

ESSER II OVERVIEW

The U.S. Congress has provided financial support for districts and schools through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to address the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA), was signed into law on December 27, 2020 and provides an additional \$54.3 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II Fund).

ESSER II Fund awards to State Educational Agencies are in the same proportion as each State received funds under Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, in fiscal year 2020.

Effective June 4, 2021, districts in Texas may apply to receive their allocation of the \$5.5 billion appropriated to the State of Texas for public education purposes under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II (ESSER II) Fund. Funds are being provided, supplemental to all other funding sources to school systems, and will not be supplanted at the state level. SCUC ISD's allocation is \$3,369,185.

ESSER II focuses on school districts reopening and operating safely, as well as, addressing the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. Examples of which are addressing learning loss such as summer learning/enrichment, after school, or extended year programming, and addressing social and emotional learning needs.

SCUC ISD will apply for the grant to receive our allocation of the ESSER II funds.

