

ARP-ESSER Application: Part 2 - ARP Act**Introduction/Instructions - Summary & Background**

Summary & Background

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SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). ARP makes available \$122.8 billion nationally in a third round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. New York State has been allocated nearly \$9 billion under the ARP Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The ARP Act requires that a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) be allocated to LEAs, including charter schools and Special Act School Districts that are LEAs. Pursuant to the terms of the ARP Act, LEA allocations have been calculated using the relative shares of grants awarded under Title I, Part A of the ESEA for the most recent federal fiscal year (2020). Each eligible LEA's ARP-ESSER allocation may be found [HERE](#).

Under section 2001(d)(2) of ARP Act of 2021, each State Educational Agency (SEA) must make ARP-ESSER allocations to LEAs in an expedited and timely manner and, to the extent practicable, not later than 60 days after the SEA receives its ARP-ESSER funds. The first portion of ARP-ESSER Funds was awarded to states on March 24, 2021, and 60 days from that day is May 24, 2021. The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has taken the position that an SEA makes allocations when it authorizes the LEA to begin to obligate funds in accordance with its needs. To enable New York State's LEAs to begin to obligate ARP-ESSER funds by USDE's May 24, 2021 deadline, the application for LEA 90% base ARP-ESSER allocations is being administered by NYSED as a two-part application process:

ARP-ESSER Application – Part 1: The first step was for each LEA to submit signed assurances to NYSED by May 24, 2021. Upon receipt of signed LEA assurances, NYSED provided an email notice to the LEA of substantially approvable application status. Upon receipt of such notice, LEAs were able to begin obligating their allocation of 90% base ARP-ESSER funds.

ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2: The second step will be the submission of a full application and budget by the LEA. NYSED will issue a Grant Award Notice (GAN) to the LEA after the LEA's application is fully reviewed and approved by NYSED. Part 2 will address several of the plan-related assurances an LEA must provide in Part 1 of the application process.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to reserve at least 20% of their 90% ARP-ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on economically disadvantaged students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care. For your information, the minimum 20% reservation for each LEA may be found [HERE](#).

Project Period

March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2024 to obligate funds. Funds must be fully liquidated by October 31, 2024.

Project Number

The project number stem for the program is:

ESSER: 5880 - 21 - XXXX

This number should be used on the appropriate FS-10 budget form.

Submission Deadline

Completed applications are due by **August 31, 2021** (with extensions by request), and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Please note that applications must be submitted and fully approved by no later than March 23, 2022. LEAs that have not been issued a Grant Award Notice by that time will be at risk of having their ARP-ESSER allocation returned to the United States Department of Education.

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APPLICATION PROCESS FOR LEA ALLOCATIONS OF ARP-ESSER SEA RESERVE FUNDS

The federal ARP statute requires SEAs to reserve:

not less than 5 percent of the total amount of grant funds awarded to the State (\$449.4 million) to carry out activities to address the impact of lost instructional time by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions;

not less than 1 percent (\$89.9 million) to carry out the implementation of evidence-based summer enrichment programs; and

not less than 1 percent (\$89.9 million) to carry out the implementation of evidence-based comprehensive afterschool programs.

The 2021-22 enacted state budget directs that these required SEA set-asides be allocated as grants to specified school districts. Each eligible district's allocation of SEA reserve funds may be found [HERE](#). NYSED will inform school districts under separate cover when the application process for school district allocations of ARP-ESSER SEA set-aside funds has been published in the [SED Monitoring and Vendor Reporting System](#). This application is only for LEA 90% base ARP-ESSER allocations. LEAs should not apply for ARP ESSER SEA Reserve funds as part of this application.

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Directions for Submitting the Application:

The online application may only be submitted/certified by the chief school officer of the applicant LEA. The designated superintendent (public school LEAs), and the chief executive officer, board of trustees president, or school employee designated by the board of trustees (charter school LEAs) are the only administrators with the submit/certify rights necessary to successfully submit and certify a completed application for NYSED review.

LEAs ARE NOT REQUIRED to send hard copies of general application materials to the Department.

LEAs ARE REQUIRED to send signed originals and two hard copies of each FS-10 Budget Form to:

Office of ESSA-Funded Programs - Rm 320 EB

RE: ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2

New York State Education Department

89 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12234.

