

Unlocking the Potential of ARP ESSER Funds

A Guide to Navigating Deadlines and Optimizing Budgets

Public school leaders face the challenge of optimizing school budgets while ensuring teacher effectiveness and student success. Federal funds available through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, offer a unique and once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in the future of education and truly transform how schools operate. However, navigating the complex rules of obligation and liquidation deadlines requires a partner that has a clear understanding of these dynamics.

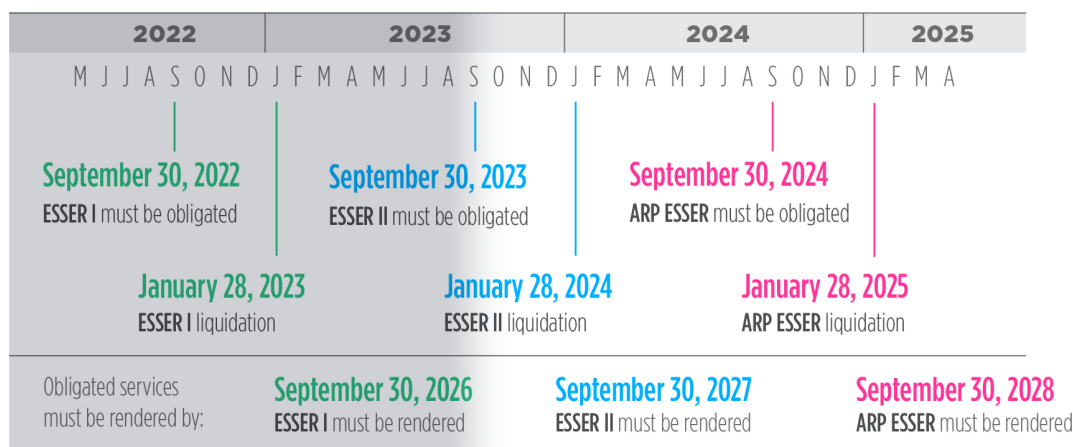
In this educational and interactive guide, we:

- Provide strategies to extend the use of ARP ESSER funds beyond the deadlines
- Equip you with the knowledge and tools necessary to make informed decisions
- Emphasize the importance of maximizing the impact of ESSER funding
- Highlight engage2learn's readiness to partner with you in developing solutions

Seize the Moment: Harnessing the Power of Time in ESSER Fund Management

The remaining ARP ESSER stimulus package has a fast-approaching deadline by which state and local education agencies need to obligate, liquidate, or pay:

Federal Relief Funding Timeline



On September 18, 2023, the U.S. Department of Education announced [updated guidance](#) for State Education Agencies (SEAs) and LEA on extending use of ARP ESSER funds.

We've distilled the language from this letter into **one key takeaway** for you to understand about this important change:

SEAs can submit a request for themselves and/or their subgrantees for flexibility of spending funds 14 months beyond the Jan. 28, 2025, deadline or until late March 2026.

For additional detail, here's actual text from the letter:

Under 2 CFR § 200.344(b), properly obligated funds must be liquidated within 120 calendar days (by January 28, 2025, for ARP Act funds). The Department has the authority to approve liquidation extension requests for properly obligated funds upon review of a written request made by a grantee on its own behalf or on behalf of its subgrantees. Final approval of a grantee's written request will be based upon the specific facts and circumstances, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.344(b). If approved under this process, grantees and subgrantees may have an extension to the liquidation period of up to 14 months beyond the 120 days already available to liquidate funds.

