



Opportunity Through Education

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TO: School District Superintendents
District Grant Coordinators
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FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: ARP ESSER State Education Agency Reserve Accelerated Learning Grant

ARP ESSER STATE EDUCATION AGENCY RESERVE ACCELERATED LEARNING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has announced the opportunity to apply for ESSER III ARP State Education Agency Reserve (SEA reserve) funds to support high-quality evidence-based accelerated learning 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 evidence-based accelerated learning initiatives that will address the impact Covid-19 school closures had on 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 accelerated learning initiatives, which will help mitigate learning loss by providing students and staff in our schools the flexibility to support efforts to promote resilience, achievement, and academic excellence in Wyoming schools.

The WDE will award \$8 million to school districts to develop and implement evidence-based initiatives to accelerate learning for Wyoming's students affected by the pandemic. The WDE will cap the award amount at \$500,000 per application. The WDE reserves the right to reduce the award amounts to provide funding for additional quality proposals. Applicants are encouraged to seek alternative sources of supplemental funding, in case the award amount per application is lowered.

The grant application and the guidance to assist in completing the application are available [here](#). Applications will be accepted through November 15, 2022, and should be submitted via email to jeannie.veytsman@wyo.gov. Applications will be scored by the committee and funded as approved.

For more information, contact Jeannie Veytsman, ARP ESSER Grant Manager at 307-777-3316 or jeannie.veytsman@wyo.gov.