

ESSER Funds Update

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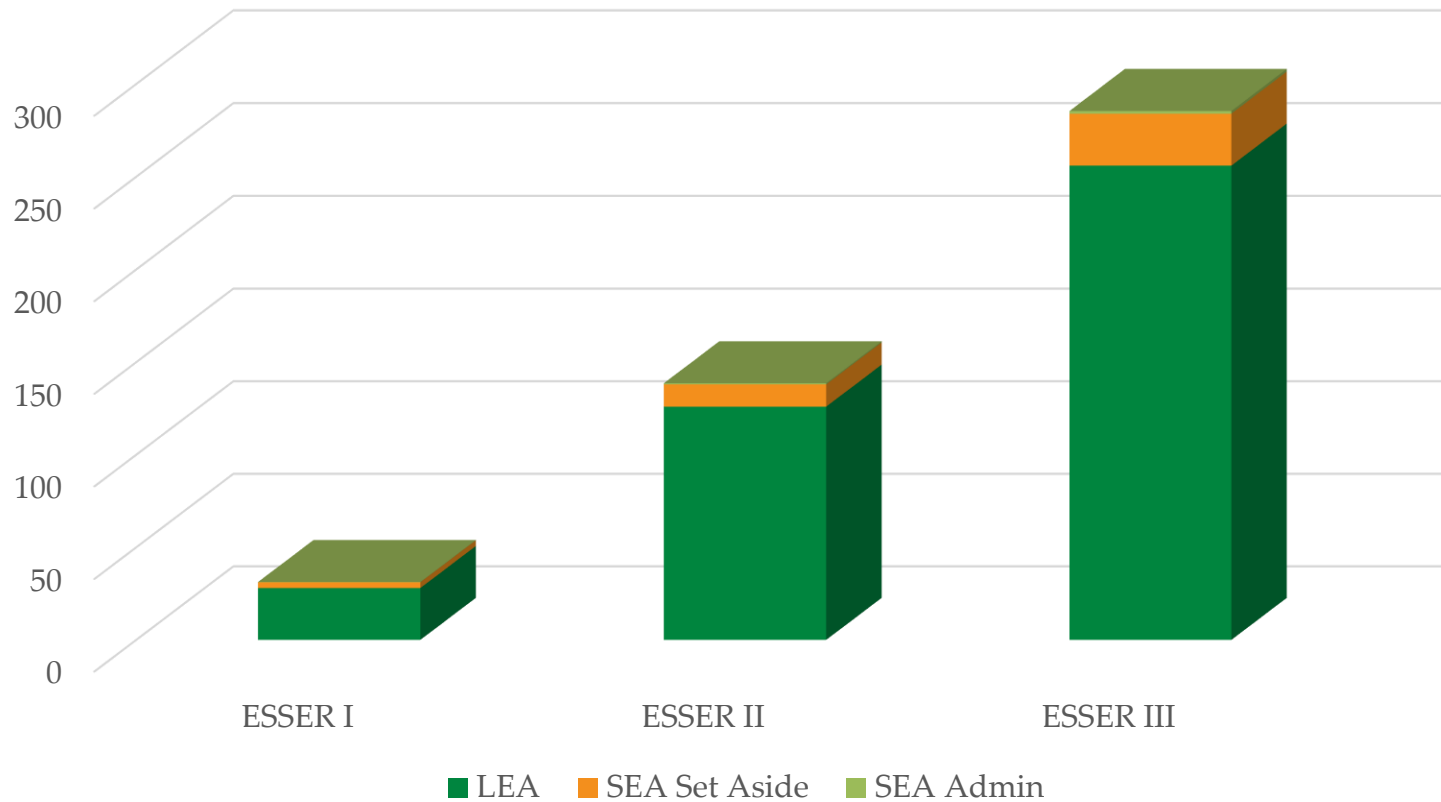
Common Terms

