



Overview of Federal Stimulus Funds: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)

- The COVID-19 pandemic solicited a multi-billion dollar response from the federal government to support public education across the country during this health crisis. The stimulus funding for schools to contend with the impact of the pandemic was termed Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) and there were three rounds of funding between March-2020 and March-2021.
- When the first round of federal resources became available our initial investment focus was to address immediate and urgent needs to get schools ready for in-person learning such as air filtration units & Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) needs, prepping for hybrid, building/room space modifications prep and ensuring there is enough personal protective equipment.



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- As the pandemic continued, additional needs surfaced and therefore, additional federal relief was appropriated. For Portland Public Schools these pandemic needs were manifested across five general areas:
 - 1) Facility Projects
 - 2) Technology Initiatives
 - 3) Social Emotional & Mental Health Services
 - 4) Safe Operation of Schools and Covid Costs
 - 5) Addressing Student Learning Needs.





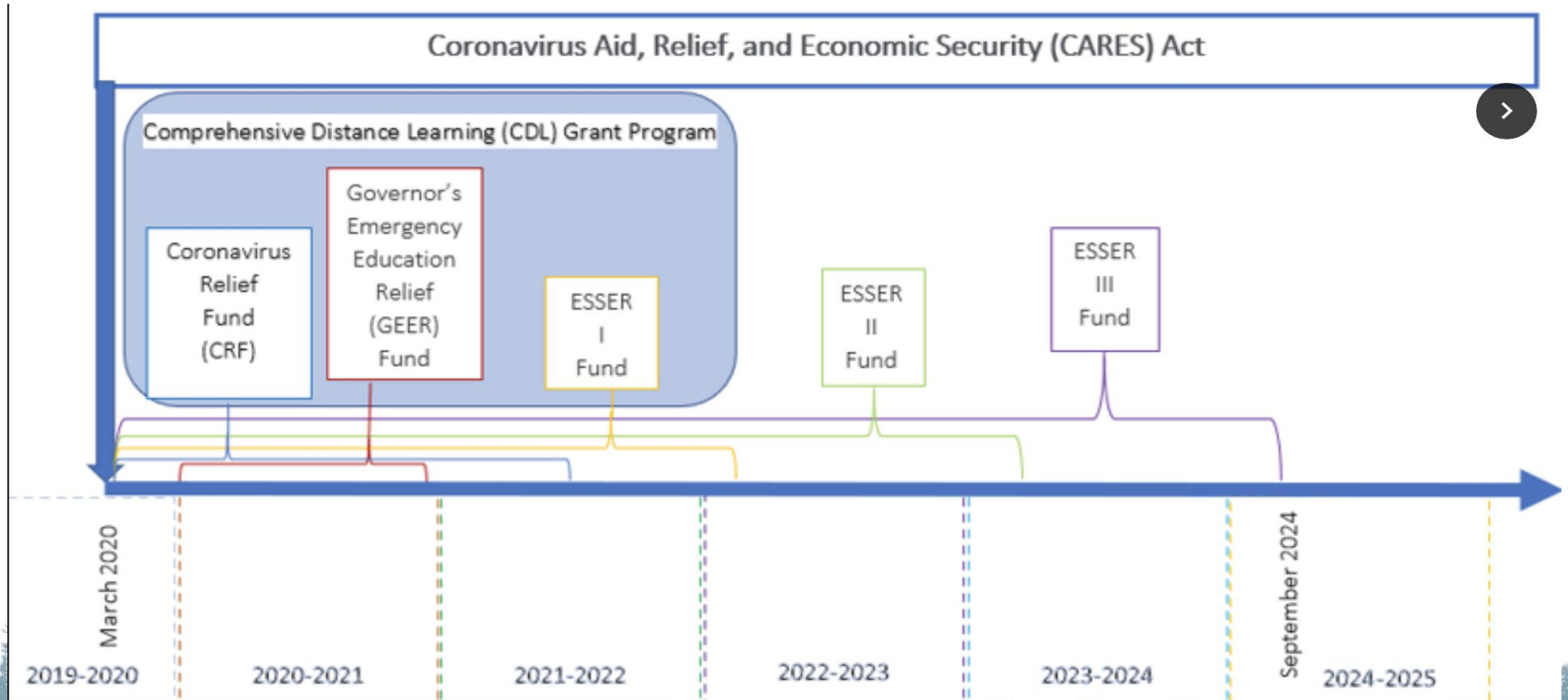
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- As we begin to learn more about the impact of COVID-19 on our district, we are working towards braiding a balance between sustainable investments with these one-time funds, engaging our district's community to learn more about its pandemic needs and aligning our resources towards our Strategic Plan and Student Investment Account (SIA) commitments.
- In 2019, we engaged many diverse groups of community stakeholders to design our [SIA plan](#) and garnered tremendous [community feedback](#) (thank you!). To further enhance our approach to prioritizing the third round of ESSER funding, also known as American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER Funds, we intend to leverage the SIA feedback and plan to supplement with additional opportunities for pandemic related feedback this coming Fall. We have until September-2024 to spend down the ARP ESSER funds.
- For more information on ESSER III, please see the [PPS ESSER III Integrated Planning Tool](#).



