

Summary of Federal COVID-19 Funding

The district has received four different federal grants to use to help with funding additional expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These are Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act (also referred to ESSER I funds); Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021 (also referred to ESSER II funds); and Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER). The ESSER funds must be used in the order given, ESSER I, ESSER II and then ESSER III. ESSER I and ESSER II funds must be used by June 30, 2023 and ESSER III funds must be used by September 30, 2024.

ESSER I

ESSER I funds were received in the summer of 2020, and amounted to \$71,365. These funds were used to purchase additional cleaning supplies, foggers, masks, hand sanitizer, Pixelot cameras for football field and high school gym, thermometers, iPad cases for the elementary, instrument covers for band, high school physical education CPR supplies, transportation to deliver summer meals to anyone under 18 years of age, employee cost for Families First Coronavirus Response ACT (FFRCA) leave. ESSER I funds have all been expended.

GEER I

The district has been allocated \$67,600 in GEER. Allowable uses include devices such as computers, tablets, remote learning software, etc. to facilitate on-line learning. It also includes hardware such as modems, routers, hotspots that can be deployed to provide students with access to internet, plus internet subscriptions data plans, etc.

Currently the district has used \$8,553.51 of these funds for hotspots with monthly data plans and the Wyebot Service (software that helps monitor wireless system).

All GEER funds must be used by June 30, 2022.

ESSER II

The district has been allocated \$284,266 in ESSER II funds. These funds have been issued on a reimbursement basis. Plan for use of these funds includes:

- Mental Health Therapist – The district has entered into an agreement with Youth and Shelter Services to have a full-time mental health therapist on staff. The estimated cost for this service is \$116,000 over two years.
- Additional Nurse – The district could hire an additional full-time nurse for two years. The estimated cost for this service is \$134,760 over two years.
- Cover remaining expense of FCCRA leave. The estimated cost is \$28,988.

All ESSER II funds must be used by June 30, 2023.

ESSER III

The district has been allocated \$638,420 in ESSER III funds. Of these funds, \$127,684 or 20% must be used to address learning loss due to the COVID Pandemic. These funds have been issued on a reimbursement basis. Plan for use of these funds includes:

Learning Loss Funds (\$127,684)

- Summer School – for grades K-12 for 2021-2023. The estimated cost for summer school over three years is \$75,000.

Remaining ESSER III Funds (\$425,613)

- Special Education Teachers – The district will add 1.5 FTE special education teachers to the elementary and middle school for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years. The estimated cost for these additional special education teachers for three years is \$310,000.
- Equipment for Physical Education – The district would like to improve safety and expand the number of platforms from six to twelve by purchasing all new equipment and a new flooring system for the high school weight room. Some of the existing weight room equipment will be repurposed to create a new weight room at the middle school. The estimated cost for this physical education equipment is \$100,000.
- Equipment for Vocal Music – The district would like to improve safety and expand the number of risers for our high school vocal students by purchasing a larger set of risers for the stage in the high school auditorium. The current high school risers would be repurposed for use at the middle school. This would benefit both the high school and middle school vocal music programs. The estimated cost for this vocal music equipment is \$15,000.

All ESSER III funds must be used by June 30, 2024.

GEER II

The Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER II) Funds are available to PK-12 schools through a competitive grant application and prioritizes mental health services and supports that directly impact students and families.

While it is unknown at this time how much money will be allocated for each district that is awarded these grant funds, it is our understanding that 14 awards will be available for districts similar in size to Roland-Story Plan for use of these funds includes:

- Mental Health Therapist – The district has entered into an agreement with Youth and Shelter Services to have a full-time mental health therapist on staff. The estimated cost for this service is \$116,000 over two years.

All GEER II funds must be used by June 30, 2023.