

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, CTE Directors, Business Managers
FROM: Daniel M. French, Ed.D., Secretary of Education *DMF*
SUBJECT: ARP-ESSER Summer State Set-Aside Grant Application
DATE: October 26, 2022

Purpose

By this memo you are notified that the application for the ARP-ESSER Summer State Set-Aside Grant Application for Vermont LEAs is now available in the [Grant Management System](#) (GMS). ARP-ESSER funds are available as part of the [ARP Act of 2021](#). The applications for this competitive grant opportunity are due January 4, 2023.

Overview

Created by ARP ESSER Section 2001(f)(2), this funding is set aside for the creation and support of high-quality, evidence-based summer programs across Vermont in 2023 and 2024. This program is particularly focused on addressing the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on students' academic, social and emotional needs as well as addressing the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on marginalized groups.

Within Vermont, this fund is being administered as a competitive grant program in line with Vermont's Education Recovery and Revitalization framework. LEAs state-wide are invited to submit applications detailing how this funding could support their local COVID-19 recovery strategies and the overall goal of providing equal access to high quality education to every Vermont learner. Applicants will be able to request between \$20,000 and \$150,000 to fund their proposals. Grants will be awarded for a two-year period, ending on September 30, 2024.

Creating and Editing the Application in the Grant Management System

All Superintendents and business managers have permissions in the GMS to create and edit the application. If desired, a Superintendent can delegate the ability to create and edit the application to additional staff, by assigning the role "leaESSER" to any staff members with a GMS account. Note that, as with all other grant applications, only the Superintendent can agree to assurances and do the final submission to the Agency of Education.

All applicant questions, responses, and resources will be forwarded to potential applicants via a group email list on an on-going basis. To get on this list and to facilitate on-going

Contact Information:

If you have questions about this document or would like additional information please contact:
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communication, all interested applicants or prospective applicants should complete this non-binding simple [Contact Form](#). SU/SDs may also direct programmatic questions to [Johannes Haensch](#). Any technical questions pertaining to budgets or other financial topics should be sent to [Deb Allen](#).