

ESSER Fund 3.0 Funding Application Reminders and Updates

This document contains reminders and updates on the required Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund 3.0 funding applications. For additional questions beyond what is covered in this document, contact the appropriate [divisional coordinator](#) for Relief Funding including ESSER 1.0, ESSER 2.0, and ESSER 3.0.

General Reminders

- According to guidance, the overall purpose of the CARES Act, CRRSA Act, or ARP Act programs, is “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19”.
- LEAs must use the [ESSER Funds 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 Recommended Account Numbers and Line Items](#) document to assist in budgeting these funds for purchases.
- **UPDATE:** ESSER 1.0, ESSER 2.0, and ESSER 3.0 funds may be used to serve students in grades pre-K-12 in Tennessee’s schools.

Pre-Approval Request

- A pre-approval request must be completed in ePlan if ESSER 2.0 or ESSER 3.0 funds will be used for construction. For additional guidance on the pre-approval process, access the [Questions & Answers: ESSER 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0: Requirements for Equipment/Capital Expenditures](#) document in ePlan.
- As a rule of thumb, if an LEA has been able to pay for software, equipment, or supplies in a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), the LEA is not required to complete a pre-approval for that item. For example, Invention Software or Chromebooks would not require a pre-approval, only approval in the funding application.

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- ESSER 3.0 funds can be used to restore physical space for appropriate social distancing for physical education (P.E.) and student recess time (social skills building) while learning since the purpose of the funds is to keep students physically in school.