

# American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III Grant Spending



JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DECEMBER 2021

# ARP ESSER III ALLOCATIONS

- Main Grant: **\$101,721,386.00**
- Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant: **\$2,759,124,124.00**
- Evidence-based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant: **\$188,113.00**
- Evidence-based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant: **\$188,113.00**
- NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant: **\$45,000.00**

ESSER III FUNDS MAY BE  
SPENT THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 2024- FOR  
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES  
EVERY EFFORT WILL BE  
MADE TO SPEND IT BY  
JUNE 2024.

# ALLOWABLE USES FOR THE MAIN GRANT:

- Providing principals with resources necessary to address individual school needs.
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities.
- Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures.
- Purchasing educational technology. School facility repairs and improvements to enable to operate schools to reduce the of virus transmission.
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation and continuity of services.

ESSER III
\$101,721,386.00

# NEW INFORMATION ON THE MAIN GRANT:

- 20% of the \$101,721,386.00 must be used for learning acceleration for students and address the academic learning loss.
- \$20,344,277.20 must be dedicated to this purpose.



# MAIN GRANT: \$101,721,386.00

Consistent with stakeholder feedback, the JCPS has implemented and will continue during until 2024:

- Extended Year Program S.P.A.R.K.S. Camp
  - S.P.A.R.K.S Camp ran from July 6, 2021 - July 30 2021 for K-8 students.
  - **Goal:** Provide an interactive program that would transition students back to in-person learning
  - Offered at the 11 schools: PS 3, PS 5, PS 11, PS 15, PS 17, PS 20, PS 22, PS 24, PS 26, PS 28, and PS 41.
  - Program Materials: LitCamp, Moving with Math, LEGO Education BricQ Motion, Mars Base Camp Challenge, Choose Love (SEL), and virtual field trips by the Newark Museum.
  - Speranza Theatre Program
- Teachers on Call Program from July-August

# RECOMMENDED SPENDING: MAIN GRANT

- Boiler replacements
- Purchased Air filters, installation, and necessary electrical upgrade
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Personal Protective Supplies
- Technology for students
- Technology for classrooms
- Technology for teachers
- Health Clinics
- Temperature Screening Monitors
- Bus aides
- Nurses
- Nurse aides
- Additional School counselor
- Contracted maintenance services and supplies
- Transportation cost for additional bus routes due to social distancing
- Community schools

# ALLOWABLE USES: EDUCATOR SUPPORT

Provide evidence-based professional learning and coaching opportunities to a variety of school staff, including educators and key support staff (e.g., school counselors, special education personnel, nurses, social workers, and psychologists) on the principals in New Jersey's Learning Acceleration Guide and on topics tailored to the unique academics as well a social, emotional, and mental health needs of their students.

**\$ 2,759, 124.00**

# SUMMER LEARNING GRANT

For supporting evidence-based academic summer activities such as learning academies and 1:1 tutoring, as well as other summer activities that support the broader learning ecosystem of students, staff, and families

**\$188,113.00**



# BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY

For supporting evidence-based academic enrichment activities during out of-school time, such as 1:1 tutoring, as well as activities that support the broader learning ecosystem of students, staff, and families. Out-of-school time included the periods before school, after-school, weekends, and holiday breaks. The purpose of this grant is to support LEAs in enhancing the quality and equitable access to out-of-school time programs and services that improve the academic, social, and emotional wellness of their students during the school year

**\$188,113.00**

# MENTAL HEALTH GRANT

The JCPS allocated funds to develop and implement Tier II (targeted, small group interventions) and Tier III (intensive interventions) services in accordance with a multi-tiered system of supports framework that addresses students' and educators' mental health and social emotional needs through the hiring of staff, contracting with service providers, and/or providing professional development in the implementation of Tier II and Tier III services

**\$45,000.00**

# EDUCATOR SUPPORT GRANT

## SAMPLE OF PROGRAMS:

### **Extended Learning Program Model 2021-2022**

[G.R.A.S.P.](#)

Growing Resilience &  
Achievement through Student  
Programs

The Jersey Public Schools will be offering an extended day program. The 20 week program will focus on English Language Arts and Math standards. Students will be grouped according to data and participate in small group instruction. There will be opportunities for both enrichment and acceleration. Teachers will administer pre, mid, and post assessments to determine the effectiveness of the program and student growth.

# BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY SAMPLE OPPORTUNITIES:

## Teachers On-Call Virtual Program 2021-2022

This school year the Teachers on Call Program will focus on providing targeted intervention to students who are in need of extra support. Teachers will provide small group instruction to an identified group of students.

# FLEXIBILITY WITH ESSER III FUNDS

Even though we must submit our application by November 24, 2021, which explains how we intend to spend each part of the grant, there is flexibility within each grant if unforeseen circumstances arise.

If we make changes beyond 10% of an assigned amount, or if we create a new expenditure that is not directly related to our original grant application, we would have to complete an amendment and re-submit for approval.

We may not cross funds from one subgrant to another, but we can change expenditures within a subgrant.