- **ESSER:** Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund
- **LEA:** Local Education Entity (in Vermont, this is our Supervisory Unions and Supervisory Districts (SU/SDs))
- **SEA:** State Education Entity (the Vermont Agency of Education, AOE)
- **Period of performance:** the period of time in which an LEA/SEA needs to obligate or encumber its funds. Any funds not obligated must be returned to the federal government

Transparency Dashboards

- The AOE has created two transparency dashboards on the [Education Recovery and Revitalization website](#)
- [ESSER and GEER LEA dashboard](#)
- [ESSER State Level funds dashboard](#)

ESSER I, II and ARP ESSER



	LEA	SEA Set Aside	SEA Admin
ESSER I	\$28,033,524	\$2,959,095	\$155,741
ESSER II	\$114,276,027	\$12,062,469	\$634,867
ESSER III	\$256,701,073	\$27,096,224	\$1,426,117
Totals	\$399,010,624	\$42,117,788	\$2,216,725

Summary of LEA-level ESSER I

- Period of performance ended September 30, 2022

Awarded	Paid	Remaining Funds
\$28,096,135.95	\$25,916,594.71	\$2,179,541.24

The majority of the remaining funds have been expended by LEAs. The AOE has until January 30, 2023 to pay out the remaining reimbursement requests and close this grant program.

Summary of LEA-level ESSER II

- Period of performance ends September 30, 2023

Awarded	Paid	Remaining Funds
\$114,275,365.87	\$72,395,123.34	\$41,880,242.53

Summary of LEA-level ARP ESSER

- Period of performance ends September 30, 2024

Awarded	Paid	Remaining Funds
\$239,904,904.20	\$25,488,211.97	\$214,416,692.23

Summary of LEA-level ARP ESSER

- Total for Vermont: \$285,164,138
 - LEAs- \$ \$256,701,073
 - SEA set aside- \$28,522,341 (of which a maximum of \$1,426,117 may be used for administration)
- Specific mandated spending allocations for LEAs and the AOE
- Period of performance from 3/13/20-9/30/24

ESSER SEA Set Aside Funds

Summary of SEA Set Asides for ESSER I, II and ARP ESSER

	SEA Set Aside available to obligate	SEA Administrative set aside
ESSER I	\$2,959,095	\$155,741
ESSER II	\$12,062,469	\$634,867
ARP ESSER	\$27,096,224	\$1,426,117
Totals	\$42,117,788	\$2,216,725

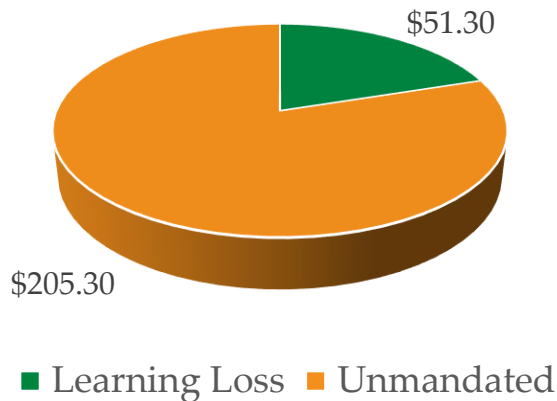
Summary of ARP ESSER Set Aside Mandated Allocations

	ARP ESSER SEA Set Aside	Appropriated in FY22	Appropriated in FY23
Learning Loss	\$14,261,170.00	\$12,909,000.00	\$1,352,170.00
Summer Enrichment	\$2,852,234.00	\$0.00	\$2,852,234.00
Afterschool	\$2,852,234.00	\$0.00	\$2,852,234.00
Emergency Reserve	\$7,130,586.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$1,130,586.00
Admin	\$1,426,000.00	\$1,426,000.00	\$0.00

*All ESSER I, II and ARP ESSER state set aside funds were fully appropriated in FY 22 and FY 23

