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On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). ARP makes available \$122.8 billion nationally in a third round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. New York State has been allocated nearly \$9 billion under the ARP Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The ARP Act requires that a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) be allocated to LEAs, including charter schools and Special Act School Districts that are LEAs. Pursuant to the terms of the ARP Act, LEA allocations have been calculated using the relative shares of grants awarded under Title I, Part A of the ESEA for the most recent federal fiscal year (2020). Each eligible LEA's ARP-ESSER allocation may be found HERE.

Under section 2001(d)(2) of ARP Act of 2021, each State Educational Agency (SEA) must make ARP-ESSER allocations to LEAs in an expedited and timely manner and, to the extent practicable, not later than 60 days after the SEA receives its ARP-ESSER funds. The first portion of ARP-ESSER Funds was awarded to states on March 24, 2021, and 60 days from that day is May 24, 2021. The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has taken the position that an SEA makes allocations when it authorizes the LEA to begin to obligate funds in accordance with its needs. To enable New York State's LEAs to begin to obligate ARP-ESSER funds by USDE's May 24, 2021 deadline, the application for LEA 90% base ARP-ESSER allocations is being administered by NYSED as a two-part application process:

ARP-ESSER Application – Part 1: The first step was for each LEA to submit signed assurances to NYSED by May 24, 2021. Upon receipt of signed LEA assurances, NYSED provided an email notice to the LEA of substantially approvable application status. Upon receipt of such notice, LEAs were able to begin obligating their allocation of 90% base ARP-ESSER funds.

ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2: The second step will be the submission of a full application and budget by the LEA. NYSED will issue a Grant Award Notice (GAN) to the LEA after the LEA's application is fully reviewed and approved by NYSED. Part 2 will address several of the plan-related assurances an LEA must provide in Part 1 of the application process.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to reserve at least 20% of their 90% ARP-ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on economically disadvantaged students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care. For your information, the minimum 20% reservation for each LEA may be found HERE.

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APPLICATION PROCESS FOR LEA ALLOCATIONS OF ARP-ESSER SEA RESERVE FUNDS

The federal ARP statute requires SEAs to reserve:

not less than 5 percent of the total amount of grant funds awarded to the State (\$449.4 million) to carry out activities to address the impact of lost instructional

time by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions;

not less than 1 percent (\$89.9 million) to carry out the implementation of evidence-based summer enrichment programs; and

not less than 1 percent (\$89.9 million) to carry out the implementation of evidence-based comprehensive afterschool programs.

The 2021-22 enacted state budget directs that these required SEA set-asides be allocated as grants to specified school districts. Each eligible district's allocation of SEA reserve funds may be found <u>HERE</u>. NYSED will inform school districts under separate cover when the application process for school district allocations of ARP-ESSER SEA set-aside funds has been published in the

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Directions for Submitting the Application:

The online application may only be submitted/certified by the chief school officer of the applicant LEA. The designated superintendent (public school LEAs), and the chief executive officer, board of trustees president, or school employee designated by the board of trustees (charter school LEAs) are the only administrators with the submit/certify rights necessary to successfully submit and certify a completed application for NYSED review.

LEAs ARE NOT REQUIRED to send hard copies of general application materials to the Department.

LEAs ARE REQUIRED to send signed originals and two hard copies of each FS-10 Budget Form to:

Office of ESSA-Funded Programs - Rm 320 EB RE: ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2 New York State Education Department 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234.

Deadline for Submitting the Applications:

The ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2 is due by August 31, 2021.

LEA ARP-ESSER Plan - ARP-ESSER Intent to Apply

ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Intent to Apply

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1. Does the LEA intend to apply for American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) LEA Base 90% funding?

Yes, the LEA intends to apply for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding. No, the LEA did not receive an allocation for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding. No, the LEA received an allocation for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding but does not intend to apply for it.

2. Please provide contact information for the LEA Business Official and Board President. Please confirm that each individual has reviewed and approved of the application, including all plan descriptions and use of funds.