Deadline for Submitting the Applications:

The *ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2* is due by August 31, 2021.

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ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Intent to Apply

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1. **Does the LEA intend to apply for American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) LEA Base 90% funding?**

Yes, the LEA intends to apply for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

2. **Please provide contact information for the LEA Business Official and Board President. Please confirm that each individual has reviewed and approved of the application, including all plan descriptions and use of funds.**

	Name	Email Address	Date of Final Review/ Approval
LEA Business Official	Thomas Ficeto	tficeto865@voicecharterschool.org	8/1/2021
LEA Board President	Marc Cohen	msc2ny@aol.com	8/1/2021

ARP-ESSER Allocation - Construction-Related Costs

3. **Does the LEA intend to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) LEA Base 90% funding for construction-related expenditures?**

No, the LEA does not intend to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding for construction-related expenditures.

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ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Plan Development and Dissemination

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Title VIII of Division B of the CARES Act directs the Department to carry out the Education Stabilization Fund, of which the ARP ESSER funds are a part. Section 2001 of the ARP Act provides for the Department to make grants to each SEA from the ARP ESSER funds. An SEA must allocate at least 90 percent of its ARP ESSER grant funds to its LEAs (including charter schools that are LEAs) in the State in the same proportion that the LEAs received under part A of title I of the ESEA in Fiscal Year 2020, as required by section 2001(d)(1) of the ARP Act; and section 2001(e) of the ARP Act prescribes certain mandatory and permissive uses of LEAs' funds. Under 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3, the Secretary has the authority to promulgate rules governing the programs administered by the Department. Under this requirement, each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds must develop, submit to the SEA on a reasonable timeline determined by the SEA, and make publicly available on the LEA's website, a plan for the LEA's use of ARP ESSER funds. The plan - known as the LEA ARP ESSER Plan - and any revisions to the plan submitted consistent with procedures established by the SEA, must include a description of key activities which are required below.

NYSED will consider each LEA's application for its base 90% ARP-ESSER allocation as meeting the USDE LEA ARP-ESSER use of funds plan requirement, provided the required elements of the plan are fully addressed in the LEA's application, combined with a budget, and then publicly posted after being developed with public input.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan. Specifically, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions. Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with each of the following, to the extent present in or served by the LEA: Tribes; civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); and stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.

Each LEA's ARP ESSER plan must be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand (or, if not practicable, orally translated). Upon request by a parent with a disability, LEA plans must be provided in an alternative format accessible to the parent.

- 1. In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA meaningfully engaged a diverse and representative set of the applicable stakeholders in developing a plan to use these funds and implementing that plan.**

To develop a plan for our ARP funds, we engaged a diverse set of stakeholders that represent the students we will serve with these funds. We accomplished this by providing a survey seeking the input of our stakeholders, including families, staff and faculty, and school leadership, on the use of our funds. The survey included an opportunity for respondents to express their priorities for supporting students as they return to school after COVID-19. The survey was sent to our community in the 2021-22 school year, including parents and staff. We also provided a translated version of this survey for our Spanish-speaking families. In addition, we posted a link to the survey on our website, allowing for anyone to contribute feedback. We used the results of this survey to design our plan for spending ARP funds. We will continue to engage our community through an additional survey in six months as we implement our ARP plan.

- 2. In the space provided below, please provide the URL for the website(s) where the LEA ARP-ESSER Plan is/will be publicly posted. For an LEA that does not have a website, the LEA may identify an online platform (e.g. social media group or post, file sharing service, email listserv) that allows plans to be directly communicated to students, parents or legal guardians, school staff, and other stakeholders. As appropriate, the LEA should provide details about how the plan will be made available to people who request it.**

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Our ARP plan is posted on our website so that anyone may view it. In addition, we will send home copies of the plan for families who do not have internet access.

ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Program Information

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3. In the space provided below, please describe the extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning.

COVID ARP Funds will not be used for this purpose.

4. In the space provided below, please describe the data that the LEA will use to identify student needs and monitor student progress as a result of planned interventions and supports.

We use the following assessments to ascertain student academic and social emotional needs and determine whether students need intervention.

