

ESSER Funds

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Possible Impacts on District Funding

State Aid

Cash Flow
Needs

Referendum
Efforts

Long Range
Budget
Planning

Maintenance /
Capital Projects



- Potential budget cliff if used to cover recurring expenses
- Coordinated with other capital project expenditures

ESSER I

- Performance period 3/13/20 – 9/30/22
- Some limits on allowable expenditures

ESSER II

- Performance period 3/13/20 – 9/30/23
- Required use for loss of learning and more allowable facility-related expenses

ESSER III

- Performance period 3/13/20 – 9/30/24
- More allowable expenses for loss of learning and facility-related expenses

Net Expenditures (Shared Cost)

- Use of Fund 46
- Add to fund balance
- Technology expenditures
- Supplemental instruction
- Cover operating costs
- Timing of Claiming Funds

Timing of Expenditures

- Large one-time expenditures
- On-going expenses

Timing of Revenue

- Frequency of claims
- Level of fund balance

Using ESSER Funds for Recurring Expenses

What types of expenditures might be eligible?

- Fairly broad range of eligible expenses

What are the benefits of using ESSER funds?

- Help cover new expenses
- Help cover budget deficits



Problems that may occur

- Non-recurring revenue
- Short-term fix to a long-term problem

Decisions to help long-term budgeting

- Pay down Fund 38 debt
- Address technology needs (more of an intermediate benefit)
- Address maintenance needs (more of an intermediate benefit)
- Avoid creating a funding cliff in the future without a solution in mind

Eligible Projects

- School facility repair and improvements to enable operations to reduce risk of virus transmission
- Reduce exposure to environmental health hazards
- Improve air quality (e.g., ventilation, control systems, window and door repair/replacement)

District Funded Projects

- Fund 10
- Fund 46
- Referendum effort: current or future

Possible Impact on Referendum Impacts

Public perception of receiving federal funding

- Why does the district still need additional tax dollars?
- Need to communicate how dollars are being used and why these funds do not solve on-going budget issues

How to reduce referendum amount for NR/RR

- Pre-pay traditional Fund 38 debt
- Improve facility operational efficiency (create savings)
- Fund OPEB obligations
- Cash purchase technology and avoid lease payments

How to coordinate with a facility referendum

- Possibly lower the amount of the referendum by using ESSER funds to cover eligible project costs
- Keep the amount of the referendum the same, but add non-ESSER eligible projects
- Communicate to residents how the district is coordinating the use of ESSER funds with the referendum effort

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