

# ESSER Funds Update

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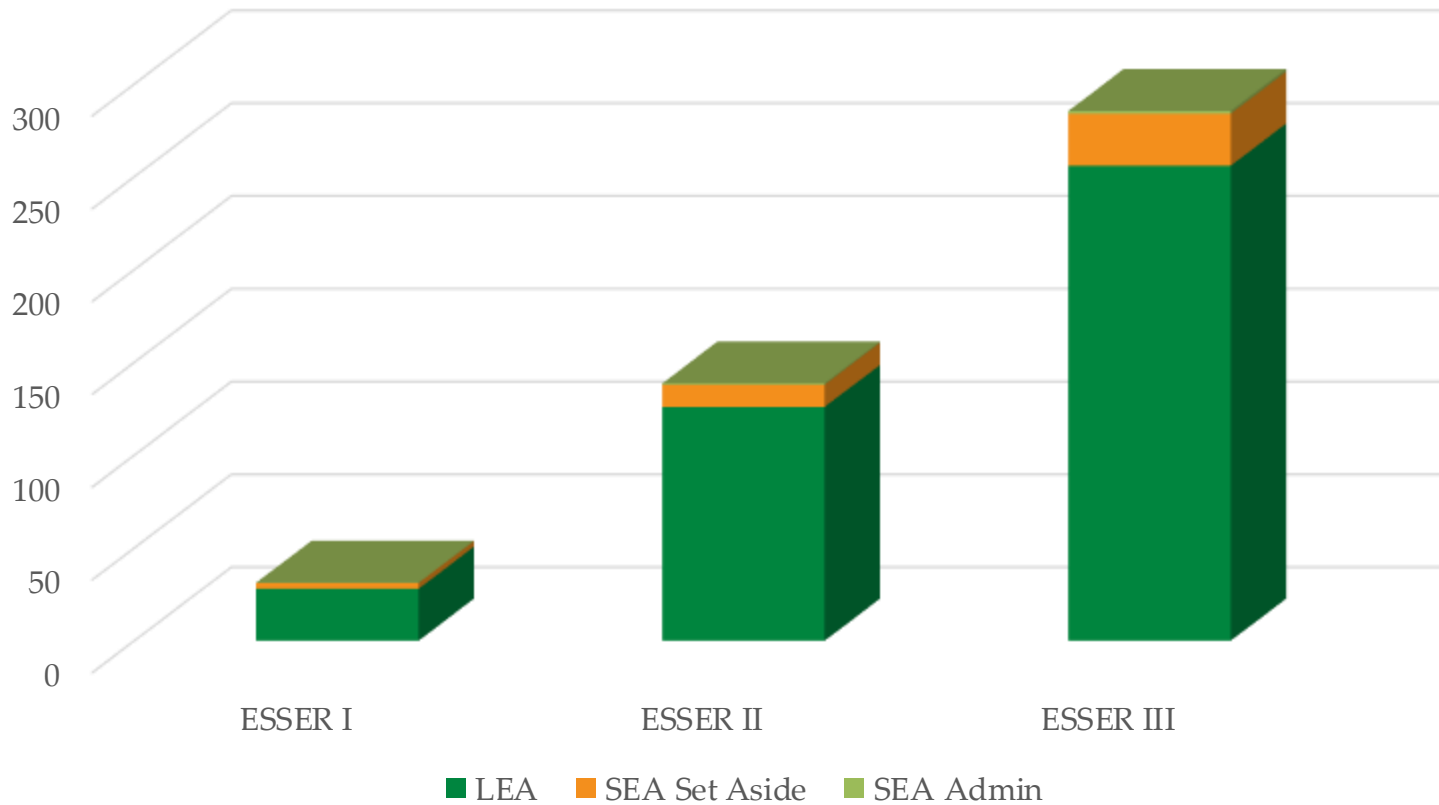
# Common Terms

- **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

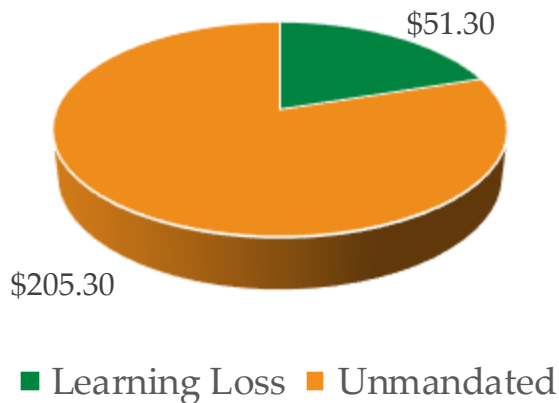
# Summary of ARP ESSER Set Aside Mandated Allocations