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Assessing the lifespan of the ESSER funds to build a strategic & sustainable plan

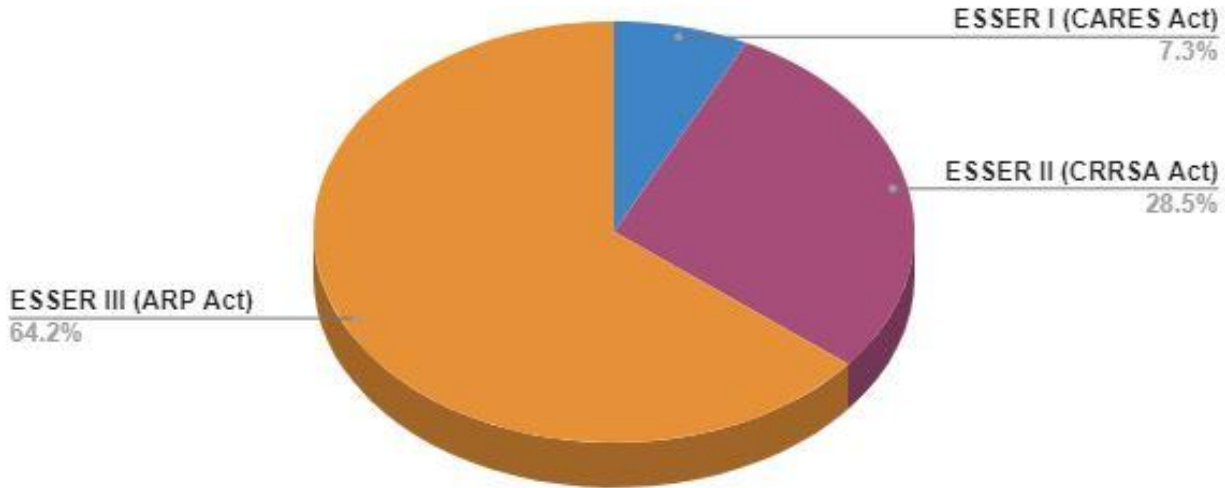




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ESSER Funding

Revenue By Source



**Totals are projected balance after passed through and other allocation requirements per federal and state relief guideline*

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U.S. Congressional Action	K-12 Public School Funding Across the Nation	How much for Oregon Public Schools?	About How Much for Portland Public Schools?*	Must be Invested /Obligated By
CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, ESSER I Mar-2020)	\$13.2 billion	\$121 million	\$7 million	Sep-2022
CRRS Act (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, ESSER II Dec-2020)	\$54.3 billion	\$499.1 million	\$30 million	Sept-2023
American Rescue Plan Act (ESSER III Mar-2021)	\$122.8 billion	\$1.1 billion	\$62 million**	Sept-2024

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***Projected estimates as of March-2021*

