

Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Funds and Request for Public Comment

The Perryton Independent School District (ISD) is applying for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Federal grant for funding. These federal funds were appropriated to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for public education purposes under the ARP Act through the ESSER III Fund.

ARP ESSER III Overview: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III or ARP ESSER) Fund.

General grant specifics are as follows:

*Grant Timeframe: Grant expires September 30, 2023. If needed, districts can carry over unused funds and be allowed to continue spending until September 30, 2024.

*Districts will be required to follow all federal, state, and local regulations and requirements for federal grant administration and fiscal spending of funds.

ARP ESSER III Purpose: The purpose of the ARP ESSER III fund is to address learning loss and support the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. ARP ESSER III grant funds were issued for one-time or short-term types of expenditures to address the identified needs caused by the pandemic. Although long-term uses of the ARP ESSER III funds are also allowable, Perryton ISD makes no assumptions that the state will provide replacement funds for ARP ESSER III in future years.

Perryton ISD Tentative Plan For ARP ESSER III Funding:

Over the next four summers and three full fiscal years, the District will use the ESSER III federal funds to address student learning recovery and the ongoing impact of the pandemic using these major strategies:

- Teacher support
- Rigorous instructional materials
- Improvements for buildings

Public Notification and Comments: Your input and comments are requested to help Perryton ISD determine how to prioritize spending of the ARP ESSER III funds. The survey was open from May 21 – June 7, 2021. Perryton ISD's final plan will reflect student and staff needs and incorporate public input and comments.

Thank You,

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Superintendent