



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II
 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021**

The guidance provided below is intended to highlight the primary differences between the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and the ESSER II Fund recently authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act enacted on December 27, 2020.

Topic Area	ESSER Fund (CARES Act)	ESSER II Fund (CRRSA Act)
Project Period	March 13, 2020 – September 30, 2022	March 13, 2020 – September 30, 2023
Allocation Requirements	Every SEA must use at least 90% of its ESSER Funds to make subgrants to LEAs by formula based on FY 2019 Title I, Part A allocations.	Every SEA must use at least 90% of its ESSER II Funds to make subgrants to LEAs by formula based on Title I, Part A for the most recent fiscal year (FY 2020) .
Allowable Uses of Funds	The CARES Act enumerates allowable uses of funds related to preventing, preparing for and responding to COVID-19. While the CRRSA legislation contains three additional allowable uses, these uses were already permitted under the CARES Act.	Same allowable uses as the ESSER Funds. USDE has stated that the additional LEA allowable uses of funds under the CRRSA Act (addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings) are already permitted under the CARES Act.
Equitable Services	An LEA that receives ESSER funds must provide equitable services to non-public school students in the same manner as provided under section 1117 of Title I, Part A of the ESEA.	The CRRSA Act includes a separate program for the provision of services to non-public schools. As a result, LEAs are not required to provide equitable services under ESSER II.
Data Reporting	LEAs are required to complete and submit CARES Act Performance Reports throughout the project period.	LEAs are required to complete and submit CRRSA Performance Reports throughout the project period.
Monitoring	The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will be monitoring the ESSER I funds through the Collaborative Monitoring process which may include onsite or desk monitoring of selected LEAs.	The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will be monitoring the ESSER II funds through the Collaborative Monitoring process which may include onsite or desk monitoring of selected LEAs.
Tracking of Funds	ESSER Funds must be tracked separately from ESSER II Funds. More information will be forthcoming from the NJDOE regarding the accounting requirements.	ESSER II funds must be tracked separately from the ESSER Funds. More information will be forthcoming from the NJDOE regarding the accounting requirements.

If you have questions regarding the ESSER II Funds, please contact the Office of Fiscal and Data Services through email at OFDS@doe.nj.gov. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this guidance.

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