

## **Academy ISD 2023-2024 Planning for Federal Program Applications**

The District is in the planning process to complete Federal Grant Applications for 2023-2024 to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency. The following is a list of Federal Grant Planning Entitlements published by the Texas Education Agency and general proposed activities for 2023-2024. Grant funds are spent in accordance with the federal guidelines that govern them. Input is sought from parents and the community through a public forum held during the June 26, 2023 Board Meeting. Input will be taken into consideration for the Application activities and budgets for the following grants.

### **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Federal Grant**

#### **Title I, Part A**

2023-2024 Planning Entitlement - **\$137,147**

Activities:

Teacher and Paraprofessional salaries for intervention strategies

Parent and Family Engagement

Technical Assistance with Grant Support and Compliance

#### **Title II, Part A**

2023-2024 Planning Entitlement - **\$44,230**

Activities:

Paraprofessional salaries for intervention strategies

#### **Title IV, Part A**

2023-2024 Planning Entitlement - **\$10,000**

Activities:

Library media/books

Instructional supplies and materials

**The District uses *Transferability* for Title II and Title IV funds to be used for allowable Title I activities as allowed through Statute under the U.S. Dept. of Ed and the Texas Education Agency.**

Because of the small entitlement amounts the District receives to implement an independent program, Academy ISD chooses to participate in the Education Service Center Cooperatives through Shared Service Arrangements for the following programs:

- **Migrant Education (Title I, Part C) - \$202**
- **English Language Acquisition (Title III, A) - \$11,129**
- **Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Perkins V) - \$14,008**

Each program Cooperative is the fiscal agent and funding is issued by the Texas Education Agency directly to the Cooperative. The District then receives services from each respective Cooperative.

### **Special Education Consolidated Federal Grant**

2023-2024 Planning Entitlements – IDEA-B Formula **\$338,311**; IDEA-B Preschool **\$7,445**

Activities:

Teacher and Paraprofessional salaries

Professional Development

Supplies and materials

**Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER II)**  
2020-2023 Planning Entitlement - \$365,709

The ESSER II Grant is federally funded through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) signed into law in December 2020. The intent and purpose of the CRRSA ESSER II is to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. ESSER II is a one-year grant which allows for pre-award costs and carry-over funds to extend to a second year. **The ESSER II grant period will end September 30, 2023.**

Priority needs were considered and identified using survey data, stakeholder input, and district/campus administrative input. These sources were taken into consideration for the *Use of Funds Plan* implemented in the ESSER II Federal Grant Application submitted to the Texas Education Agency in August 2021. The *ESSER II Use of Funds Plan* will be reviewed periodically to determine if amendments are needed.

The following activities are being addressed with ESSER II funding over the two-year grant period:

- **Purchasing educational technology (hardware and software) (A-15)**
  - Eduphoria through ESC Region 12
  - Technology devices
- **Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning (A-17)**
  - Extra duty pay for summer school staff
- **Planning and implementing activities related to supplemental afterschool programs – extended day tutoring (A-18)**
  - Extra-duty pay for staff providing tutoring
- **Learning loss among LEA students – Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students (B2)**
  - Reading Academy professional development for grade K-3 teachers
  - Professional development - Instructional Coaches Academy
  - Professional development – TEKS Resource Conference
  - Professional development – Writing – Elementary
- **Other activities necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services (B10)**
  - Retention Stipend related to pandemic
  - Recruiting Stipend related to pandemic
  - Grant technical assistance and compliance monitoring
- **Allowable Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate including activities to administer grant**

## **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER III)**

2021-2024 Planning Entitlement - \$821,596

The ESSER III Grant is federally funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The intent and purpose of the ARP ESSER III funding is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. ESSER III is a two-year grant which allows for pre-award costs and carry-over funds to extend to a third year. Public comment and input was provided through an advisory committee of required stakeholders, survey results from the community, and public notification and comment taken during the June 21, 2021 Board Meeting. Input data from these sources was considered for the *Use of Funds Plan* implemented in the ESSER III Federal Grant Application submitted to the Texas Education Agency in July 2021. The *ESSER III Use of Funds Plan* will be reviewed periodically to determine if revisions are needed.

The following activities will be addressed with ESSER III funding:

- **Activities authorized under Elementary and Secondary Education Act (A1)**
  - Eduphoria through ESC Region 12
  - TEKS Resource System and TEKS Resource Bank through ESC Region 12
  - Professional development – Fountas and Pinnell; TEKS Resource Conference
- **Activities Authorized under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (A2)**
  - Salary for Dyslexia support intervention strategies
- **Purchasing educational technology (A-14)**
  - Technology hardware and/or software
- **Providing mental health services and support (A15)**
  - Counselor professional development through ESC 12 attending to affect, social emotional learning, and other topics that lend to counselor growth to meet student/staff needs
  - Character Strong Program
- **Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning (A-16)**
  - Extra-duty pay for staff providing summer school (year 3)
- **Planning and implementing activities related to supplemental afterschool programs – extended day tutoring (A-17)**
  - Extra-duty pay for staff providing tutoring (year 3)
- **Learning loss among students – Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students (B2)**
  - Response to Intervention (RTI) Teacher salary (year 3)
  - Reading and Math Interventionist salary (year 3)
  - In-school tutoring – Retired teacher sub pay
  - Reading Academy Professional Development
  - TEKS Resource Conference (Year 3)
- **Learning loss among students – tracking student attendance and improving student engagement (B4)**
  - Attendance Officer/Community Liaison through contract service
- **Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols in line with guidance from CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities (B9)**
  - Tables for outdoor instructional area

- **Activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services (B10)**
  - Lead Forward Accountability
  - Grant technical assistance and compliance monitoring
- **Other activities necessary to continuing to employ existing staff (B11)**
  - Elementary teacher salary
  - Instructional Coach
- **Allowable Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate including activities to administer grant**

**Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER Supplemental)**  
**2020-2023 Planning Entitlement - \$541,053**

The Texas Legislature authorized under TEC Section 29.930 as added by House Bill 1525, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, a portion of the state's discretionary ESSER III funding to provide additional resources to pay for unreimbursed costs due to the coronavirus pandemic and for intensive educational supports for students not performing satisfactorily. The ESSER Supplemental Grant Program ends September 30, 2023.

The following activities will be addressed with ESSER III funding:

- **Activities Authorized under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (A2)**
  - Salary for Dyslexia support intervention strategies
- **Purchasing educational technology (A-14)**
  - Technology hardware and/or software (year 1)
- **Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning (A-16)**
  - Extra-duty pay for staff providing summer school (year 1 and 2)
- **Learning loss among students – Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students (B2)**
  - Response to Intervention (RTI) Teacher salary (year 1 and 2)
  - Reading and Math Interventionist salary (year 1 and 2)
  - TEKS Resource System Cooperative through ESC Region 12 (year 1 and 2)
  - TEKS Resource Bank through ESC Region 12 (year 1 and 2)
  - TEKS Resource Conference (year 2)
  - CAMT Conference (year 2)
- **Allowable Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate including activities to administer grant**