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U.S. Congressional Action	About How Much for Portland Public Schools?*	Must be Spent /Obligated By	Projected Spend in Current Year FY2020-21**	Examples of Budgeted Investments During the Current Year (FY20-21)**	Projected Spend Between FY2021-22 (next year) and expiration date of funds**	Examples of Continuing Investments for Portland Public Schools**
CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, ESSER I Mar-2020)	\$7 million	Sep-2022	\$7M	-\$8.5M to address immediate and urgent needs to get schools ready for in-person learning such as air filtration units & HVAC needs, prepping for hybrid, building/room space modifications prep -\$2.3M in comprehensive distance learning software -\$2.4M in additional supports for Title I schools \$1.8M to support child nutrition services -\$1M to support child care stipends -\$600k in PPE, cleaning and health	\$0	Anticipate spending down ESSER I in current year (FY20-21)
CRRS Act (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, ESSER II Dec-2020)	\$30 million	Sept-2023	\$11.5M		\$18.5M	Between ESSER II & III Continued focus on safety and preparing for students' needs: -\$10M Address student learning needs (e.g. Saturday school, credit recovery, maintain class sizes, professional development, social workers and wraparound supports as examples) -\$3M continued support for child nutrition -\$1.5 for utilities and ventilation needs Although not all funds have been appropriated, we have until September-2024 to invest, however, these funds will support our plans to to offer a virtual option for families and our expectation that we will fully reopen for five days a week of in-person instruction this coming fall.
American Rescue Plan Act (ESSER III Mar-2021)	\$62 million	Sept-2024	\$0		\$62M	

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**Projected estimates as of April-2021; we expect ESSER adjustments pending approval of FEMA reimbursements, State Summer Program & actual expenditures

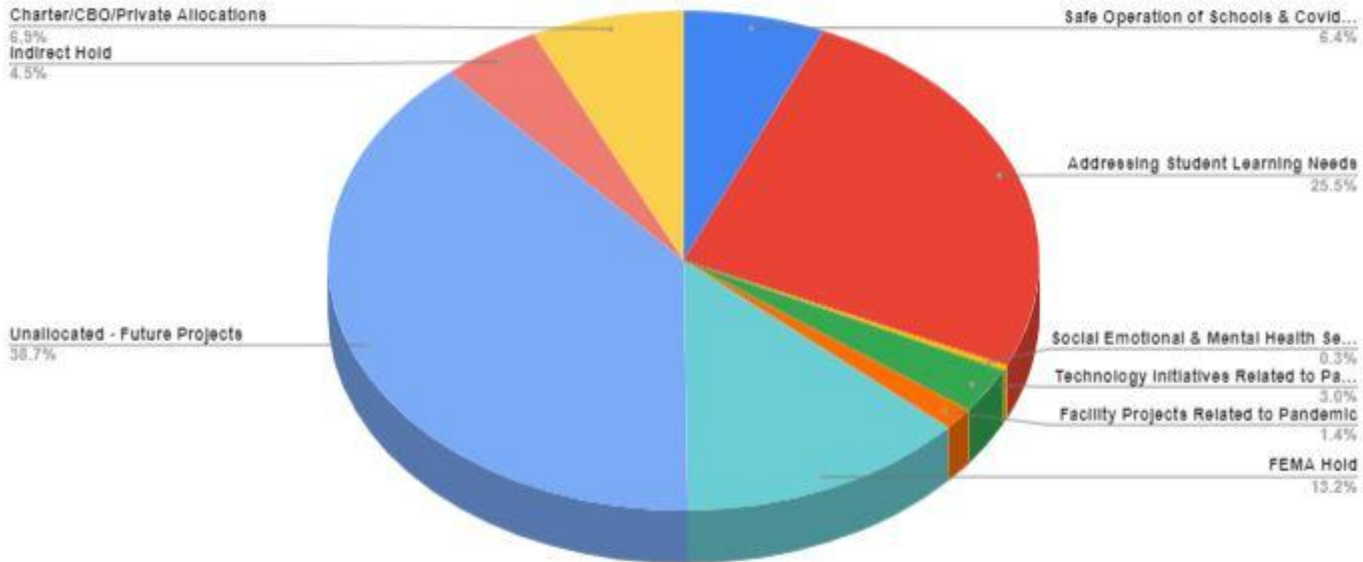


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Projected ESSER Spending Plan FY21 & FY22

