

## WHAT IS ESSER?

In 2020 and 2021, Congress passed three stimulus bills that provided nearly \$190.5 billion to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. States receive funds based on the same proportion that each state receives under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title-IA. States must distribute at least 90% of funds to local education agencies (LEAs) based on their proportional share of ESEA Title I-A funds. States have the option to reserve 10% of the allocation for emergency needs as determined by the state to address issues responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## WHAT CAN WE DO WITH ESSER FUNDS?

While total funding can be used for an array of items, the following indicates construction-related uses only.

1. School facility repairs and improvements to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.
2. Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification, and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.

Click [here](#) for additional allowable uses

## HOW MUCH DID WE GET?

This information is related only to construction related allocations.

ESSER II: \$7,012,616.00

ARP ESSER III: \$24,178,840.53 (pending approval from MDE)

\*\*\*All monies for ESSER II have a funding expenditure deadline of September 30, 2023, and September 30, 2024 for ARP/ESSER III projects.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

Monthly Updates will be provided as program duration progresses.