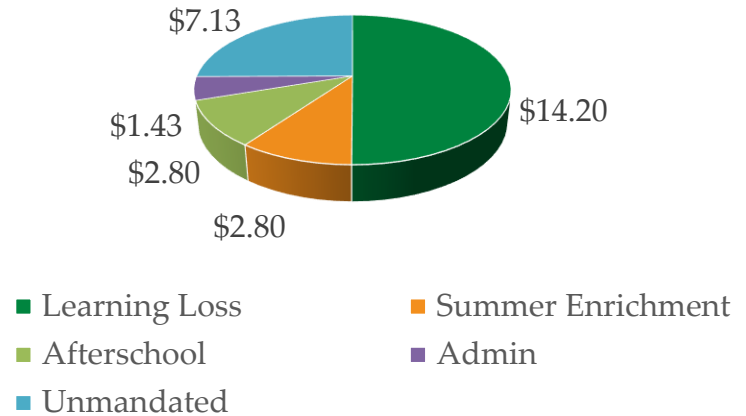
ARP ESSER Spending Mandates

LEA Spending Mandates



	LEAs
Learning Loss	\$51,329,544
Unmandated	\$205,318,179

SEA Set Aside Spending Mandates



	ARP ESSER SEA Set Aside
Learning Loss	\$14,261,170
Summer Enrichment	\$2,852,234
Afterschool	\$2,852,234
Admin	\$1,426,000
Unmandated	\$7,130,586

Education Recovery and Revitalization Pillars

- Student Engagement/Truancy
- Academic Achievement and Success
- Social emotional Learning and Mental Health
