

# **FEDERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER) AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS (EANS) PROGRAMS: UPDATE ON USE OF FUNDING**

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# ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER) FUNDS

- ESSER I, II, & III funds provided to states under three separate federal acts: CARES, CRRSA, ARPA
- 90% of funds required to be allocated to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs - i.e., school divisions) based on Title I formula; 10% of funds available for state set-aside awards and state administration
- ARPA ESSER III requires 20% of divisions' formula funds be reserved to address learning loss
- School divisions filed funding applications with VDOE outlining their use of ESSER funding. Plans are revised when significant spending changes are proposed and approved by VDOE (e.g., facilities upgrades)
- Divisions' ESSER III spending plans were updated in December 2022 to be publicly posted on their websites and submitted to VDOE (110 plans have been submitted; 23 LEAs received extensions to Jan. 15th)

# EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS (EANS) FUNDS

- EANS I and II funds provided to states under two federal acts: CRRSA and ARPA
- Funds used to provide COVID-19 support to eligible non-public schools that applied to participate; much shorter window to use these funds than ESSER funds
- Funds that were not requested or used to support non-public schools reverted last fall to the Governor for allowable uses under the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) program
- Note that Item 262.80.E., Chp. 552 (2021) directed \$22M from GEER II for needs-based undergraduate financial aid at Va. public IHEs; as of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$15.7M of this funding is left unreimbursed

# ESSER AND EANS FUNDING OVERVIEW

- This presentation provides an update on uses and expenditures of ESSER and EANS (now GEER) funds, including ESSER LEA formula fund reimbursements made by VDOE and VDOE expenditures of ESSER state set-aside funds awarded to LEAs and VDOE-directed projects
- Reimbursement/expenditure information is as of January 3
- Divisions may have obligated their ESSER formula funds (e.g., PO's, contracts, payroll, etc.) and/or spent them, but have not yet filed for reimbursement with VDOE
- Divisions may file for grant reimbursement on a weekly cycle using VDOE's online grant management system
- After each September 30th obligation deadline for ESSER and EANS funds, final reimbursements are processed by VDOE by December 31 each year and liquidated by late January

# ESSER LEA FORMULA FUND SPENDING

*LEA formula reimbursements as of January 3, 2023*

	Awarded to LEAs	Expended/ Reimbursed	Balance	Percent Remaining
ESSER I	\$214,739,273	\$214,463,369	\$275,904	0.1%
ESSER II	\$845,352,520	\$505,426,204	\$339,926,316	40%
ESSER III	\$1,899,890,002	\$459,863,418	\$1,440,026,584	76%
TOTAL	\$2,959,981,795	\$1,179,752,991	\$1,780,228,804	60%

# ESSER STATE SET-ASIDE SPENDING - *LEA AWARDS & VDOE PROJECTS*

*Expenditures as of January 3, 2023; of the \$328.9M awarded, \$190.3M is awarded directly to LEAs*

	<b>Awarded/ Budgeted</b>	<b>Expended/ Reimbursed</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percent Remaining</b>
ESSER I	\$23,859,919	\$23,652,270	\$207,649	0.9%
ESSER II	\$93,928,058	\$49,624,563	\$44,303,495	47%
ESSER III	\$211,098,889	\$27,576,742	\$183,522,147	87%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$328,886,866</b>	<b>\$100,853,575</b>	<b>\$228,033,291</b>	<b>69%</b>

# **ESSER I STATE SET-ASIDE USES - LEA AWARDS & VDOE PROJECTS**

<b>ESSER I Set-Aside Uses of Funds (all funds awarded)</b>	<b>Award/ Budget</b>	<b>Expended/ Reimbursed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<i>Awards to LEAs (includes spec. ed. services/supports, cleaning supplies/PPE, facilities upgrades, summer school, instructional delivery, mental health &amp; SEL supports, regional program grants)</i>	\$15,012,285	\$14,804,636	\$207,649
<b>LASER Data Analytics Project</b>	\$2,484,291	\$2,484,291	\$0
<b>Virtual Virginia Content Expansion</b>	\$2,810,000	\$2,810,000	\$0
<b>VDOE Continuity of Operations, Translation of Resources, Technology Training and Instructional Access</b>	\$670,156	\$670,156	\$0
<b>SOL Remote and Local Growth Assessments</b>	\$1,690,636	\$1,690,636	\$0
<b>VDOE Administration</b>	\$1,192,551	\$1,192,551	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,859,919</b>	<b>\$23,652,270</b>	<b>\$207,649</b>

