



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads

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Route to: ESEA Directors, Directors of Special Education, School Business Administrators, Staff involved with ESSER Funds

Deadline: November 24, 2021

American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Funds Consolidated Application Now Open in EWEG

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce that the additional ARP ESSER subgrants funded by State set-aside, the remaining 1/3 of ARP ESSER Fund awards, and funds for non-Title I educational entities are now available in the ARP ESSER consolidated application in the Electronic Web Enabled Grant ([EWEG](#)) system. As detailed in the NJDOE's September 15, 2021 broadcast [memo](#), the consolidated ARP ESSER application includes the full amount of local education agencies' (LEAs) ARP ESSER Fund awards and the additional ARP ESSER subgrants announced in that memo. These supplemental application materials are available in the same application system in EWEG that first launched on May 24, 2021 for the first installment (2/3) of the 90% ARP ESSER Fund Award. **The deadline to submit an application is November 24, 2021.**

Background

The ARP Act provides an additional \$122 billion to states in ESSER funds with the overarching purpose of providing states and LEAs with emergency relief funds to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. New Jersey received a total of \$2,766,529,533 in ARP ESSER Funds. As [announced](#) on August 12, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education has approved the NJDOE's ARP ESSER State Plan. The approved plan reflects New Jersey's commitment to supporting students, educators, and schools as they safely return to full in-person learning while addressing the academic, social, emotional, and mental health impacts of COVID-19.

In broadcast memos on [September 15, 2021](#) and [September 22, 2021](#), the NJDOE provided additional information to assist LEAs with planning and submitting their ARP ESSER consolidated application, including ARP ESSER

subgrant allocation amounts and program descriptions. Additional information and guidance is also available on the NJDOE's [ARP ESSER webpage](#).

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