

Federal COVID Pandemic Relief Funds

In the spring of 2021, Smithtown CSD received notification of federal funds available from two stimulus packages established in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. On December 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) which provided Smithtown \$7,819,005 in funding between the two CRRSA funding sources:

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief 2 (ESSER 2) Fund: \$6,730,896

Governor's Emergency Education Relief 2 (GEER 2) Fund: \$1,088,109

Subsequently, on March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), which provided Smithtown an additional federal allocation of \$1,849,742

The expiration for the utilization of the CRRSA funds is September 30, 2023, essentially requiring the funds to be expended by the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The ARP funds expire in September 2024, essentially requiring the funds to be expended by the 2023-24 school year.

The main objectives of the federal funds were to first, provide schools the ability to have students safely return to in-person instruction and second, to address learning loss. Accordingly, as the District had already achieved the full return of in-person instruction prior to the funding announcement, the District is utilizing these funds to address learning loss, provide continuity of instruction and enhance classroom technologies. The December 14, 2021, presentation on Supporting Student Learning Through the Pandemic can be found [here](#).

Each of the funding sources required school districts to submit applications for the entire allocation outlining the planned use of the funds, the timing of their planned expenditures and the respective budget allocations. Please note: These spending plans are considered "initial" plans only and likely subject to amendments to match changing needs and available resources. The following information provides the District's initial spending plans for each of the three funding sources:

regardless of seating location and will also compensate for background noise caused by HVAC systems. Maintenance of the system will be performed by current staff in the IT and/or Facilities departments. The need for replacement parts is ex

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The district will purchase instructional reading materials for secondary reading and/or special education teachers. Staff training and workshops will be offered for these staff members on reading programs that coincide with these materials. These materials and workshop trainings will assist students that suffered learning loss. It will enhance students' ability to read and successfully interact with the curriculum and content being provided to them.

Estimated Cost \$42,500

Concerns Raised About Accepting Pandemic Federal Stim^{deA}