- Safe and Healthy Schools

Major Set Aside Initiatives in 2023-2024

- Includes both ESSER II and ARP ESSER funds
- Expanding access to high quality educational experiences
- Investing in data-driven systems that will support evidence-based decision making to improve student outcomes
- Direct supports for students and educators to address mental health and wellness
- Investing in safe and healthy schools

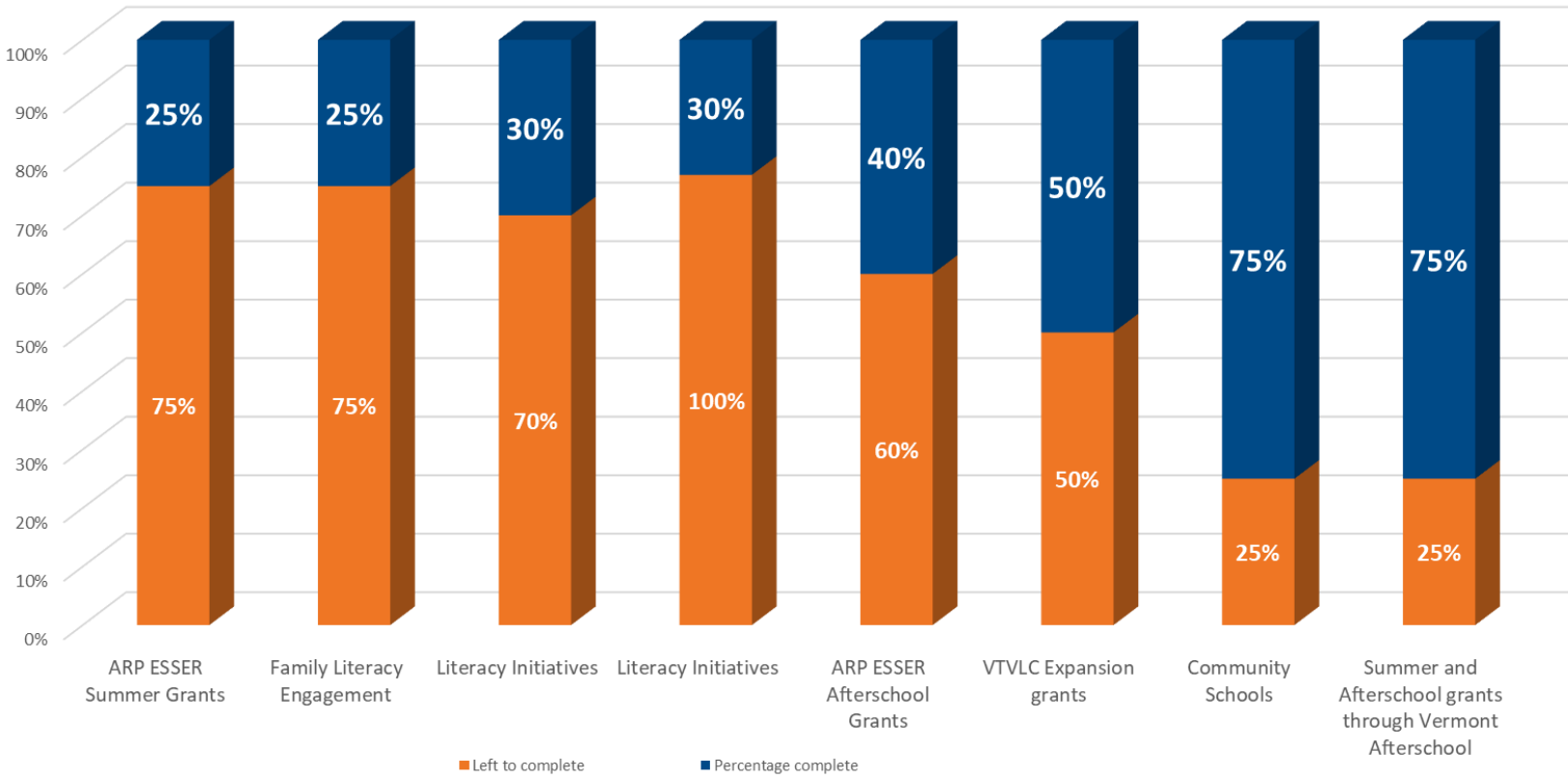
Summary of Major Initiatives Investments

