

Agenda

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ESSER AND ESSER RELATED REPORTING

- ☐ All school level data must be entered into the **ESSER Annual Report Survey** by COB January 25, 2021.
- ☐ MT ESSER Annual Report is due to the DOE by February 1, 2021.
- ☐ Change in directions.... All schools (regardless if they have spent funds prior to October 1, 2020) must complete the **ESSER Annual Report Survey**.



ESSER II *BASICS*

- ❑ \$170.1M for Montana, \$153M for school districts based on this year's Title I allocations.
- ❑ 10% set aside for most critical needs as determined by the OPI.
- ❑ Allowable uses are the same as ESSER I, but added categories for HVAC upgrades and learning loss.
- ❑ No equitable share!
- ❑ ½ % can be used for grant administration.

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Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)

 **ESSER Info**

- ▾ Guidance
 - [September 25th letter from Secretary DeVos on Equitable Services](#)
 - [Providing Equitable Services Under the Cares Act Programs](#)
 - [ESSER Equitable Share Calculation Template](#)
 - [Poverty Measurement Tools for Determining CARES Act Equitable Participation](#)
 - [Determining Equitable Share for Private and Home Schools for the ESSER Grant](#)
 - [ESSER II Grant Guidelines](#)
- District Allocations
- Fund Coding

The ESSER Info page on our website has:

- ☐ ESSER II Guidance;
- ☐ Allocations to Districts; and
- ☐ Coding for Receipts and Expenditures.

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HVAC UPGRADES

Inspection, testing maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair replacement.



HVAC UPGRADES – PROJECT MGT

Prior guidance from USED:

Approved construction projects must comply with applicable **Uniform Guidance** requirements, as well as the **Department's regulations regarding construction at 34 CFR § 76.600**. As is the case with all construction contracts using laborers and mechanics financed by federal education funds, an LEA that uses ESSER funds for construction **contracts over \$2,000 must meet all Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements** and include language in the construction contracts that all contractors or subcontractors must pay wages that are not less than those established for the locality of the project (prevailing wage rates). (See 20 U.S.C. 1232b Labor Standards.)

ESSER II TIMING



- ☐ ESSER II funds will be available when the legislature authorizes spending, and the E-Grants module is up and running.
- ☐ Funds must be spent by September 2023.
- ☐ School districts should exhaust ESSER I funds prior to drawing ESSER II funds.

ESSER II E-GRANTS CHANGES

I'm so excited.



- ☐ The affirmations from ESSER I will still be in effect for ESSER II.
- ☐ School districts will have to submit a budget for the ESSER II funds – flexibility on amendments will continue.
- ☐ Purpose codes will change to match ESSER reporting categories.
- ☐ No Equitable Share!

ESSER II FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- ☐ No ESSER II funds will be allocated to non-public schools.
- ☐ Congress added funding to the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) for non-public schools.
- ☐ For Montana, \$12.8M is earmarked for non-public schools.
- ☐ OPI will administer the application and distribution of funds – not school districts.
- ☐ Lots to figure out still for this program.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND SUBRECIPIENT MONITORING PLAN

- ☐ Status of corrective action, if appropriate.
- ☐ Reconciling LEA accounting system transactions with cash draws to supporting documents.
- ☐ Inventory of any equipment purchased with grant funds.
- ☐ The provision of equitable share services.
- ☐ Plans for remaining funds.

LEAs who will compete a desk audit during February

WHO ARE WE MONITORING?

0-25k	10% random sample once in two years
25-k – 50k	33% random sample once in two years
50k-500k	Once in two years
Over 500K	Once each year
Risky	Each quarter

Bridger K-12
Dodson K-12
Plentywood K-12
Frontier Elementary
Culbertson Elementary
Hot Springs K-12
Darby K-12
Glasgow K-12
Huntley Project K-12
Dillion Elementary
Kalispell Elementary
Missoula Elementary
Great Falls Elementary
Deer Lodge Elementary

Wibaux K-12
Fairview Elementary
Geraldine K-12
East Glacier Park Elementary
Joliet Elementary
Creston Elementary
Cohagen Elementary
Ekalaka Elementary
Rapelje Elementary
Ft. Benton Elementary
Colstrip Elementary
Shepherd Elementary
Florence-Carlton K-12
Livingston Elementary
Fromberg K-12

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