

# Falls City ISD

## ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF

### ESSER III Funding Plan

The Intent and purpose of the ARP Act of 2021, ESSER III funding is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students; 20% of the funds must be used to address student learning loss. Pre-award allowable costs dating back to March 13, 2020 are eligible.

The U.S Department of Education's initial grant award notice to Texas makes immediately available two-thirds of the total federal appropriation. The remaining one-third of the funds will be released to schools upon USDE approving the state plan. Falls City ISD 2020-2023 (with one additional year of carry over allowed) ESSER III Grant Allocation is:

ESSER III Allocations	20% minimum for learning loss
<b>Total allocation - \$348,076.00</b>	\$69,615.20
<b>2/3 allocation - \$232,051.00</b>	\$46,410.20
<b>1/3 allocation - \$116,025.00</b>	\$23,205.00

The Public Hearing to present and discuss the plan was held during the Falls City ISD Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Texas received \$1.3 billion in ESSER I funding, an additional \$5.5 billion in ESSER II and \$12.4 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds (also referred to as ESSER III).

Over the past year, school district administration, teachers, and staff across the state have worked tirelessly to meet those ongoing challenges. With the release of the ESSER funds, the grant application process provides local school districts with flexibility in how to spend the funds in order to continue making the greatest impact on our students, staff, schools, and community.

Time frame of the grant: Pre-award costs can be recorded from March 13, 2020 and allowed to spend funds until September 30, 2023 with a year of carry over funds.

Visit Falls City ISD's ESSER webpage to view the District's Plan and keep up with updates:  
<https://fcisd.net/District/4317-ESSER->

## **Falls City ISD Stakeholder Input**

The district engaged stakeholders in an opportunity to provide meaningful consultation through an online surveys regarding the ESSER III grant opportunity on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and was opened for 2 weeks. The following were invited to participate in the survey: school district staff, students, parents and/or guardians, and other stakeholders as designated in the ESSER III guideline. The Top 5 most identified areas include:

1. Academic
2. Extra-Curricular Activities
3. Social Emotion Support
4. Co-Curricular Activities
5. Mental Health Concerns

## **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan**

The Falls City ISD "Back to School Plan" also known as the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan was initially developed during the summer of 2020 with stakeholder input. It has been reviewed by the Administration and school board as

TEA and CDC guidance has changed safety protocols over the past year and a half. Throughout this grant term our Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan has to be reviewed and revised as needed every six months

## **Funding Plan**

Potential Eligible Expenditures	Estimated Cost	Pre-Award (FY1-20)	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 (carry-over period)
<b>7 Mindset Academy</b>	\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00		
<b>Chromebooks</b>	\$29,262.00	\$29,262.00				
<b>Reading Academy</b>	\$5,600.00			\$5,600		
<b>Tutoring</b>	\$20,000.00			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
<b>COVID Stipend</b>	\$135,777.00		\$135,777.00			
<b>RTI, Dyslexia Intervention Teacher</b>	\$32,770.00			\$16,385.00	\$16,385.00	

For more details please see the Potential Eligible Expenditure document on the ESSER tab on the FCISD website.