

American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III Grant Spending



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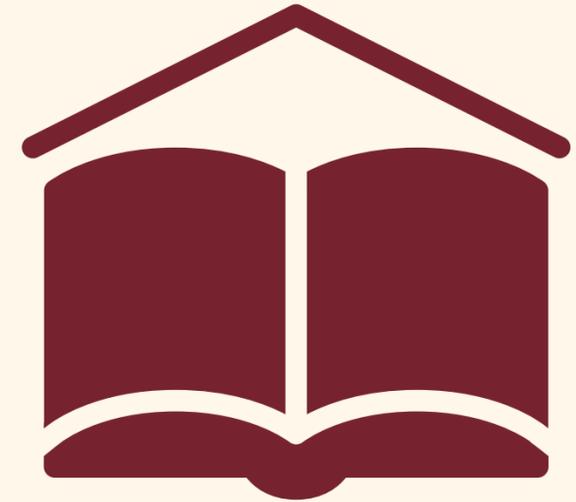
ARP ESSER III ALLOCATIONS

- Main Grant: \$1,066, 230
- Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant: \$456, 952
- Evidence-based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant: \$40,000
- Evidence-based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant: \$40,000
- NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant: \$45,000

*ESSER III FUNDS
MAY BE SPENT
THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 2024 -
FOR ACCOUNTING
PURPOSES, WE WILL
SPEND IT BY JUNE
2024.*

ALLOWABLE USES: *MAIN GRANT*

- Providing principals with resources necessary to address individual school needs.
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities.
- Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures.
- Purchasing educational technology.
- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission.
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities.
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services.



\$1,066,230

NEW INFORMATION ON THE *MAIN GRANT*

20% of the \$1,066,230 must
be used for learning
acceleration for students.
\$213,246 must be dedicated
to this purpose.



MAIN GRANT: \$1,066,230

LEARNING ACCELERATION: \$213,246

Consistent with stakeholder feedback, we have re-assigned those funds to:

Increase funding for summer programs

- \$40,000 is the summer learning grant, but we spent over \$90,000 on that last summer. We could spend **\$113,246** over two summers to support summer learning for identified students.



MAIN GRANT: \$1,066,230

LEARNING ACCELERATION: \$213,246

Consistent with stakeholder feedback, we have re-assigned those funds to:

Increase funding for extended day programming

- \$40,000 is in the extended learning grant, but that allots less than \$4500 per school. We could use **\$100,000** to add \$11,111 per school over two years for this purpose.

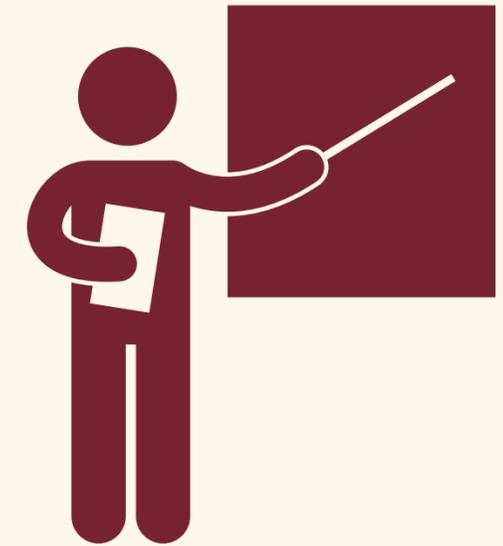
RECOMMENDED SPENDING:

MAIN GRANT

- Permanent Subs
- Lunch Aides
- Benefits (required FICA/TPAF)
- EnviroKlenz Units and Filters
- AirBox Units and Filters
- Wood Shop Purifier and Installation

- Anticipated Increases in Transportation Costs - **Remove from main grant**
- Upgrade Controller Software System to Improve Air Quality - **Remove from main grant**

ALLOWABLE USES: *EDUCATOR SUPPORT*



Provide evidence-based professional learning and coaching opportunities to a variety of school staff, including educators and key support staff (e.g., school counselors, special education personnel, nurses, social workers, and psychologists) on the principles in New Jersey's Learning Acceleration Guide and on topics tailored to the unique academic as well as social, emotional, and mental health needs of their students.

\$456,952

EDUCATOR SUPPORT GRANT: *SAMPLE LIST OF POSSIBLE CONSULTANTS*

Great Schools Partnership: K-12

Develop strategies, assessments and enhancements to the academic program that align with the RPS Beliefs and Practices and the RPS Strategic Plan.

