



ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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ESSER I

Under the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, enacted on March 27, 2020, the Department awards grants to State educational agencies (SEA) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies with emergency fund relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the country. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, also known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund has certain allowable uses. Additionally, ESSER I funding required Elkhart Community Schools to share an equitable amount of its allocation with non-public schools within the ECS boundaries.

- Total amount allocated to Elkhart Community Schools: \$3,372,097.57
- Total amount received by Elkhart Community Schools: \$3,080,723.17
- Total amount received by non-public schools: \$291,374.40

Elkhart Community Schools proposed expenditures of ESSER I dollars based on the allowable uses as follows:

1. **Instruction - Regular Programs.** 200 iPads with cases for student learning. Additional funding for staffing to create stability in teaching staff during 2020-2021. Funding for contracted services to provide a daytime educational camp to teach and assist students with schoolwork while the district provided a virtual option and alternating days of in-person instruction. Total: \$2,736,365.57
2. **Support Services - Students.** Contracted counseling services for students in secondary schools. Total: \$5,300.00
3. **Support Services - Instruction.** Hotspots and WiFi units to equip buses parked in high-need neighborhoods throughout the district. Purchase of a 12-month data plan to support virtual and hybrid learning. Total: \$205,000.00
4. **Support Services - General Admin.** The district contracted with a call center to assist with a high volume of parent calls for technology-based assistance and added a liaison position to the Business Department. Total: \$70,000.00
5. **Operations and Maintenance.** COVID-19 supplies including disinfecting misting machines, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks. Total: \$50,000.00
6. **Non-Programmed Charges.** Transfer of dollars to non-public schools outside of ECS boundaries (LEAs: Goshen and Concord). Total: \$14,057.60

