

2020

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

December 27, 2020 ESSER II - CRRSA passed (legislation, summary); Allocation Spring 2020 January 5, 2021 ESSER I funds ESSER II Funds released March 27, 2020 released to states to states ESSERI-CARES February 12, 2021 passed (legislation, ED COVID-19 Handbook summary); Award 1 released: Strategies amounts and initial for Safely Reopening reports; CARES Elementary and Spending Map Secondary Schools. Updated in April 2021.

pril 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

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.

2021

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 2021

une 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.

lune 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)

On a timeline set by

the state, LEA must

and publish plan for

addressing learning

loss, and supporting

students' academic

social, emotional,

and mental health

interim final rule)

(according to

spending funds on

create, seek comment,

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**

ieptember 30, 2023 Last date ESSERII funds are available for obligation by SEA, LEA, or other subgrantee (this includes the

Tydings period)

While the Congressional Budget Office (pg 13) estimates that ESSER outlays will extend through 2028, updated ED guidance (pg 48) requests that ESSER 3 funds be liquidated within 120 days after Sept 30, 2024

anuary 28, 2025

2022 2023 2024

2025

March 11, 2021

ESSER III - ARP passed (legislation, summary); Allocation

March 19, 2021

Updates to CDC Guidance on Reopening Schools

March 24, 2021

ESSER III Funds (2/3 of total - \$81 billion) released to states; Allocation

March 29, 2021

ED webinar w/Deputy Asst Sec. of Education lessica Cardichon: Addressing the Impact of Covid-19 though Summer Learning and Enrichment

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

September 30, 2022

Last date ESSER I 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

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)

NOTE: State reporting periods on the use of these funds occur throughout this timeline.

COLOR KEY: Legislation Fund Release Funds Deadline Action Deadline Other (Including regulations and guidance)