

## ESSER 2021

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### ESSER I, ESSER II, and ESSER III



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	CARES ACT: ESSER I	CRSA: ESSERII	ARP: ESSER III
Start Date	March 13, 2020	March 13, 2020	March 13, 2020
End Date	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2024
OSD2 Allocation	\$116,235.52	\$418,821.13	\$936,796.83

#### Allowable Uses:

- Coordinate emergency funding
- Purchase cleaning supplies
- Educational technology
- Mental health supports
- Supplementary learning
- Added needs for at risk population
- Transportation
- Coordinated services for long term closures
- Professional development
- Other grant allowable expenses
- McKinney Vento Expenses
- Parent education
- Learning loss (Required for ESSER III)
- Air quality improvements
- Facility improvements
- Implementing public health acts

### **CARES Act: ESSER I**

In March 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. The CARES Act dedicated \$13.2 billion for K-12 schools through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. This grant is known as ESSER I. The intent and purpose of ESSER I funding is to provide emergency relief funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. ESSER I funds can be used to cover expenses incurred March 13, 2020, through September 30, 2022.

The Oracle School District's ESSER I allocation of \$116,235 was used for two Floating Aide salaries, hotspots for buses, virtual library access for K-8 students, Chromebooks for grades 3-4, tablets for grades K-2, software licensing and distance learning manipulatives.

### **CRRSA: ESSER II**

In December 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) was signed into law. CRRSA dedicated an additional \$54.3 billion to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. This grant is known as ESSER II. ESSER II funds can be used to cover expenses incurred March 13, 2020, through September 30, 2023.

The Oracle School District's ESSER II allocation was \$418,821 and continues to pay for Floating Aide salaries, the purchase of network switches and SFP modules as well as servers, main fiber connectors, and a sonic wall to address the need for district technology updates. A portion of the funds will be used in conjunction with Bond funds to replace existing HVAC units.

### **ARP: ESSER III**

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law. ARP dedicated \$122 billion to the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) Fund. This grant is known as ESSER III. The intent and purpose of ESSER III is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus on students.

Oracle School District #2 will apply to receive its allocation of ESSER III funds based on feedback from stakeholder groups. The District's ESSER III allocation is \$936,796. These funds are supplemental to the Oracle School District's

budget and will be used to address the impact COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on Mountain Vista School.

The District will utilize ESSER III funds to address difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is required by statute to set aside 20 percent of its total ESSER III allocation to address learning loss. ESSER III funds can be used to cover expenses incurred March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2024.

### **Feedback Opportunities for ESSER III**

- 2021 - 2022 In-Person Return to School Plans Posted on the District Website
- ESSER III Planning Survey for Oracle School District Linked on the District Website—Closing September 10, 2021
- Governing Board Meeting Presentation on September 16, 2021.
- Stakeholder Committee Meeting scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
- Hearing Period to Consider Community Feedback
- Final Approval at October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Governing Board Meeting

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### **Survey**

The Oracle School District #2 is seeking input from our stakeholders as we create a plan for using these resources. Please share your feedback by completing the brief survey linked on our website. The survey will close September 10, 2021.