	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

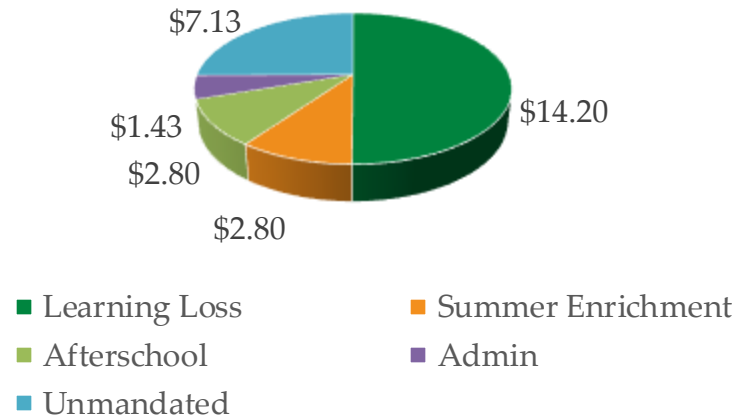
# ARP ESSER Spending Mandates

## 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

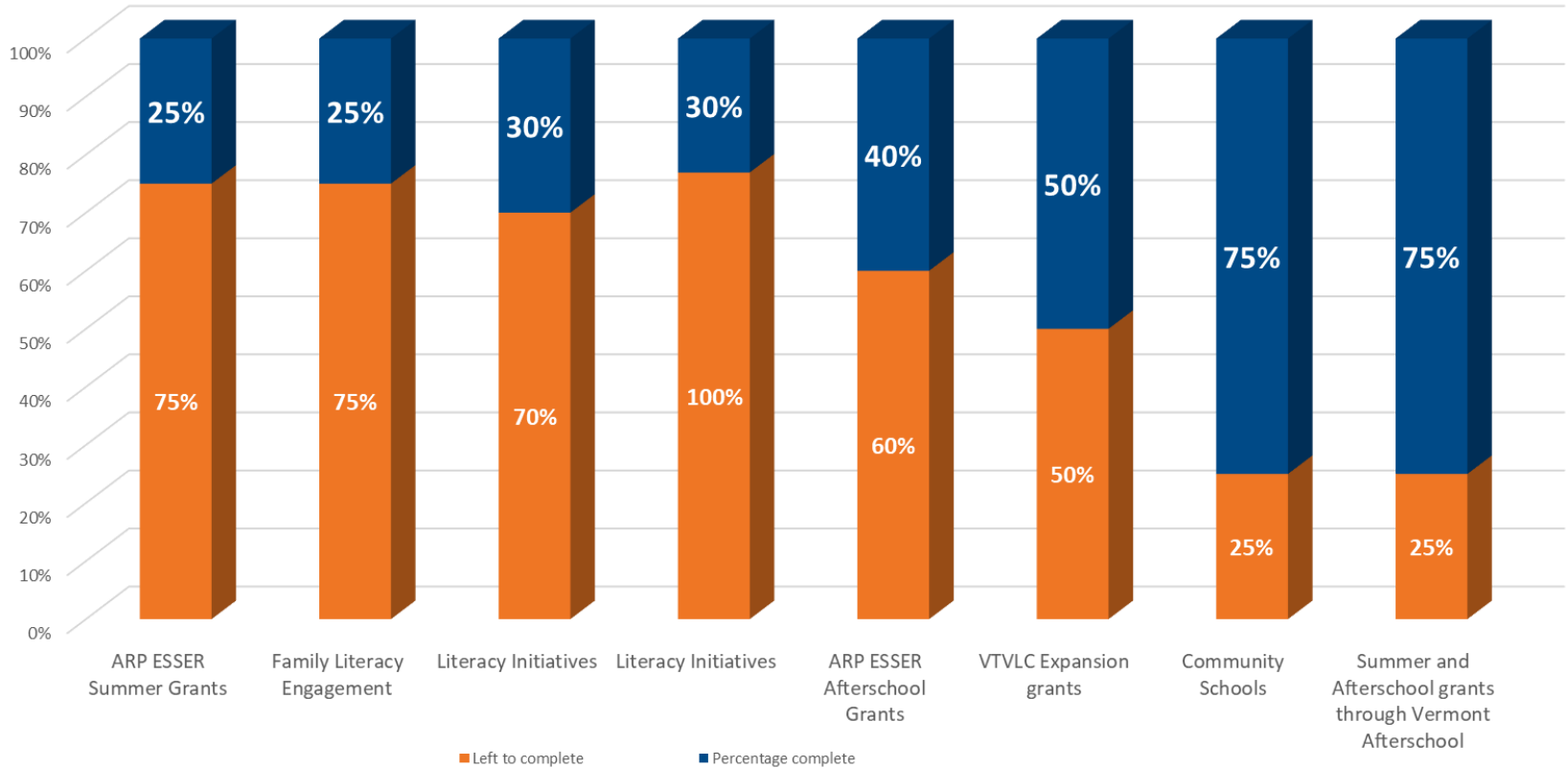
Category	Total Amount (rounded)
Expanding Access	\$24,000,000
Data Driven Systems	\$2,876,000
Mental Health and Wellness	\$4,395,000
Safe and Healthy Schools	\$4,200,000

