

## MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-112

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
District Grant Coordinators  
Curriculum Directors  
Principals

**FROM:** Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

**DATE:** September 13, 2021

**SUBJECT:** ESSER II State Education Agency Reserve SEL and Mental Health Grant Opportunity

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# ESSER II STATE EDUCATION AGENCY RESERVE SEL AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) announces the opportunity to apply for ESSER II State Education Agency Reserve (SEA reserve) funds to support high-quality social and emotional learning (SEL) and mental health initiatives. The intent of COVID-19 Response funding is to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools.

The WDE encourages districts to focus on SEL and mental health initiatives that will address the mental, social and emotional health of students and staff, create safe and connected school environments, and unite the school and community, allowing both to work on common goals. The WDE recognizes the importance of using ESSER funds for SEL and mental health initiatives, which will help mitigate learning loss by providing students and staff in our schools a sense of safety, resilience, and achievement.

The WDE will award \$3 million to districts to develop and implement or partner with community organizations to provide high-quality SEL and mental health initiatives to students and staff affected by the pandemic. The application is available [here](#).

Guidance to assist in completing the application is available [here](#). Applications will be accepted through November 1, 2021 and should be submitted via email to [danielle.netzer@wyo.gov](mailto:danielle.netzer@wyo.gov). Applications will be scored by committee and funded as approved.

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