



Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) Grant Executive Summary

The federal government authorized the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funds for school districts across the nation on March 11, 2021. School systems in Texas were eligible to apply for their allocation of these one-time funds beginning on April 29, 2021. These grant funds are to be used during the 2021-22, 2022-23 school years, in response to the pandemic and to address the impact of COVID-19 on students.

EPLA has been awarded ESSER III funds, as authorized by the American Rescue Plan of 2021. The Uses of Funds Plan and Safe Return were created with stakeholder input and detail the way in which EPLA is using these funds to meet student needs, and continuing to offer safe, in-person instruction.

During the life of the ESSER III Grant, EPLA is required to continue to review the ESSER III Funding Plan and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. We seek the continuing feedback from our stakeholders to ensure that we meet academic and safety needs of our students.