

ESSER FUND ALLOCATION

PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

This overview provides details on allocations of funding made available through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, authorized under the following statutes:

- ESSER I: Authorized in [Title VIII, Division B, of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), signed into law in March 2020.
- ESSER II: Authorized in the [Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations \(CRRSA\) Act](#), signed into law in December 2020.
- ESSER III: Authorized in the [American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) Act](#), signed into law in March 2021.

2020–2021 ESSER I Grant Funding

ESSER I grant funding awarded to Texas breaks down as follows:

- **\$1,285,886,064:** Total allocation to state
- **\$1,157,297,458:** Local educational agency (LEA) project funding amount (90%)
- **\$122,159,176:** State activities amount (9.5%)
- **\$6,429,430:** State administration amount (0.5%)

LEA Allocation Guidance

As part of the release of Section 18003 ESSER funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the US Department of Education released an FAQ titled [Frequently Asked Questions about the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund \(ESSER Fund\)](#). In addition to questions and answers, the FAQ contains a Technical Appendix: Making ESSER Formula Subgrants to LEAs section. TEA's allocation procedure incorporates guidance from that technical appendix.



LEA Allocation Procedure

ESSER I allocation amounts will be released to eligible LEAs in two phases: phase one planning amounts, and phase two final amounts:

- Phase one planning amounts will distribute approximately 97.6% of the LEA project funding amount to school year 2019–2020 eligible Title I, Part A LEAs.
- Phase two final amounts will distribute 100% of the LEA project funding amount to 2019–2020 school year eligible LEAs after 2019–2020 Title I, Part A amounts are recalculated to include school year 2020–2021 new charter LEAs and any charter LEAs passing ESSA significant expansion criteria for school year 2020–2021.

ESSER I Planning Amounts: Calculation Method

The following method was used to calculate ESSER I planning amounts:

1. Begin with the 2019–2020 LEA Title I, Part A final amounts posted on the [Entitlements](#) page of the TEA website, labeled: “2019–2020 ESSA Consolidated Final Amounts by LEA/ESC.”
2. Exclude closed/revoked charter LEAs and update for LEA consolidations/mergers.
3. Create a list of LEAs that *applied for and received* their 2019–2020 Title I, Part A grant award.
4. Sum the eligible Title I, Part A amounts (\$1,384,643,068) and divide by the ESSER I LEA project funding amount (\$1,157,297,458) to create a proportionate share funding factor equal to 0.835809231090593.
5. An LEA’s ESSER I projected final allocation amount equals the eligible LEA’s applied-for Title I, Part A final amount times the funding factor rounded.
6. An LEA’s ESSER I planning allocation amount equals the LEA’s ESSER I projected final amount less 3% or \$300K, whichever is less.

ESSER I Final Amounts: Calculation Method

The following method was used to calculate ESSER I final amounts:

1. Recalculate 2019–2020 LEA Title I, Part A final amounts incorporating additional data from 2020–2021 new charter LEAs and 2020–2021 significant expansion charter LEAs.
2. Exclude closed/revoked charter LEAs and update for LEA consolidations/mergers.
3. Create a list of LEAs that *applied for and received* their 2019–2020 Title I, Part A grant award, and include 2020–2021 new charter LEAs.
4. Sum the eligible Title I, Part A amounts and divide by the ESSER I LEA project funding amount (\$1,157,297,458), to create a new proportionate share funding factor.
5. An LEA’s ESSER I final allocation amount equals the eligible LEA’s 2019–2020 recalculated Title I, Part A amount times the funding factor rounded.

2020–2022 CRRSA ESSER II Grant Funding

ESSER II grant funding awarded to Texas breaks down as follows:

- **\$5,529,552,209:** Total allocation to state
- **\$4,976,596,988:** LEA project funding amount (90%)
- **\$525,307,460:** State activities amount (9.5%)
- **\$27,647,761:** State administration amount (0.5%)

LEA Allocation Guidance

Section 313(c) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021 requires TEA to distribute ESSER II funds to LEAs in proportion to the amount the LEA received under Title I, Part A in 2020–2021.

LEA Allocation Procedure

ESSER II allocation amounts will be released to eligible LEAs in one phase.

ESSER II Final Amounts: Calculation Method

The following method was used to calculate ESSER II planning amounts:

1. Begin with the 2020–2021 LEA Title I, Part A Final amounts posted on the [Entitlements](#) page of the TEA website, labeled: “2020–2021 ESSA Consolidated Final Amounts by LEA/ESC.”
2. Exclude closed/revoked charter LEAs, and update for LEA consolidations/mergers.
3. Create a list of LEAs that applied for and received their 2020–2021 Title I, Part A grant award.
4. Sum the eligible Title I, Part A amounts (\$1,489,390,445) and divide by the ESSER II LEA project funding amount (\$4,976,596,988), to create a proportionate share funding factor equal to 3.34136492194295.
5. An LEA’s ESSER II final allocation amount equals the eligible LEA’s applied-for Title I, Part A final amount times the funding factor rounded.

2020–2023 ARP ESSER III Grant Funding

ESSER III grant funding awarded to Texas breaks down as follows:

- **\$12,418,588,778:** Total allocation to state
- **\$11,176,729,900:** LEA project funding amount (90%)
- **\$1,179,765,934:** State activities amount (9.5%)
- **\$62,092,944:** State administration amount (0.5%)

LEA Allocation Guidance

Section 2001(d)(1) of the ARP Act requires TEA to distribute ESSER III funds to LEAs in proportion to the amount the LEA received under Title I, Part A in 2020–2021.

LEA Allocation Procedure

ESSER III allocation amounts will be released to eligible LEAs in two phases. Because USDE has released only two-thirds of projected ESSER III funding (pending the receipt and approval of TEA’s state plan/application), phase one planning amounts will distribute two-thirds of the LEA project funding amount to LEAs that applied for and received Title I, Part A in 2020–2021. Once TEA’s plan has been approved, USDE will release the remaining one-third of funding. Phase two final amounts will distribute that remaining one-third to eligible LEAs.

ESSER III Planning Amounts: Calculation Method

The following method was used to calculate ESSER III planning amounts:

1. Begin with the 2020–2021 LEA Title I, Part A Final amounts posted on the [Entitlements](#) page of the TEA website, labeled: “2020–2021 ESSA Consolidated Final Amounts by LEA/ESC.”
2. Exclude closed/revoked charter LEAs, and update for LEA consolidations/mergers.
3. Create a list of LEAs that applied for and received their 2020–2021 Title I, Part A grant award.
4. Sum the eligible Title I, Part A amounts (\$1,489,390,445) and divide by the ESSER III LEA project funding amount (\$11,176,729,900), to create a proportionate share funding factor equal to 7.5042309674546.
5. An LEA’s ESSER III projected final allocation amount equals the eligible LEA’s applied-for Title I, Part A Final amount times the funding factor rounded.
6. An LEA’s ESSER III planning allocation amount equals the LEA’s ESSER III projected final times two-thirds.

ESSER III Final Amounts: Calculation Method

The LEA ESSER III final allocation amount equals the 100% of the projected final amount calculated in step 5 above.

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