



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

Supplemental FY 20 Performance Oversight Response

- 1. Please provide LEA CARES-ESSER annual reported expenditures including the following:**
 - a. purchasing educational technology including hardware, software, and connectivity; may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment,**
 - b. Unique Needs of Special Populations activities focused specifically to addressing the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth,**
 - c. Providing mental health services and supports,**
 - d. Summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, and**
 - e. Total amount expended.**

Attachment Q1 Supplemental- CARES Act ESSER Fund LEA CARES-ESSER Expenditures by Category- First Annual Report

In response to the significant strain placed on LEAs and schools during the pandemic, the federal government has appropriated emergency funds to state education agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

Federal legislation authorized the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) through the CARES Act in March 2020. Federal funds were appropriated to ESSER on two separate occasions- for ESSER I through the CARES Act in March 2020 and in ESSER II through the FY 2021 Omnibus and COVID Relief and Response Act in December 2020.

OSSE applied and received approximately \$42 million from ESSER I. OSSE sub-granted the vast majority of these funds, 90 percent or approximately \$38 million, to LEAs that receive Title-IA funds as required by federal law. Broadly, LEAs are able to spend these funds on any allowable activity permissible under a federal education program and to cover costs of emergency needs arising from the pandemic. For example, these funds could be allocated to educational technology, sanitation in buildings, or supplemental programming. The funds from ESSER I have already been sub-granted to LEAs for their use. The remaining 10 percent of the ESSER I funds, which totals about \$4 million, were for emergency needs as determined by the state education agency.

OSSE has announced preliminary allocations of ESSER II funds. These allocations total about \$172 million, with 90 percent of the total award or about \$155 million to be sub-granted to LEAs. While the allowable uses for funds for ESSER II are very broad and similar to ESSER I, LEAs are strongly encouraged by the US Department of Education (USED) to use ESSER II funding to safely reopen schools as soon as possible and to mitigate and recover student learning lost as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and associated school closures.

OSSE provides public notice to local education agencies regarding the funding allocations and guidance associated with these federal grants on the [OSSE website](#). You may also find information on federal grant allowable uses [here](#).

As an attachment to this response, you will find OSSE's First Annual Report to the US Department of Education on LEA CARES-ESSER Expenditures by Category. This represents expenses that LEAs incurred between March 13, 2020 and Sept. 30, 2020. It may not include expenses that were incurred after Sept. 30 or incurred by an LEA but not yet submitted to OSSE. This report was generated Jan. 19, 2021 and submitted to the US Department of Education on Feb. 1, 2021.