



**American Relief Plan (ARP) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) III  
Grant Application  
Public Notice 2021 - 2022**

Every district is required under the State Plan for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund to post the intended use for grant funds for the public to provide comments or ask questions.

**ARP ESSER III PURPOSE**

- To implement prevention and mitigation strategies (aligned with CDC guidance to greatest extent practicable)
- To address the academic impacts of lost instructional time through evidence-based interventions that respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students and particularly underserved groups

**RSU 14's INTENDED USE OF FUNDS**

- **20% or More to Address Lost Instructional Time Due to COVID-19**
  - **Increased Staffing:** In order to respond to the increased need for health services due to COVID-19, adhere to the School Reopening Plan measures, and respond to the academic, social, and emotional needs of students, RSU 14 will hire additional staff as needed using ARP ESSER III funds.
  - **Response to Intervention (RtI) and Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Program Refinement** (all schools)
    - Professional development, intervention resources, data analysis tools, staffing support
  - **Summer Learning/Enrichment**
    - Summer Programming (regular education, special education, Extended School Year services, social emotional learning)
    - Summer Transportation
- **Health and Safety Efforts in Response to COVID-19**
  - Supplies, facility upgrades, improved air quality, etc.
- **Nutritional Programming**
  - Summer meals delivery (staffing, supplies, etc.)
- **Technology Supports** (hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, adaptive equipment, etc.)
  - Hardware (MacBook Airs, iPads, BenQs) to support instruction and 1:1 student use
  - AppleCare/JAMF to accompany hardware purchases
  - Software to support instruction, intervention, and enrichment
  - MiFi internet connectivity to support families in need
  - Outdoor classroom WiFi and power
- **Mental Health Services and Supports**
  - Staffing: Hiring of counselors and LCSWs to support social, emotional, and mental needs of students
  - Social Emotional Learning Team (professional development, professional resources, supplies)

If you have any comments or questions about these funds, please call or email Christine Frost-Bertinet at the Superintendent's Office: [cbertinet@rsu14.org](mailto:cbertinet@rsu14.org) or 207-892-1800. Comments and Suggestions will be taken until **September 24, 2021**. Community members can also provide input by visiting the district website ([rsu14.org](http://rsu14.org)), clicking on the ARP ESSER III PUBLIC COMMENT tab on the home page, and filling out the [google form](#).