Timeline of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER)

December 27, 2020

ESSER II - CRRSA passed (legislation, summary); Allocation

ESSER I funds released to states

Spring 2020

March 27, 2020

passed (legislation)

summary); Award

amounts and initial

reports; CARES

Spending Map

ESSERI-CARES

January 5, 2021

ESSER II Funds released to states

February 12, 2021

ED COVID-19 Handbook 1 released: Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools. Updated in April 2021.

March 11, 2021

March 19, 2021

Updates to CDC

Allocation

Guidance

Allocation

ESSER III – ARP passed

(legislation, summary);

on Reopening Schools

March 24, 2021

ESSER III Funds (2/3

of total - \$81 billion)

released to states;

March 29, 2021

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ED webinar w/Deputy

Asst Sec. of Education

Addressing the Impact

April 9, 2021

ED COVID-19 Handbook 2 released: Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs

April 22, 2021

Interim Final Requirements take effect for ESSER III funds

April 24, 2021

Updated CDC Summer Camps Guidance

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Within 30 days of receiving ESSER III funds from the SEA, LEAs expected to develop, seek public comment, and make public plans for safe reopening to in-person instruction (according to interim final rule)

June 7, 2021

Date by which states must submit State Plans to obtain release of final 1/3 of ESSER III funds. Note that states may request extensions and submit State Plans at a later date. State plans are posted here.

June 21, 2021

States must have made information on the number of schools providing each mode of instruction (remote, hybrid, in-person) publicly available on website (according to interim final rule)

September 30, 2021

Final date for ED to award any of the ESSER I funds

anuary 2022

SEA must have awarded all **ESSER II Funds**

September 30, 2023

Last date ESSER II funds are available for obligation by SEA, LEA, or other subgrantee (this includes the Tydings period)

2024

January 28, 2025

While the Congressional **Budget Office (pg** 13) estimates that ESSER outlays will extend through 2028, updated ED quidance (pg 48) requests that ESSER 3 funds be liquidated within 120 days after Sept

2025

30, 2024

2020 2021 2022

Spring 2021

SEAs must have awarded ESSER I funds. States return any ESSER I funds not awarded within 1 year since receiving funds (see allocation sheet for when funds were received); ED will reallocate any

funds received.

May 2021

States expected to have awarded ESSER III funds within 60 days of receipt from ED or have an explanation for delay (see March 24, 2021)

May 6, 2021

ED begins first in an ongoing series of "Office Hours"

May 24, 2021

Comments on **Interim Final Requirements** Due

May 26, 2021

ESSER and GEER FAQs released by ED

Late Summer 2021

On a timeline set by the state, LEA must create, seek comment, and publish plan for spending funds on addressing learning loss, and supporting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health (according to interim final rule)

2023

September 30, 2022 Last date ESSER funds are available for obligation by SEA, LEA, or other subgrantee (this includes the Tydings period)

September 30, 2024

Last date ESSER III funds are available for obligation by SEA, LEA, or other subgrantee (this includes the Tydings period)

TERMS

ED: U.S. Department of Education

ESSER: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds provided in pandemic relief bills

CARES: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act passed in March 2020 that included first ESSER, or ESSER I

CRRSA: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, pandemic relief bill providing ESSER II

ARP: American Rescue Plan, pandemic relief bill passed in March 2021, providing ESSER III

Interim Final Rule: The ED issued an interim final rule on April 22, 2021, outlining guidance and process state and local agencies must follow in ARP **ESSER** planning

Award: Refers to funds moving from the SEA to LEA or other sub-recipient

Obligate: A legally binding commitment is in place for funds to be spent on a particular purpose (e.g., an agreement to pay a staff person for a time period of 3 years preserves the money toward this purpose, but does not require the funds leave the account all at once)



Action Deadline

Other (Including regulations and guidance)