Category	Total Amount (rounded)
Expanding Access	\$24,000,000
Data Driven Systems	\$2,876,000
Mental Health and Wellness	\$4,395,000
Safe and Healthy Schools	\$4,200,000

Expanding Access

Initiative	Allocation / Budgeted	Amount Awarded/Expended
Community Schools	\$3,399,000.00	\$3,399,000.00
Summer and Afterschool grants through Vermont Afterschool	\$8,434,772.00	\$7,261,886.00
ARP ESSER Afterschool Grants	\$2,852,234.00	\$2,387,312.00
ARP ESSER Summer Grants	\$2,852,234.00	\$0.00
Family Literacy Engagement	\$325,000.00	\$0.00
VTVLC Expansion grants	\$1,900,000.00	\$1,900,000.00
Literacy Initiatives	\$3,534,000.00	\$3,150,000.00

Expanding Access Initiatives Progress



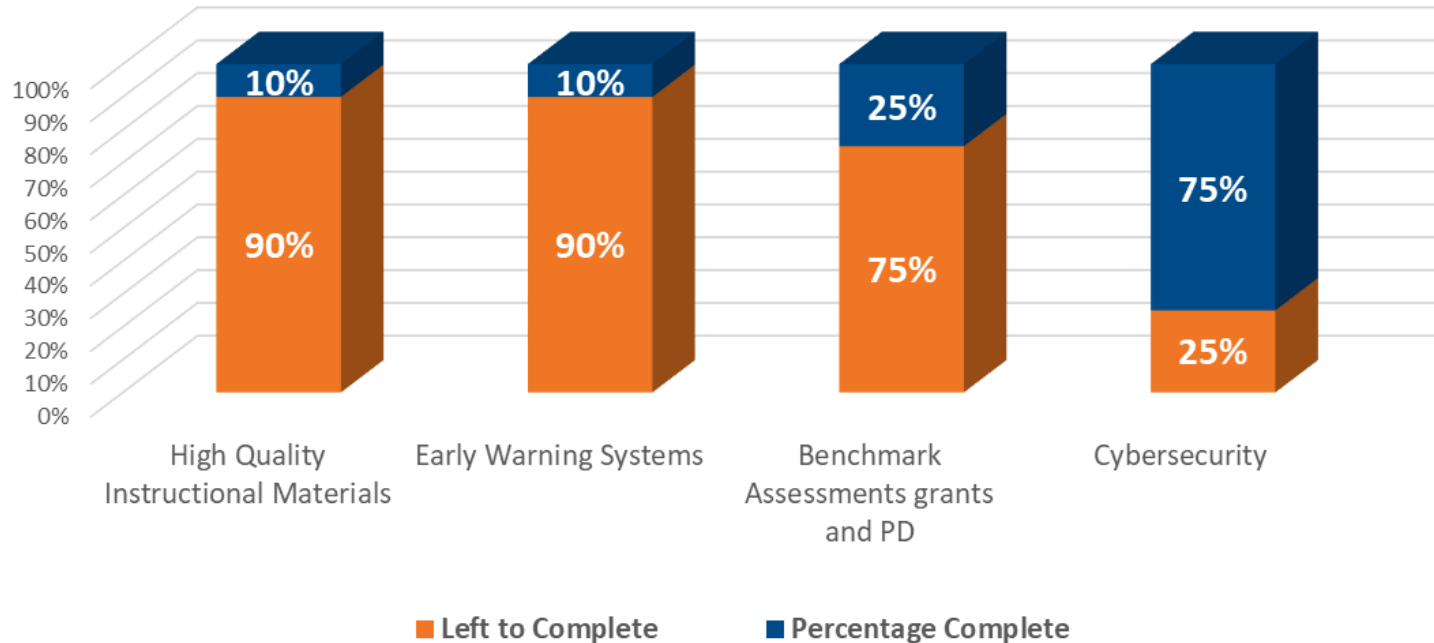
Expanding Access Initiatives Progress

Initiative	Status	Left to complete	Percentage complete
ARP ESSER Summer Grants	Applications in process	75%	25%
Family Literacy Engagement	RFP in progress	75%	25%
Literacy Initiatives	Contract approval, AOE position hired	70%	30%
Literacy Initiatives	Contract approval, AOE position hired	100%	30%
ARP ESSER Afterschool Grants	Round II applications in process	60%	40%
VTVLC Expansion grants	Awarded	50%	50%
Community Schools	Awarded	25%	75%
Summer and Afterschool grants through Vermont Afterschool	Awarded	25%	75%

Data-driven Systems

Initiative	Allocation/Budgeted	Amount Awarded/Expended
Cybersecurity	\$250,000	\$250,000
Benchmark Assessments grants and PD	\$1,000,000	\$0
High Quality Instructional Materials	\$1,276,000	\$0
Early Warning Systems	\$350,000	\$0