## ESSER II STATE SET-ASIDE USES - LEA AWARDS & VDOE PROJECTS

ESSER II Set-Aside Uses of Funds (all funds awarded)	Budget	Expended/ Reimbursed	Balance
<i>Awards to LEAs (extended school year, *addressing learning loss, bus driver incentives, *add. yr. HS for spec. ed., early childhood provisional teachers)</i>	\$58,459,638	\$31,369,089	\$27,090,549
LASER Data Analytics Project	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0
Virtual Virginia (content expansion and LMS)	\$14,355,671	\$7,934,043	\$6,421,628
*SOL Through Year Growth Assessments	\$8,750,000	\$4,486,007	\$4,623,993
Social Emotional Learning Supports	\$500,000	\$145,897	\$354,103
Exec. Directive #3 - Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Principal Support	\$1,091,000	\$1,091,000	\$0
Library of VA Homework HelpNow, YMCA Partnership for Petersburg (Before/After School Care), Urban League/HBCU Partnership (Tutoring)	\$1,485,237	\$0	\$1,485,237
Bridging the Gap - Student Success Report	\$4,220,857	\$2,487,387	\$1,733,470
VDOE Continuity of Operations	\$550,000	\$0	\$550,000
VDOE Administration	\$4,042,919	\$1,811,140	\$2,231,779
Recently released by LEAs (to be reallocated to existing projects)	\$172,736	\$0	\$172,736
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$93,928,058</b>	<b>\$49,624,563</b>	<b>\$44,303,495</b>

*\*General Assembly Directed Use*



# ESSER III STATE SET-ASIDE USES - LEA AWARDS & VDOE PROJECTS

ESSER III Set-Aside Uses of Funds	Budget	Expended/ Reimbursed	Balance
Awards to LEAs (address learning loss, before/after school, summer school, *teacher recruitment/retention, *additional yr. HS for spec. ed., early childhood provisional license)	\$116,829,515	\$20,937,865	\$95,891,650
LASER Data Analytics Project	\$1,037,269	\$32,397	\$1,004,872
SOL Through Year Growth Assessments and SOL Assessments	\$21,500,000	\$4,179,676	\$17,320,324
Virginia Tiered Systems of Support (VTSS)	\$525,000	\$0	\$525,000
VLA implementation and Bridging the Gap - Reading Intervention and Coaching Support	\$1,232,000	\$0	\$1,232,000
Bridging the Gap - Student Success Report	\$3,659,804	\$35,400	\$3,624,404
Bridging the Gap - School Division and Teacher Stipends and Teacher Training	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
Exec. Directive #3 - Teacher Recruitment & Retention and Principal Support Statewide Initiatives	\$14,870,000	\$1,563,570	\$13,306,430
Teacher residencies and apprenticeships	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
Child Care for Teachers	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
Instructional and Office of School Quality Staffing	\$2,800,000	\$374,812	\$2,425,188
PALS, VKRP Expansion and Integration	\$8,120,000	\$438,446	\$7,061,554
YMCA & Community in Schools Partnerships for Petersburg, Urban League/HBCU Partnership (Tutoring)	\$2,424,770	\$0	\$2,424,770
Support to parents of students with disabilities for systems navigation	\$1,450,000	\$0	\$1,450,000
Statewide Tutoring Program for Reading and Math	\$17,500,000	\$0	\$17,500,000
Intensive Supports for School Improvement	\$2,095,587	\$0	\$2,095,587
VDOE Administration	\$10,554,944	\$14,576	\$10,540,368
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$211,098,889</b>	<b>\$27,576,742</b>	<b>\$183,522,147</b>

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# EANS I AND II FUNDS (REVERTED FOR GEER USES)

	Award	Reserved for Administration	Expended/Obligated for Services for Participating Non-Public Schools	<i><u>Balance Reverted for GEER Uses</u></i>
EANS I (use through 9/30/23)	\$46,618,019	\$233,090	\$18,023,420	\$28,361,509
EANS II (use through 9/30/24)	\$46,344,360	\$231,722	\$6,260,141	\$39,852,497

## Planned uses of funds reverted for GEER Purposes:

- \$28.4M EANS I and \$30M EANS II to provide K-12 Learning Recovery Grants of \$3,000/\$1,500 per student for tutoring, other educational services/therapies, and assistive technology
- \$9.9M EANS II for Learning Recovery grants for K-12 low-income non-public schools eligible under EANS II program

## CHAPTER 2 REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON DIVISION USES OF ESSER FORMULA FUNDS

- School divisions will provide the reporting required in Chapter 2 on their obligated and planned/intended uses of their remaining ESSER II and III formula funds, and timing for doing so
- Waiting for the updated ESSER III spending plans to be submitted before initiating this next data collection
- VDOE will compile the collected information in a report to HAC/SFAC
- In the interim, the submitted ESSER III spending plans can be shared with the subcommittee