QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and ESSER II

CSSRA - The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021

This fact sheet outlines the primary differences between the **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund** under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security **(CARES)** Act enacted on March 27, 2020, and the **ESSER II Fund** under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations **(CRRSA)** Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, enacted on December 27, 2020.

The purpose of these funds is to provide State educational agencies (SEA) with funding to address the impact that COVID-19 has had on K-12 schools across the Nation receiving Title 1 funding. School districts were "strongly encouraged" to explore using the funds to strengthen infrastructure for remote learning. This includes preparing, preventing, and responding to COVID-19. States must distribute at least 90% of funds to local education agencies (LEA).

Funding allocations: Funding will be distributed directly to governors to support their state's K-12 student and school needs and (ii) SEAs and LEAs based on Title 1 proportions. <u>View State allocations here.</u> <u>FAQ about the fund process.</u>

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