Data-Driven Systems Initiatives Progress

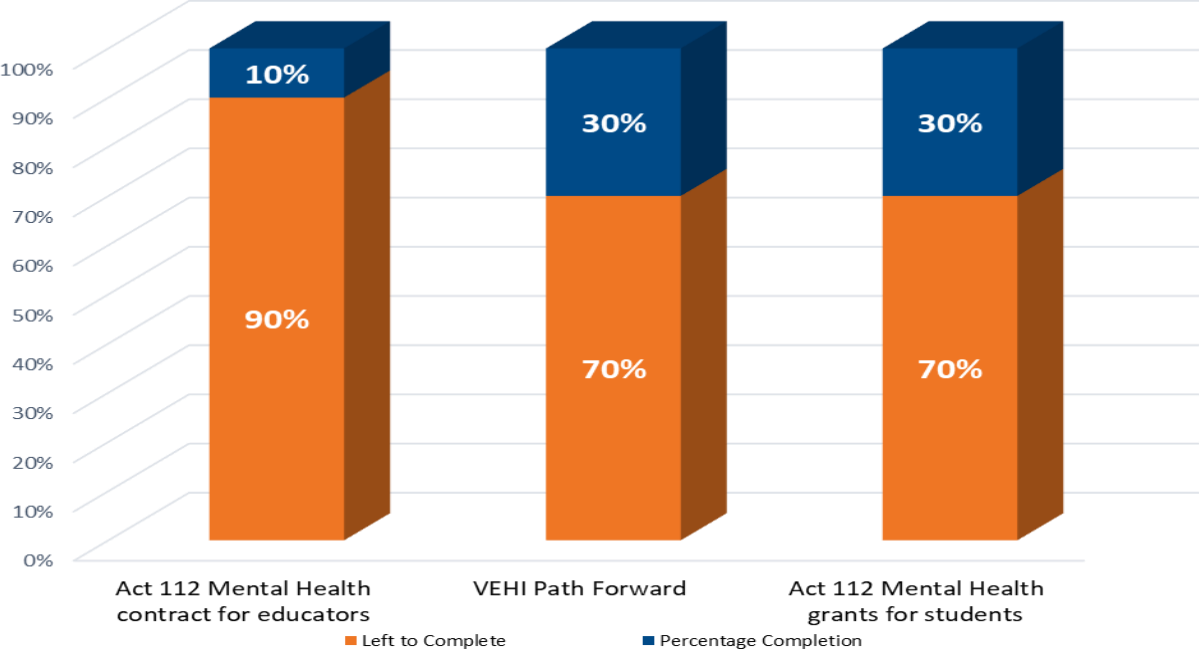


Initiative	Status	Left to Complete	Percentage Complete
High Quality Instructional Materials	RFP in progress	90%	10%
Early Warning Systems	RFP in progress	90%	10%
Benchmark Assessments grants and PD	Applications and RFP in progress	75%	25%
Cybersecurity	Awarded	25%	75%

Mental Health and Wellness

Initiative	Allocation/Budgeted	Amount Awarded/Expended
VEHI Path Forward	\$1,395,000	\$1,395,000
Act 112 Mental Health grants for students	\$2,500,000	\$0
Act 112 Mental Health contract for educators	\$500,000	\$0

MEH and Wellness Initiatives Progress

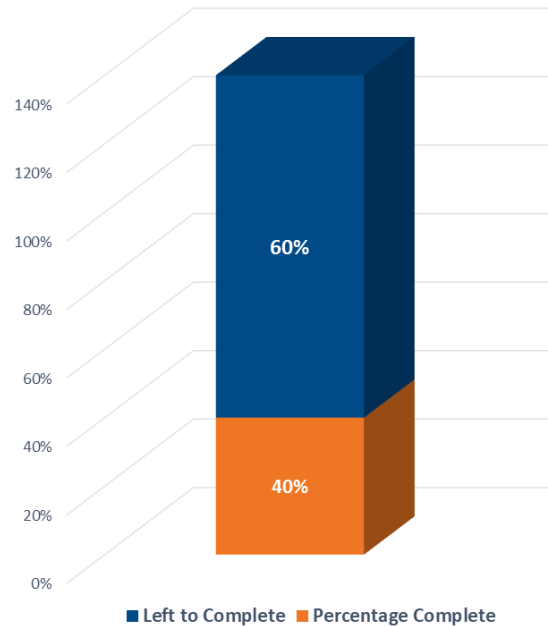


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Act 112 Mental Health contract for educators	RFP in progress	90%	10%
VEHI Path Forward	Awarded	70%	30%
Act 112 Mental Health grants for students	Awarded	70%	30%

Safe and Healthy Schools

Initiative	Allocation/Budgeted	Amount Awarded/Expended	Status	% complete
Act 72 Facilities Programs	4,127,500	2,420,000	Facilities Inventory and Assessments in progress	40%

Safe and Healthy Schools Initiatives Progress



Status	Left to Complete	Percentage Complete
Facilities Inventory and Assessments in progress	60%	40%

Anticipated major work in 2023

- Complete Act 72 Facilities Assessment
- Begin Literacy Professional Development contract for educators
- Expand access to mental health and wellness supports for students and educators through Act 112 and VEHI Path Forward
- Rollout contracts for Data-Driven Systems Initiatives
- Support SU/SDs in afterschool, community schools, and summer programming
- Support SU/SDs in preparing for FY 25 budgets and to identify impactful ESSER-funded programs to continue after ESSER funding sunsets