

MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-125

TO: School District Superintendents
District Business Managers
District Grant Managers

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: October 19, 2021

SUBJECT: ARP ESSER District Allocations and Requirements Review

ARP ESSER DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

The ARP ESSER district grant application will open in the Wyoming Department of Education's (WDE) grant management system (GMS) at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. District allocations have been updated due to a U.S. Department of Education (USED) revision and districts should see a slight increase over the allocation amount shared last March through [Memorandum No. 2021-034](#). Current allocations can be viewed [here](#).

To assist districts, the WDE has published ARP ESSER Grant Guidance which can be found on the WDE's [COVID-19 Resources page](#).

Note the following reminders:

- LEA's must reserve at least 20% of their allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups.
- The remaining ARP ESSER funds may be used for the same allowable purposes as ESSER I and ESSER II. A side-by-side comparison of ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER can be found [here](#).

- LEAs are federally required to post on its website, and provide the URLs to the WDE, two plans related to the ARP ESSER funds:

The Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services plan is due no later than November 19, 2021. LEAs may choose to use the WDE provided [template](#) or to update the district's Smart Start Plan to include the required elements.

The ARP ESSER Implementation plan is due no later than January 18, 2022. LEAs may choose to use the WDE provided [template](#), or update the district's Smart Start Plan to include a section to address those requirements.

- LEA URLs for both plans will be collected [here](#).

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