



Arizona Department of Education
(Office of the State Superintendent)

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To: Superintendents, Business Managers, Title I Coordinators, Charters, Tribal Education Directors

RE: **FY20 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund Grant Allocations, Application and Guidance Materials Now Available**

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has received funding through the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) to provide new [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ESSER\) Fund](#) grants to LEAs to support local relief, preparation and prevention, and recovery needs and efforts in response to COVID-19.

90% (\$249 million) of Arizona's total ESSER Fund award (\$277 million) must be sub-granted to LEAs based on the proportionate share of Title I-A funds they received in FY20. ADE is also choosing to fund LEAs that are not Title I-A using approximately half of ADE's State Education Agency set-aside funds for state-level activities.

Who is eligible to apply?

All non-profit district and charter LEAs may apply for these funds.

How will eligible LEAs apply for grant funds?

Grant applications are now available for LEAs on the ADE Grants Management (GME) system for the **FY20 [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ESSER\) Fund Grant](#)**.

Where can I go for more information?

The [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ESSER\) Fund](#) Grant website has information and resources to support LEAs with the grant application process, to include guidance documents and recorded webinars that will walk LEAs through the online grant application on GME. Questions may be sent to ESSER@azed.gov.

Thank you for all you are doing to support our students, educators and communities! ADE is once again humbled by the leadership and spirit of service demonstrated by our schools. We look forward to continuing to support you all through these recovery efforts.

Best,



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