Assessment	Grades	Purpose
iReady	6-8	Academic
Running Records	K-5	Academic
F and P Reading Assessment	6-8	Academic
Internal Assessments	6-8	Academic
Teacher and Social Worker Observation	3-5	Social-Emotional and Mental Health
Internally created screener for all students	K-2, 6-8	Social-Emotional and Mental Health

We use these sources of data to identify needs and monitor progress. In order to address student needs, interventionists use Spire and the Orton Gillingham approach to support students with lagging reading skills. In the classroom, teachers and classroom assistants utilize an RTI structure to identify and intervene in student needs. All students are in classrooms with two to three adults to support differentiated learning opportunities (in most classrooms, this is a co-teacher and classroom assistant). Our RTI groups meet twice a week and receive targeted instruction in foundational academic needs. In addition, teachers participate in weekly check-ins with a supervisor to discuss student academic, social, and emotional progress. We use proficiency-based grading and feedback, allowing for students to engage in the learning, re-learning, and revision process.

For students whose social-emotional screening indicates that they may need mental health support, we hold meetings with the student and our social worker. We also have conversations with families to put them in touch with additional, out of school support when necessary. In addition, our social workers are piloting a schoolwide SEL program called Changemakers in grades 3-5. This program is strongly rated for brain-based and trauma informed practices. Finally, all teachers have two weekly SEL blocks with their students to address social needs.

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- 5. In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) - the required reserve of 20% of funds - to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year.**

We are allocating our entire ARP grant to address learning loss. Please see below for more information on the positions we are funding.

Intervention Teachers:

Intervention teachers are using Read Naturally as a reading intervention for students in grades 6-8 that are currently reading below grade level. Students are using the program to develop stronger reading fluency as well as building up their comprehension skills, specifically in non-fiction reading. Read Naturally is a research based program that has proven effective in improving not only student reading rate but also in improving comprehension. Social workers continue to use evidence based counseling strategies to explore student experiences during the pandemic and the re-entry process to the school buildings. In addition to Read Naturally, intervention teachers use iReady, another research based program to support student learning in math and reading. Students spend 25-50 minutes per week on iReady under My Path to follow a specially designed program based on their current academic needs.

Social Workers:

Social workers attend all grade team meetings and use their expertise to help support teachers as they navigate student return. Students participate in an advisory program 3 times a week to develop social emotional skills. Students meet in small groups at least 1 time a week to discuss topics of concern and allow space for processing of their experience not only of the pandemic but other school based needs.

Our social work team is treating the ongoing pandemic as a traumatic experience for all students. Through the use of 1:1 counseling, group counseling and SEL lesson development, they are helping to reduce rates of stress and anxiety as well as catching students up to age appropriate social and behavioral expectations. When students are managing traumatic life events, it is expected that they will display decreased engagement in the classroom and reduced learning capabilities. It is believed that through counseling services and our advisory program we can help to mitigate these negative effects of the pandemic.

Summer Enrichment Program:

Our summer enrichment program is developed by teachers and targets multiple learners. We split students and use targeted instruction based on:

1. Students interested in SHSAT prep and advanced studies.
2. Students who require additional support from previous grade level standards.
3. Students who want practice for the upcoming grade level and joyful activities (both in classroom and physical activities).

- 6. In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) - the allowable uses of funds - of the ARP Act.**

There are no funds remaining for other purposes. All of our ARP are dedicated to learning loss.

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7. **In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions implemented under section 2001(e)(1) - the required reserve of 20% of funds - to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.**

Our staff members are committed to supporting all students, including our students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the transition back to in-person learning. We will ensure that the interventions we implement, including but not limited to the interventions implemented under section 2001(e)(1) - the required reserve of 20% of funds - to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

Please see a summary of the needs we are addressing.

Academic needs for at-risk students:

- More than 50% of students in each grade entered the 2021/2022 school year multiple grade levels below in regards to Math & ELA standards.
- VOICE K-2 students have shown that the COVID time away from traditional in-person instruction has resulted in most students being approximately one year below grade level. A lack of access to physical books and math manipulative was a huge detriment to students last year. Students will require intense supports targeted by our ARP grant to recover ELA and Math skills while moving forward with current grade-level content.

