



ESSER Updates

COVID-19 Weekly Education Leaders Call
November 10, 2021



ESSER Funds Updates

➤ **ESSER LEA Data Reporting**

- ✓ The **US Department of Education** has just **released new guidance** to states that serves to update previously released requirements for ESSER (I, II and III) grant data reporting by states and LEAs
- ✓ This update includes changes to current data elements, the removal of some elements and sections, and the inclusion of new items. Upon review, these changes include, for example, the removal of the requirements for LEAs to report obligations of funds, and data regarding allocations to high poverty schools for Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity)
- ✓ ADE is **pausing the ESSER Data Reporting process** through the GME ESSER Reporting Supplement, and is **suspending** the previously announced deadline for submitting these data of December 17th
- ✓ ADE will provide an update regarding next steps in the coming weeks as these new requirements are reviewed internally and with organizations such as CCSSO, and as additional information is released by USED



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➤ **ESSER Office Hours Opportunities**

- ✓ Do you have questions about your ESSER (I, II or III) grant application(s) or revisions? Our ESSER Grant team is here to help!

Upcoming Dates/Times & Session Links:

November

- [November 18 from 2:00-3:00 PM](#)

December

- [December 2 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM](#)
- [December 8 from 8:00-9:00 AM](#)
- [December 16 from 2:00-3:00 PM](#)

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➤ NEW - ESSER Newsletter

The goals of this new newsletter are twofold:

- ✓ **First**, we want to keep you apprised of **all of the opportunities and resources that your LEA can leverage** and that are funded by federal recovery dollars (we refer to these as ADE's ESSER set-aside projects.)
- ✓ **Second**, we want to provide **information regarding the ESSER I, II, and III monies your LEA are allocated to fund your own activities**

Think of this newsletter as a one-stop-ESSER shop

- ❖ ***You can access it at the bottom of the ADE ESSER website*** ➔

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➤ ESSER III

- ✓ **New Deadline for LEA Submission of ESSER III grant: February 1, 2022**
 - Please visit www.azed.gov/esser-iii for all ESSER III grant resources
- ✓ **Reminder: Local LEA ESSER III Plan Requirements**
 - Stakeholder Engagement: Please visit the ESSER website for a [ESSER III and Community Input Partner Toolkit](#)
 - Once completed, the plan must be **publicly posted on the LEA's website**
- ✓ **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan: November 24, 2021**
 - All LEAs receiving ESSER III funds must submit a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services plan to ADE by **November 24, 2021**
 - Please visit www.azed.gov/esser/safe-return-person-learning for the required plan template, resources and submission guidance
- ✓ **LEA Maintenance of Equity (MoEquity)**
 - Please visit www.azed.gov/esser/lea-maintenance-equity-moequity for guidance and resources



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➤ ESSER III Application for State Funds

- ✓ ADE is glad to announce the application ESSER III State Funds. With the approval of ADE's ESSER III state plan, our agency was awarded the final installment of ESSER III funding, including SEA discretionary dollars that will be allocated to sub-recipients to fund initiatives that support student success and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
- ✓ The application is open to a wide variety of partners, including community organizations and other entities that support students and families
- ✓ These funds are intended to support programs aimed at **accelerating and enriching learning and increasing learning opportunities – particularly for our most vulnerable student populations**. USED has developed three lanes that the types of programs applicants put forth should address:
 1. Learning Loss – or disrupted learning
 2. Summer enrichment
 3. Comprehensive after school programs
- ✓ Within each of these lanes, ADE has identified **three priority focus areas** applicants should aim to address:
 1. Enrichment & reinforcements for learning
 2. Mental, behavioral, and physical health support for students and educators
 3. Student and family re-engagement and support for critical transition periods
- ✓ Applications must be submitted by **December 10th**

Please visit www.azed.gov/esser-arp-application for additional guidance and resources regarding how to apply for this opportunity



Thank You!



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Please visit

www.azed.gov/ESSER

for links to all grant and program resources and
guidance documents

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