You should consider two important questions to determine whether an extension or use of ARP ESSER for multi-year contracts will work for services based on this guidance:

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| <p>01 Does an extension help achieve your goal of accelerating student learning and rebuilding your educator workforce??</p> | <p>02 Are there any unique circumstances you need to be aware of prior to requesting a liquidation extension from your SEA?</p> |
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Still confused? Let us help you determine:

- YOUR state's rules on extensions
- What is required to apply for an extension

Discover Innovative Strategies to Capitalize on ESSER Funding and Extend Services

Even without a liquidation extension you can still make some strategic moves to get the most out of ARP ESSER funding sources. There are three critical moves that you can make to fund and continue services into the future:

01 Leverage ARP ESSER Funds to Support Future Programs

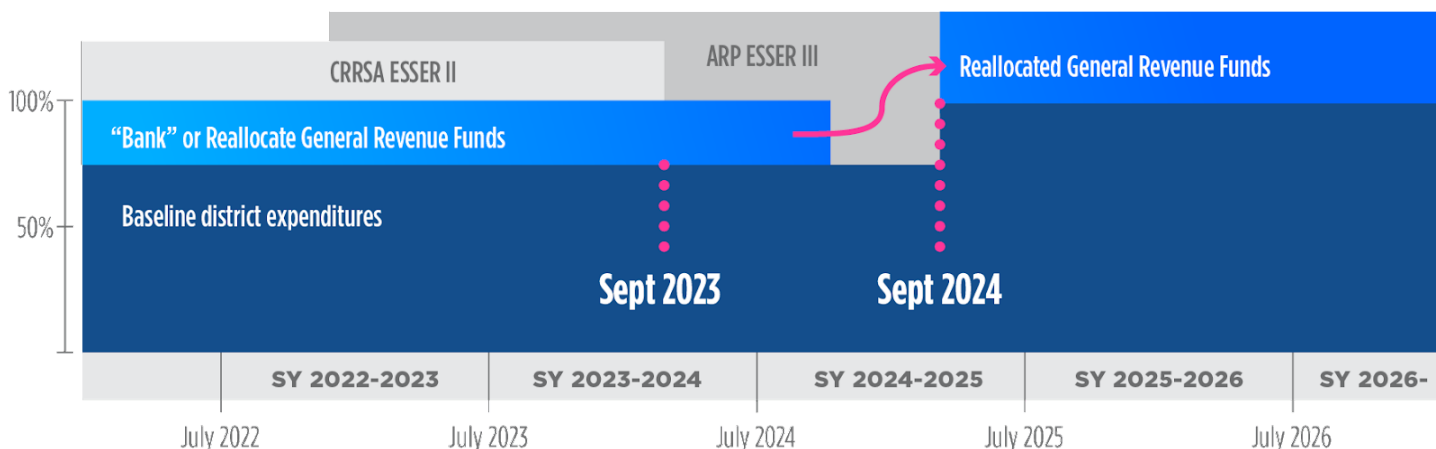
Depending on your state or district's financial regulations, you might be able to allocate general funds for future school years to support programs initially paid for by ARP ESSER funds. By doing so, you can ensure that services financed by ARP ESSER within the given (or extended) timeline become a regular part of your district's practices in the years ahead.

02 Utilize ARP ESSER Funds to Enhance Programs

Employ ARP ESSER funds to incorporate services across your district now, leading to substantial improvements in learning and support for both teachers and students. By demonstrating the success of these initiatives with evidence, you can integrate them into the regular budget cycle, ensuring their continuation through your general fund or other non-emergency sources.

03 Sign a multi-year licensing contract

Pay for the contract before the final, or extended, liquidation date – and receive services under the contract for some time after the liquidation date.



Now that the U.S. Department of Education has provided guidance on how to request an extension for ARP ESSER fund liquidation:

Signing a multi-year contract for services that support accelerating student learning and rebuilding and upskilling your educator workforce is possible, and can be extended beyond the original liquidation dates.

Maximum ARP ESSER Potential: How e2L Aligns with Essential Focus Areas for Impact

The good news is that a significant amount of unspent funds are still available for districts to apply toward programs and flexibility to when they are used. The even better news is that our services are designed to address a variety of the key focus areas that are allowed as part of the funding legislation:



Addressing Learning Loss

e2L's coaching and professional learning services and products offer an innovative, ESSA evidence-based intervention and approach that has been proven to accelerate student achievement.



Professional Development

Coaching and professional development for teachers and staff can be focused on competencies around addressing learning loss, implementing HQIM, supporting the social-emotional well-being of students, or improving remote teaching strategies.

We're here to help design a service that optimizes ARP ESSER or other funding sources. **Contact your Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships today!**