% of Budgeted Spending Plan

Between Fiscal Year 2020-21 and Fiscal Year 2021-22
projected ESSER investment close to \$45M



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Portland Public Schools ESSER Projected Investment Plan-DRAFT	FY2021		FY2022		FY2023*		FY2024*		Cumulative**	
	FTE ¹	Budget	FTE ¹	Budget	FTE ¹	Budget	FTE ¹	Budget	Budget	%
Safe Operation of Schools & Covid Costs										
1 Student & Staff PPE, Enhanced Cleaning & Health		740,000							740,000	1.66%
2 Covid-19 Related Unemployment Costs (Workshare)				2,000,000					2,000,000	4.50%
3 Support Child Nutrition		1,800,000		3,000,000					4,800,000	10.79%
4 Support Childcare Stipends		1,000,000							1,000,000	2.25%
22 COBRA Benefits				1,000,000						
Sub-total		3,540,000		6,000,000	0		0		8,540,000	19.20%
Addressing Student Learning Needs										
5 Student Re-engagement (e.g. LIPI extended hrs)		655,000							655,000	1.47%
6 Title I supports		2,400,000		1,200,000					3,600,000	8.09%
7 LIPI and Hybrid Cohort Subs		2,000,000							2,000,000	4.50%
8 Credit recovery support (including evening scholars)			6.00	3,650,000					3,650,000	8.21%
9 SPED Assessment Center			3.00	360,000					360,000	0.81%
10 Social Workers for Title Middle Schools			6.00	670,000					670,000	1.51%
11 MS 5th Quarter				1,100,000					1,100,000	2.47%
12 Saturday School & Virtual Scholars			14.00	3,400,000					3,400,000	7.64%
13 Maintain Class Sizes			21.00	2,400,000					2,400,000	5.40%
14 WrapAround Supports (inclusive of RESJ supports)			1.00	1,900,000					1,900,000	4.27%
15 Instructional Professional Development		0		2,880,000					2,880,000	6.48%
Sub-total		5,055,000	51.00	17,560,000	0.00	0	0.00	0	22,615,000	50.85%
Social Emotional & Mental Health Services										
16 Health and Nursing Contracted Services		260,000							260,000	0.58%
17 Social Workers' mobiles		30,000		0					30,000	0.07%
Sub-total		290,000		0		0		0	290,000	0.65%
Technology Initiatives Related to Pandemic										
18 Internet and hot spots		340,000		90,000					430,000	0.97%
19 Comprehensive Distance Learning Software		2,300,000							2,300,000	5.17%
Sub-total		2,640,000		90,000		0		0	2,730,000	6.14%
Facility Projects Related to Pandemic										
20 Utilities, Ventilation Air Quality Enhancements & HVAC		3,500,000		1,500,000					5,000,000	11.24%
21 Building and Space Modifications		5,000,000		300,000					5,300,000	11.92%
Sub-total		8,500,000		1,800,000		0		0	10,300,000	23.16%
GRAND TOTAL		20,025,000	51	25,450,000		45,485,200		8,026,800	\$44,475,000	100.00%

- Having a plan for the upcoming school year, while working towards FY2022-23 and FY2023-24.
- These are one time funds. Subsequently, balancing investing over the next few years and managing a fiscal cliff.
- \$55M investment strategy to be determined will rely primarily on:
 - Assessing and addressing student learning needs
 - Planning for sustainability of investments

* Investment plan for FY23 and FY24 are not finalized and therefore are not assigned to a specific investment category and the balance of ~\$55M is not included in the cumulative total

**The cumulative total is for the projected spending over the two years that encompass the current year, FY20-21 and the upcoming year, FY21-22.

¹ESSER funded positions will be assessed on whether they will be time bound positions that sunset with the grant, although the district will leverage natural attrition when applicable



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- **Additional Resources**

- 1) [State of Oregon's Proposed American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) ESSER Plan](#)
- 2) [U.S. Department of Education ESSER Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- 3) Portland Public Schools [Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget](#) Information
- 4) [PPS ESSER III Integrated Planning Tool](#)