Social-emotional needs for at-risk students:

- Many students entered the 2021-22 school year displaying social skills that did not align with age appropriate expectations. Social work prepared assessments to be given to all students in order to identify at risk needs and then meet/respond accordingly.
- In K-2, our 2nd grade students were the only students who had ever been to school before this academic year— and even then, that year was interrupted by the pandemic. Many students have struggled to re-acclimate to the school learning environment and do not demonstrate the school readiness skills we typically hope to see in the early elementary grades. Many students have never interacted with such a large group of children after spending so much of the pandemic isolated at home with their immediate families. The social aspect of school comes with difficulty for many students - made worse by the unsteady schedule that COVID created. Social workers at VOICE must try to help students balance appropriate and productive social interactions with peers and teachers while cultivating academic and social independence.

Mental health needs for at-risk students:

- Through observation, surveying, and student reports, rates of stress, anxiety, and generalized depression at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year were higher than the years leading up to the pandemic.
- Many students at VOICE have experienced trauma in their lives, both prior to and during the ongoing pandemic. Students in our community have experienced food and housing insecurity, family loss of income, and witnessed acts of violence towards members of their community. In order to manage the emotions that accompany these experiences, students require more intense counseling and support from trained professionals. Our goal is to prevent trauma from impacting a student's ability to prosper at VOICE.

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ARP-ESSER Return to In-Person Instruction

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Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act requires each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website, not later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act further requires that the LEA seek public comment on the plan and take those comments into account in the development of the plan. Finally, section 2001(i)(3) of the ARP Act states that an LEA that developed a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services prior to the date of enactment of the ARP Act will be deemed to have met the requirement to develop a plan under section 2001(i)(1) as long as the plan meets the statutory requirements (i.e., is publicly available on the LEA's website and was developed after the LEA sought and took into account public comment).

The LEA's plan must include how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff and a description of any policies it has adopted regarding each of the CDC's safety recommendations, including universal and correct wearing of masks; modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); handwashing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or the health departments of Native American Nations; diagnostic and screening testing; efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and coordination with State and local health officials.

The plan must describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and the social, emotional, mental health and other needs of students and staff, which may include student health and food services.

LEA plans must be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand (or, if not practicable, orally translated). Upon request by a parent with a disability, LEA plans must be provided in an alternative format accessible to the parent.

NYSED will permit previously developed LEA re-opening plans to satisfy the ARP statutory requirement for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. LEAs must make any necessary updates to existing plans to conform with the USDE requirements within 30 days of receipt of ARP-ESSER funds and to review (and revise if appropriate) plans every six months thereafter (until September 30, 2023).

- 1. In the space provided below, please provide the URL for the website(s) where the district's most current re-opening/return to in-person learning plan is/will be located. For an LEA that does not have a website, the LEA may identify an online platform (e.g. social media group or post, file sharing service, email listserv) that allows plans to be directly communicated to students, parents or legal guardians, school staff, and other stakeholders. As appropriate, the LEA should provide details about how the plan will be made available to people who request it.**

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Anyone who would like to access our reopening plan can find it at the above link. We also provide printed versions of the plan to anyone who does not have internet access.

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2. An LEA must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months (through September 30, 2023), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan. Consistent with section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act, which requires an LEA to seek public comment on the development of its plan, an LEA must seek public input and take such input into account in determining whether to revise its plan and, if it determines revisions are necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plan, i.e., the LEA must seek public input on whether to revise its plan and on any revisions to its plan no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools). If the LEA revises its plan, the revised plan must address each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the CDC or, if the CDC has updated its safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan, each of the updated safety recommendations.

In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will review and regularly update (at least every six months through September 30, 2023) it's plan for in-person instruction, including a description of how public comment will be collected.

Each month, our school has a required board meeting, where the public is invited to speak. We will dedicate time every month to revisit the safety and efficacy of staying open. This could change with the DELTA COVID variant that is circulating at the time of this grant submission. Although our plan is to return to school in the fall of 2021, there is no assurance this will remain true if COVID returns our school to leave traditional instruction and return to remote.

We have created an agenda item for board discussion since COVID began in March 2020 with school input and any required board decisions on responding to COVID safety matters.

