

Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

ARP ESSER Fund Expenditure Compliance Report

S105-2021 Appropriations Act

S.L. 2021-25, sec. 3.5(c) as enacted by

S.L. 2021 - 180, sec. 7.27(a)

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BACKGROUND

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is charged with annually reporting expenditures pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) state reserve allocated to public school units (PSUs). The requirement is based in the Appropriations Act, S105 – 2021. More specifically, S.L. 2021-25, section 3.5(c) as enacted by S.L. 2021-180, section 7.27(a).

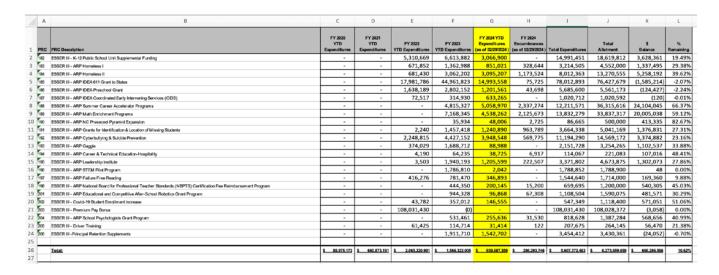
ARP is the third round of pandemic funding with availability through September 30, 2024. This was the largest pandemic award received by North Carolina. Ninety percent of funds were provided directly to the PSUs. The remaining ten percent was appropriated by the general assembly, with much of the ten percent being subgranted to PSUs.

ARP STATE PLAN

In order to receive and utilize ARP funding, North Carolina had to submit a state plan for approval to the US Department of Education. The contents of the plan outlines the strategies and uses of how North Carolina proposed to use the funds to address, overcome, and emerge stronger from the COVID pandemic. North Carolina ultimately received approval for their state plan on June 16, 2023.

EXPENDITURE DATA

The chart below indicates the ARP state reserve subgrant expenditures to date. This chart also shows the percent remaining. Each of the program report codes (PRC) is a subgrant to eligible PSUs.



Additional ARP ESSER expenditure information can be found at the following link:

https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/covid-funds

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STATE PLAN RESPONSE

The US Department of Education accepted and approved North Carolina's ARP state plan, which included the appropriation plan and North Carolina's plan for addressing and tracking the efforts of combating learning loss resulting from the COVID pandemic. No changes were required from the senate appropriations bill.