	Name	Date of Final Review/
		Approval
LEA Business Official		
LEA Board President		

ARP-ESSER Allocation - Construction-Related Costs

3. Does the LEA intend to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) LEA Base 90% funding for construction-related expenditures?

Yes, the LEA does intend to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding for construction-related expenditures.

No, the LEA does not intend to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding for construction-related expenditures.

LEA ARP-ESSER Plan - ARP-ESSER Plan Development & Program Information

ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Plan Development and Dissemination

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Title VIII of Division B of the CARES Act directs the Department to carry out the Education Stabilization Fund, of which the ARP ESSER funds are a part. Section 2001 of the ARP Act provides for the Department to make grants to each SEA from the ARP ESSER funds. An SEA must allocate at least 90 percent of its ARP ESSER grant funds to its LEAs (including charter schools that are LEAs) in the State in the same proportion that the LEAs received under part A of title I of the ESEA in Fiscal Year 2020, as required by section 2001(d)(1) of the ARP Act; and section 2001(e) of the ARP Act prescribes certain mandatory and permissive uses of LEAs' funds. Under 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3, the Secretary has the authority to promulgate rules governing the programs administered by the Department. Under this requirement, each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds must develop, submit to the SEA on a reasonable timeline determined by the SEA, and make publicly available on the LEA's website, a plan for the LEA's use of ARP ESSER funds. The plan - known as the LEA ARP ESSER Plan - and any revisions to the plan submitted consistent with procedures established by the SEA, must include a description of key activities which are required below.

NYSED will consider each LEA's application for its base 90% ARP-ESSER allocation as meeting the USDE LEA ARP-ESSER use of funds plan requirement, provided the required elements of the plan are fully addressed in the LEA's application, combined with a budget, and then publicly posted after being developed with public input.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan. Specifically, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions. Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with each of the following, to the extent present in or served by the LEA: Tribes; civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); and stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.

Each LEA's ARP ESSER plan must be in 0 0 <</MC2 12e5hc input.

LEA ARP-ESSER Plan - ARP-ESSER Plan Development & Program Information

7. In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions implemented under section 2001(e)(1) - the required reserve of 20% of funds - to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

LEA ARP-ESSER Plan - ARP-ESSER Funding Distribution

ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Funding Distribution

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LEA ARP-ESSER Plan - ARP-ESSER Use of Funds

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Please note: LEAs that have been allocated funds from the mandated SEA-Level Reserves in the 2021-22 enacted state budget will apply for those funds via a separate application process. NYSED will inform school districts under separate cover when the application process for school district allocations of ARP-ESSER SEA set-aside funds has been published in the <u>SED Monitoring and Vendor Reporting System</u>. The sections below are only for LEA 90% base ARP-ESSER allocations. LEAs should not apply for ARP ESSER SEA Reserve funds as part of this application.

Please complete the chart below by identifying the funds being used to support each allowable activity. Please respond with "0" to indicate that no funds are being assigned to a given activity.
PLEASE NOTE - All proposed expenditures must be reflected within the FS-10 budget form AND budget narrative to clearly align with this item.

	FUNDING Amounts (\$)
1 - Any activity authorized by the ESEA, including the Native Hawaiian Education Act and the Alaska Native Educational Equity, Support, and Assistance Act (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).	
2 - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.).	
3 - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) (29 U.S.C. 3271 et seq.).	
4 - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins V) (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).	
5 - Any activity authorized by subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento) (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.).	
6 - Coordinating preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.	
7 - Providing principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.	
8 - Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.	
9 - Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs.	
10 - Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.	
11 - Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of the LEA, including buildings operated by such LEA.	
12 - Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under the IDEA and ensuring other education services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.	
13 - 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, including low-income students and students with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.	
14 - Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence based full-service community schools.	
15 - Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and enrichment and supplemental after-school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.	
16 - Addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time among an LEA's students (including low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care) by: a) Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction; b) Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students; c) Providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support	

LEA ARP-ESSER Plan - ARP-ESSER Allocation - Budget

ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Budget

PLEASE NOTE