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ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Funding Distribution

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Please note: LEAs that have been allocated funds from the mandated SEA-Level Reserves in the 2021-22 enacted state budget will apply for those funds via a separate application process. NYSED will inform school districts under separate cover when the application process for school district allocations of ARP-ESSER SEA set-aside funds has been published in the SED Monitoring and Vendor Reporting System. The sections below are only for LEA 90% base ARP-ESSER allocations. LEAs should not apply for ARP ESSER SEA Reserve funds as part of this application.

1. Please complete the following to indicate the LEA's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act LEA Base 90% allocation for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, as well as its most current enrollment figures.

	Amount (\$ or #)
ARP-ESSER Fund Allocation (\$)	1,062,022
Total Number of K-12 Resident Students Enrolled (#)	650
Total Number of Students from Low-Income Families (#)	575

ARP-ESSER Schools Served

2. Please complete the following chart by indicating the number of PUBLIC SCHOOLS in the LEA being served by ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Funding.

	Number (#)
Total Number of Schools in the LEA	1
Number of Schools Served by ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Funding	1

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LEA ARP-ESSER Plan - ARP-ESSER Use of Funds

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1. Please complete the chart below by identifying the funds being used to support each allowable activity. Please respond with "0" to indicate that no funds are being assigned to a given activity.

PLEASE NOTE - All proposed expenditures must be reflected within the FS-10 budget form AND budget narrative to clearly align with this item.

	FUNDING Amounts (\$)
1 - Any activity authorized by the ESEA, including the Native Hawaiian Education Act and the Alaska Native Educational Equity, Support, and Assistance Act (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).	0
2 - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.).	0
3 - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) (29 U.S.C. 3271 et seq.).	0
4 - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins V) (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).	0
5 - Any activity authorized by subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento) (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.).	0
6 - Coordinating preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.	0
7 - Providing principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.	0
8 - Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.	0
9 - Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs.	0
10 - Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.	0
11 - Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of the LEA, including buildings operated by such LEA.	0
12 - Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under the IDEA and ensuring other education services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.	0
13 - Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and students with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.	0
14 - Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence based full-service community schools.	640,000
15 - Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and enrichment and supplemental after-school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.	122,022
16 - Addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time among an LEA's students (including low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care) by: a) Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction; b) Implementing	300,000

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LEA ARP-ESSER Plan - ARP-ESSER Use of Funds

	FUNDING Amounts (\$)
evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students; c) Providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment; and d) Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education.	
17 - School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.	0
18 - Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.	0
19 - Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.	0
20 - Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in the LEA and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.	0
Totals:	1,062,022

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PLEASE NOTE - the FS-10 and Budget Narrative are used to provide NYSED with a specific itemization of proposed project expenditures and to provide NYSED and the Office of the State Comptroller with the necessary documentation upon which payments can be based. FS-10s with missing quantities or unit costs, or with terms such "*TBD*" or "*Varies*" cannot be accepted on the FS-10 or Budget Narrative forms.

Please note: LEAs that have been allocated funds from the mandated SEA-Level Reserves in the 2021-22 enacted state budget will apply for those funds via a separate application process. NYSED will inform school districts under separate cover when the application process for school district allocations of ARP-ESSER SEA set-aside funds has been published in the SED Monitoring and Vendor Reporting System. The sections below are only for LEA 90% base ARP-ESSER allocations. LEAs should not apply for ARP ESSER SEA Reserve funds as part of this application.

1. **Please upload a completed and signed copy of the FS-10 Budget for the ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Funds.**

ESSER 3_VOICE.xlsx - 15 - Prof Staff Salaries.pdf
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2. **Please upload a completed copy of the Budget Narrative for the ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Funds.**

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3. **Please complete the following table by providing total proposed expenditures by budget code for funding in relation to the ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2. This information should match the Budget Summary page of the FS-10 budget form.**

	Total Funds (\$)
15 - Professional Salaries	1,048,168
16 - Support Staff Salaries	0
40 - Purchased Services	0
45 - Supplies and Materials	0
46 - Travel Expenses	0
80 - Employee Benefits	13,854
90 - Indirect Cost	0
49 - BOCES Services	0
30 - Minor Remodeling	0
20 - Equipment	0
Totals:	1,062,022