

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS (ARP ESSER III)

Use of Funds Plan

BROWN COUNTY CUSD #1

2021-2024

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government initiated the Elementary & Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The funding is allocated to schools based on each school's percentage of economically disadvantaged students. For Brown County CUSD #1, the total amount of dollars allocated for the 3rd installment titled the American Rescue Plan (ARP)/ESSER III is \$1,060,395. These funds are available until September 2024 as a reimbursement for costs associated with a school's response to the pandemic in keeping students and staff safe and overcoming student learning loss.

The following is a general plan for utilizing the funds at Brown County CUSD #1.

Areas of Focus

Student Learning Loss - \$199,616

Staff/Student Safety - \$84,761

Facility Renovation/Upgrades - \$653,530

Staffing - \$9,100

Technology - \$113,388

Student Learning Loss

- After school tutoring program – salaries, benefits, supplies and equipment.
- Summer school opportunities - salaries, benefits, supplies and equipment.
- High School Credit Recovery.
- K-12 textbooks
- Replace and/or upgrade the technology for students and staff.

Staff/Student Safety

- Supplies used to sanitize the facilities and classrooms to help stop the spread of Covid-19
- PPE equipment, towels, sprayers, cleaning supplies
- Updated and additional security cameras
- New bus communication system

Facility Renovation

- Updated water stations in each building with bottle filling capabilities.
- Outdoor recreation area at MS in the form of a playground and basketball area
- Remodel restrooms for students near band room.
- HVAC upgrades in the High School Gymnasium - nothing prior to this project
- New kitchen equipment for high school to serve hot meals.

Staffing

- Employee salaries and benefits for identified employees supporting learning loss programs and/or increase COVID mitigation strategies.
- Additional school nurse during times of need

Technology

- Software programs/Device upgrades to support in-person and remote learning.
- Updated and new district-wide financial and student software/database

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Public and stakeholder consultation was sought via a letter that distributed by the school district. That letter provided all stakeholders a source for public input into the writing of the ESSER III grant and how to utilize those funds. The superintendent utilized his district email to receive input. No public stakeholders chose to provide input into the grant's usage.

A timely and meaningful consultation was conducted on May 27, 2022. The meeting date, time and location was published in a local newspaper. The meeting was conducted by the administrative team from Brown County CUSD #1. There was no one present at the meeting except the administrative team.

Funds to be Spent:

Summer School Salaries: \$46,600
Summer School benefits: \$15,086
Summer School Supplies and Equipment: \$7437
Outdoor playground/basketball: \$22,445
Water Fountains: \$4070
Restroom upgrade/remodel: \$2311
PPE: \$3613
Kitchen Equipment: \$15,329

