



From the Cabinet

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Federal Relief Funding to Schools

Since March 2020, federal relief plans have provided funding to K-12 schools through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CCRSA), and the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

These federal funding packages have come to be known as “ESSER,” or Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds. While the specific rules for spending the funds vary between grant awards, the overall intent has been to aid public schools in responding to and recovering from the pandemic.

The table below provides information related to funding Fargo Public Schools has been allocated along with the amounts expended or obligated as of March 31, 2022.

Funding Opportunity	Duration	Award Amount	Expended SY2020	Expended SY2021	Expended or Obligated SY2022 to Date	Percentage Spent to Date
Coronavirus Relief Fund-K-12 COVID Resiliency	07/01/2020 - 12/30/2020	\$2,913,647		\$2,913,647		100%
Coronavirus Relief Fund-Broadband Grants	07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021	\$47,391		\$39,283		83%
Coronavirus Relief Fund-Education Corps Funding	07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021	\$2,526,829		\$2,526,829		100%
Special Education Early Childhood ESSER Professional Development Funds	07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021	\$2,979		\$2,979		100%
Governor’s Emergency Relief	07/01/2020 - 12/31/2021	\$181,944		\$96,379	\$85,565	100%
Adult Integrated Education and Training Grants - ESSER Initiative	10/08/2021 - 06/30/2022	\$42,520			\$24,233	57%
ESSER	03/13/2020 - 09/30/2022	\$3,275,476	\$814,030	\$2,461,446		100%
ESSER II	03/13/2020 - 09/30/2023	\$13,420,086		\$885,781	\$3,957,180	36%



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ESSER II - State Admin Discretionary Funds - Empower U	07/01/2021 - 09/30/2023	\$975			\$390	40%
ARP - Special Education Funds	07/01/2021 - 09/30/2023	\$649,596			\$290,886	45%
ARP - Special Education Funds Preschool	07/01/2021 - 09/30/2023	\$24,434				0%
ESSER III	03/13/2020 - 09/30/2024	\$30,011,836			\$4,250,831	14%
ARP - Homeless Children and Youth	04/23/2021 - 09/30/2024	\$186,569			\$16,090	9%
Total		\$53,284,281	\$814,030	\$8,926,344	\$8,625,175	34%

The largest funding package has come through ESSER III which continues through September 30, 2024. A minimum of 20% of the award amount must be spent on activities to address the academic impact of lost instructional time (learning loss) through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. We are well on our way to meeting this requirement through activities such as:

- Hiring of additional teaching, intervention, and support staff at all levels
- Implementation of personalized learning and assessment systems
- Mental health supports
- Tutoring and after school programs

As we move forward, we will continue to assess the needs and progress of our students and to responsibly utilize the remaining funding as we educate and empower all students to succeed.

