

Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy: Federal COVID-19 Relief Spending

Across Indiana, \$2.8 billion in federal funding has been allocated to local school districts to help address schools' COVID-19 related needs.

Here at Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy, we have been allocated \$149,834.00 from three rounds of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding – which is based on the district's share of the state's Title I allocation.

Over the last two years, we developed plans for how to strategically and sustainably deploy these funds to provide the following:

- continuity of services to support high-quality instruction
- instructional supports to address learning loss that include small-group instruction and reading interventionists
- extended learning time to address learning loss

See plans here -

ESSER I:

Spending Categories	Amount Budgeted
Supplemental Curriculum & Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
Staff Retention	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 20,000.00

ESSER II:

Spending Categories	Amount Budgeted
Tier II Interventions	\$ 40,000.00
Total	\$ 40,000.00

ESSER III:

Spending Categories	Amount Budgeted
Tier II Interventions	\$ 68,428.00
Supplemental Curriculum & Supplies	\$ 6,406.00

Extended Learning Time Programming	\$ 15,000.00
Total	\$ 89,834.00

Looking ahead, we plan to continue utilizing ESSER funding to address learning loss, provide social-emotional support, ensure continuity of services and create a safe, healthy and well-rounded learning environment for our scholars. Per federal law, we have through September 2022 to encumber the first round of ESSER funding and through September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, to encumber the second and third rounds of their ESSER grants.

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