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**American Rescue Plan ESSER III**

“Under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III ARP Fund (ESSER III), the Department awards grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency 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 nation. LEAs must provide services to students and teachers in public schools as required under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” Source (ESSER III Grant Application).

The District is to receive $223,245 of which $44,613 must be allocated for learning loss. In addition, the District must seek public input regarding this grant’s use of funds plan. Sections of the grant application are included for review; however, the summary of the use of funds plan and budget detail is provided below.

**Summary of Use of Funds**

Grant funds would be utilized for a Summer Book Club (summer of 2022) and to restart our After School Tutoring Program (program would be spread across multiple school years and begin this school year). The Summer Book Club would promote literacy and reinforce and teach reading comprehension skills. The After School Tutoring Program is designed to provide support, interventions, and enrichment opportunities. Both programs would be for all students who are interested.

In addition, grant funds would be utilized to help pay for an upcoming HVAC project that is currently in the planning phase and related to the initiative of upgrades in the 1956, 1966, and 1980 building sections. You may recall that our Board of Education has participated in strategic planning throughout the last few years, which includes working on a Master Capital Improvement Plan. As a result, Phase I of integrating the 1956, 1966, and 1980 Building Sections into a unit HVAC system versus individual air handling units was completed in the summer of 2019. Phase II of this initiative is in the planning phase and tentatively slated for this summer (2022), which would improve air quality, increase comfort, be more energy efficient, and reduce ongoing maintenance costs. The project will replace the single air handling units in the five rooms of the 1966 Building Addition and replace the two boilers (current age-2001) in the 1956 Building Section. In addition, as part of our recent 10-Year Health Life Safety Inspection, it was noted that exhaust systems in these areas need to be addressed as well. Thus, this exhaust system work is slated to be included in the project as well. Funds from this grant will help support the costs of the work described above. This project would complete the initiative of replacing all single unit ventilators in the 1956, 1966, and 1980 Building Sections with a unit HVAC system.

**Use of Funds: Budget Detail**

Funding for the District to provide up to three certified teachers for three times a week for 1 hour each day for tutoring 3:15-4:15 after school for any student interested. The tutoring will include support, intervention, and enrichment opportunities. The hourly rate will be $50 per hour. It is estimated to provide 225 days of after-school tutoring or (75 weeks of 3 sessions per week). It is estimated that this program will be spread out over the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2024-2025 school years. $33750

Funds for providing a certified teacher to coordinate a Summer Book Club (twice a month during the summer of 2022 for a total of approximately 26 hours) to promote literacy and reinforce and teach reading comprehension skills. The certified teacher would be paid $50 per hour. $1350

Funds for per hour benefits - federal TRS ($5.66), TRS/THIS ($5.63), and Medicare ($.73) for three certified teachers three times a week for 1 hour each day. $8114

Funds for per hour benefits for one certified teacher for 26 hours to coordinate Summer Book Club - federal TRS ($5.66), TRS/THIS ($5.63), and Medicare ($.73) for 26 hours during the summer of 2022. $324

Funds for HVAC equipment, two boilers, and exhaust fans for renovation and construction costs for a project, which will allow the 1966 Building Section (five rooms) and the 1956 Building Section to have improved air quality for staff and students limiting the transmitting of COVID-19 and other infections or diseases. $178632

Funds set aside to support the Summer Book Club (supplies, books, and snacks). $130

Funds set aside to support the After-School Tutoring Program (supplies, books, activities, and snacks). $945

Total Funds Allocated for Learning Loss $44,613

Total Grant Funds $232,245