matching requirement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. if match is beneficial to an application but not required):												
14	Complementary Federal Funding Option	Not Applicable												
15	Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc):												
16	Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure	<p>With respect to ESSER funding, providing internet connectivity to students is an allowable use of ESSER funds (see, e.g., section 2001(e)(2)(K) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act), stating that an allowable use of ARP ESSER funds includes “Purchasing educational 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”). If an LEA pays a vendor to provide internet service to students and their families, the vendor may need to create the infrastructure to be able to provide the internet service. Typically that infrastructure is owned by the vendor and is not subject to the specific Federal regulations on supplies, equipment, or capital improvements. However, if the purpose of an SEA or LEA’s contract with a vendor is to create the infrastructure (e.g. fiber optic cable) itself that the State or LEA would own, a contract with a vendor for the creation of the broadband infrastructure is subject to the Uniform Guidance rules on procurement, prior approval for capital expenditures, disposition, construction, and other relevant requirements in the Uniform Guidance and other applicable regulations. For example, as noted in more detail in FAQ B-6 when ESSER funds are used for construction, capital equipment or property acquired or improved with Federal funds must be appropriately insured and the grantees must consult with the Department on disposition instructions in the event that the property or equipment is no longer needed for Federal programs. See, e.g., 2 CFR §§ 200.310-200.313.</p>												
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
18	Criteria for Eligible Recipients	A State must subgrant not less than 90 percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to local educational agencies (LEAs).income, population size/density, limited to certain states.)
19	Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)	Not Applicable.
20	Programmatic Resources	https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-fund/
21	Reporting Requirements	https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-fund/esser-annual-reporting/
22	Publicly-available programmatic data	https://covid-relief-data.ed.gov/
23	Contact information	ESSERF@ed.gov
24	Additional Information	<p>Please carefully review the FAQs for additional guidance on ESSER funds: https://oese.ed.gov/files/2022/12/ESSER-and-GEER-Use-of-Funds-FAQs-December-7-2022-Update.pdf</p> <p>ESSER was also authorized through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act & Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act.</p>
25	Updated	March 2023