



# ARP ESSER III Grant

Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Elementary and Secondary Relief III (ESSER III)

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# Background Information



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“Effective [April 28, 2021], districts and open-enrollment charter schools (school systems) in Texas may apply to receive their allocation of the \$11.2 billion appropriated to the State of Texas for public education purposes under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund. Funds are being provided, supplemental to all other funding sources to school systems, and will not be supplanted at the state level. **School systems should use these new funds to respond to the pandemic and to address student learning loss as a result of COVID-19.**”

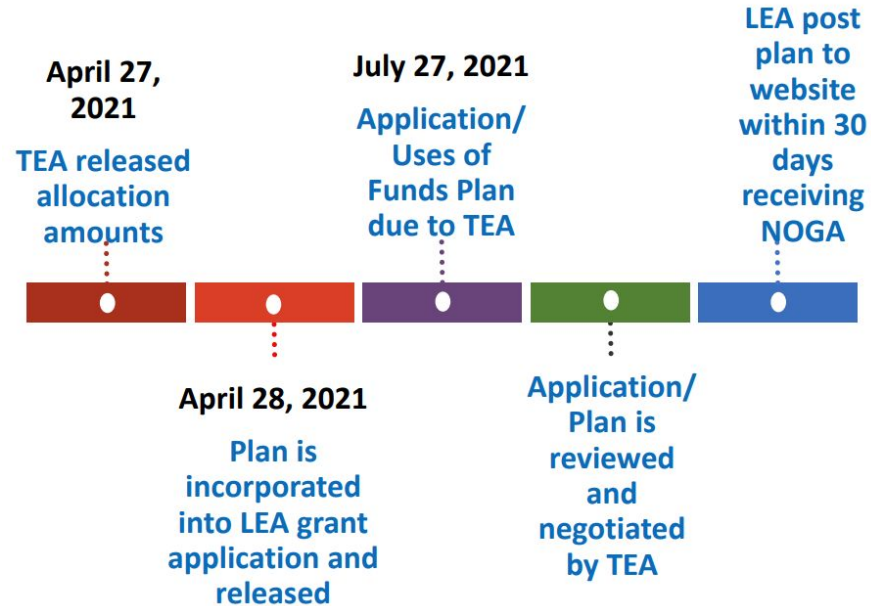


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“The U.S. Department of Education’s (USDE) initial grant award notice to **Texas makes immediately available two-thirds of the total federal appropriation to Texas** under ARP (ESSER III), and, as a result, TEA is providing that same amount to Texas schools. Most, but not all school systems, are eligible to receive funds under required federal funding formulas. **The remaining one-third of ARP (ESSER III) funds will be released to schools in the amounts indicated on the allocation document and will also be supplemental to all other state funds.** However, due to federal requirements, these funds have not yet been made available to the state and remain contingent upon USDE approving the state plan. The state plan will be developed in consultation with educators and other stakeholders around the state, as required by federal law.”



# ESSER III Timeline



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# Funds Allocated for Blue Ridge ISD



## Funding Allocation

Total ARP ESSER III Allocation Amount:

**\$661,956.00**

Initial allocation - *two-thirds of total allocation*:

**\$441,304.00**

Remaining allocation - *one-third of total allocation*:

**\$220,652.00**

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# Potential Expenditures





# Multiple Potential Uses of Funds to Drive Learning Acceleration

Learning Acceleration Framework	Potential Uses of Funds
<b>Supported Teachers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Professional Development: comprehensive Reading Academies, dyslexia training, professional development stipends, technology integration training</li><li>▪ Staffing: tutors, reduced class sizes, small group instruction, staff retention and recruitment incentive pay, after school enrichment programs, instructional coaching and leadership</li><li>▪ Mental Health and Behavioral Supports: teacher training and programming</li></ul>
<b>Rigorous Instructional Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Materials, Technology, and Training: Instructional materials to help address areas of need for COVID learning loss, learning management systems, training on materials and LMS</li></ul>
<b>More Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Extended Instructional Time: extended day, extended year, high-dosage tutoring, summer learning</li></ul>
<b>Empower Parents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mental Health and Behavioral Supports: social workers, At-risk coordinators, additional counseling services, wrap-around and community partnerships</li></ul>
<b>Other Supports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Facilities: ventilation, cleaning, HVAC systems, specialized instructional spaces</li><li>▪ Technology: devices, infrastructure upgrades, learning management systems, digital tools, educational application</li></ul>



## **Use of Funds** (Note: ESSER III funds must be spent by September 2024.)

### **Potential use of ESSER III funds in Blue Ridge ISD:**

Elementary Instructional Coach/Interventionist (focus on literacy)

Secondary Instructional Coach/Interventionist (focus on teacher support and math)

Social Emotional Learning Supports

Supports for Special Education students and English Language Learners (ELLs).



# Use of Funds Update

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**As of May 5, 2022, BRISD has drawn down \$100,456.40 of ESSER III funds.**

**Does the plan need revision?**

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