

## **North White School Corporation**

### **GEER I**

#### **Indiana Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund**

**NWSC Award: \$24,000.000**

**Encumbrance Date: 9-30-2022**

The Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund, created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), permitted the Governor to provide support to local educational agencies (LEAs) and institutions of higher education (IHEs) with an application focus on developing and improving the availability of distance/remote learning techniques and technologies.

Indiana received \$61.6 million in GEER funding. In collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education, the Commission for Higher Education, the Indiana State Board of Education, and the Governor's office, a needs-based, competitive grant program was created to support the unique challenges associated with distance/remote learning including device access, internet connectivity, and educator training/development.

Due to an extended period away from classroom instruction caused by COVID-19, all schools have been faced with the challenge of increased learning gaps for students. This has been exemplified in schools having minimal previous technology use and an increased learning gap for students who are most at risk.

To address these challenges, the North White School Corporation has been awarded funding to accommodate:

- 30 Student Devices
- 30 In-home, Student Connectivity Solutions

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### **CARES Act**

#### **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funding**

**NWSC Award: \$249,015.72**

**Encumbrance Date: 9-30-2022**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, provided an economic stimulus to individuals, businesses, and schools. The State of Indiana received approximately \$215 million which has supported Local Educational Agencies, using a funding formula based upon their proportionate share of the state's total Title I funding allocation.

The ESSER fund provided LEAs considerable flexibility in determining how best to use ESSER funds. The focus has been for learning to continue. Therefore, grant leaders encouraged LEAs to target funding on remote learning, maintaining and enhancing clean, safe learning environments, guaranteeing creative learning opportunities. Additionally, stipulations of grant funding stated that to the greatest extent practicable, entities should continue to pay employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to coronavirus.

The North White School Corporation has utilized CARES Act funding to accommodate the following:

- Middle School Guidance Counselor
- High School Student Support Staff
- High School Guidance Counselor
- Elementary Instructional Assistants
- School Nurse K-12
- Technology/Instructional Supplies
- Supplies Related to COVID-19

## **North White School Corporation**

### **ESSER II (CRRSA)**

#### **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funding**

**NWSC Award: \$925,843.46**

**Encumbrance Date: 9-30-2023**

On December 27, 2020, Congress authorized ESSER II, a second round of COVID-19 related stimulus funding for K-12 education. The allocation was formula based and was determined from the Local Educational Agency proportional share of the Title I allocation.

Allowable activities for ESSER II included those approved through ESSER I-CARES Act funding. In addition, ESSER II funding targeted activities for reducing virus transmission and other health hazards, improving air quality, and addressing learning loss among all students.

The North White School Corporation has designed ESSER II (CRRSA) funding to focus on the essential needs for creating a healthy learning environment and improving air quality:

- Enhanced HVAC Systems—North White Middle/High School

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### **ESSER III**

**NWSC Award: \$2,079,312.90**

**Encumbrance Date: 9-30-2024**

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER), under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, was enacted on March 11, 2021. ARP ESSER has provided nearly \$122 billion to States and school districts to help to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools, and to address the special needs of schools as the result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Subtitled ESSER III, this initiative works in tangent with the original CARES Act funding and ESSER II funding, which was authorized in the second stimulus bill (CRRSA). ESSER II and ESSER III are formula funded and are based on the proportional share of Title I funding allocated for each school district.

The North White School Corporation has been approved for a grant allocation of \$2,079,312.90.

As required by language of the ARP Act, school corporations receiving funding must allocate at least 20 percent of funding to address the learning losses students have experienced as the result of the pandemic.

Remaining funds may be used for wide range of activities for developing strategies and implementing public health protocols in support of guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The reopening and operating schools to safely maintain the health of students and staff is central to the intent of ESSER III funding.

ESSER III funding must be encumbered by September 30, 2024 and liquidated by December 14, 2024.

The North White School Corporation has developed a three-year plan for implementation which includes the components listed below. ESSER III will be used to fund these initiatives.

To address Learning Loss/Accelerated Learning:

- Elementary Guidance Counselor
- Middle School Reading Teacher
- Elementary Instructional Assistants
- Summer Curricular Mapping/Alignment
- NWEA Assessments
- Instructional Supplies

- Data/Technology
- Grant Manager/Administrative

To address Social/Emotional Learning:

- Franklin Covey Subscription/Professional Development/Supplies

To address the Improvement of Indoor Air Quality:

- Middle School/High School: HVAC System Upgrade