



American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund

The Department of Education has announced the allocation that each state agency will receive under the **American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund**, totaling \$122 billion in relief for K-12 schools. Funds are provided to state educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students.

How can I use the funds?

The ESSER Fund provides local education authorities considerable flexibility in determining how best to use ESSER funds. A complete list of allowable uses of ESSER funds are outlined in the ARP.

How will this funding impact school maintenance and operations?

ARP ESSER funds may be used to develop strategies and implement public health protocols, including repairing and improving school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards.

What should I do?

This funding offers an opportunity for you to ensure your education facility is outfitted with touchless handwashing, classroom sinks, and classroom drinking water solutions that provide your students and faculty with cleaner, healthier water and sanitation sources, in all areas of your school, from classrooms, to hallways and beyond.

ARP ESSER Fact Sheet and allocation tables can be found at [american-rescue-plan-elementary-and-secondary-school-emergency-relief](#).

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