Montclair State University: Dr. Goeke

Continue to work with special programs staff toward developing, executing, and assessing student IEPs.

Conquer Math: Nancy Schultz

Implement best practices for elementary math instruction.

Patterns of Power: Jeff Anderson - English Language Arts

Integration of grammar in the elementary grades.

Bard Institute for Thinking and Writing: 6-12 Science

Train teachers in writing-to-learn strategies that help students develop their understanding of complex ideas in science and mathematics.

***CONSULTANT
ALLOTMENT OVER
TWO YEARS:
\$100,000***

EDUCATOR SUPPORT GRANT: *SUMMER PD ACADEMIES*



- We have had success in creating professional development opportunities for teachers in the summer, and teachers have been compensated by earning the spring PD Day off if they attend in the summer.
- To build on this success, we can create four-day intensive workshop experiences for teachers to enhance pedagogy, revise curriculum, advance the goals of the Strategic Plan, and foster collaboration toward district goals. Teachers and guest presenters will be compensated for their time.
- This program could continue into the summer of 2023 dependent upon the number of participants and if there is a surplus of funds.

*ESTIMATED COST
FOR SUMMER
ACADEMY
SESSIONS:
\$200,000*

EDUCATOR SUPPORT GRANT: *LINKIT!*



Secure a multiyear license for LinkIt! for grade K-8

- Administer three benchmark assessment per year in grades 2-8 in ELA and math that are aligned with NJSLs.
- Collect and analyze student data using both LinkIt! and internal district assessments.
- Run customized reports to monitor student growth and target individualized instruction.
- Track district trends to inform curriculum planning and pacing.

***ESTIMATED COST
FOR LINKIT!:
\$150,000***

ALLOWABLE USES & RECOMMENDED SPENDING: *SUMMER LEARNING*



\$40,000

+\$113,246

***FROM THE
MAIN GRANT***

For supporting evidence-based academic summer activities such as learning academies and 1:1 tutoring, as well as other summer activities that support the broader learning ecosystem of students, staff, and families.

- Tuition to Summer Adventure for students, particularly those groups identified by achievement disparities and/or underserved learners.
- Development of 6-12 Summer Programming for students, particularly those groups identified by achievement disparities and/or underserved learners.

ALLOWABLE USES & RECOMMENDED SPENDING: *BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY*

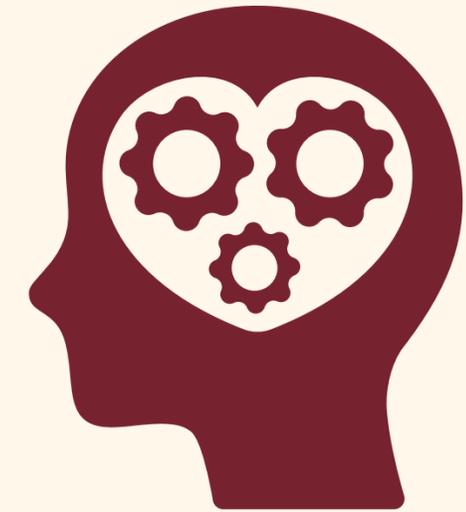


For supporting evidence-based academic enrichment activities during out-of-school time, such as 1:1 tutoring, as well as activities that support the broader learning ecosystem of students, staff, and families.

- **\$15,555** per school for two years of extended day programming to support student learning acceleration

***\$40,000 +
\$100,000
FROM THE
MAIN
GRANT***

ALLOWABLE USES & RECOMMENDED SPENDING: *MENTAL HEALTH*



\$45,000

To allocate funds to develop and implement Tier II (targeted, small group interventions) and Tier III (intensive interventions) services in accordance with a multi-tiered system of supports framework that addresses students' and educators' mental health and social emotional needs through the hiring of staff, contracting with service providers, and/or providing professional development in effective implementation of Tier II and Tier III services.

- Stipend for School-Based Mental Health Coordinator
- Supplemental staff to address mental health needs of students and families

FLEXIBILITY WITH ESSER III FUNDS

Even though we must submit our application by November 24, which will explain how we intend to spend each part of the grant, there is flexibility within each grant if unforeseen circumstances arise.

If we make changes beyond 10% of an assigned amount, or if we create a new expenditure that is not directly related to our original grant application, we would have to complete an amendment to that and re-submit for approval.

We may not cross funds from one subgrant to another, but we can change expenditures within a subgrant.

THANK YOU!