# 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



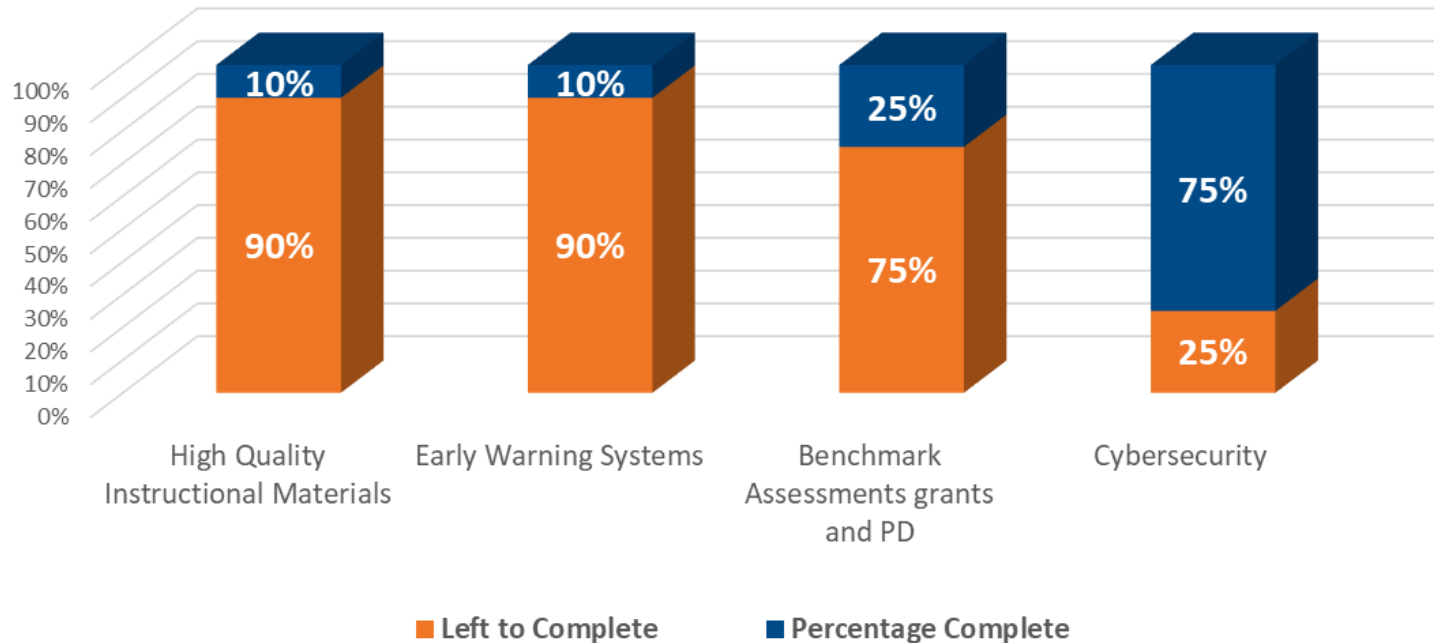
# Expanding Access Initiatives Progress

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

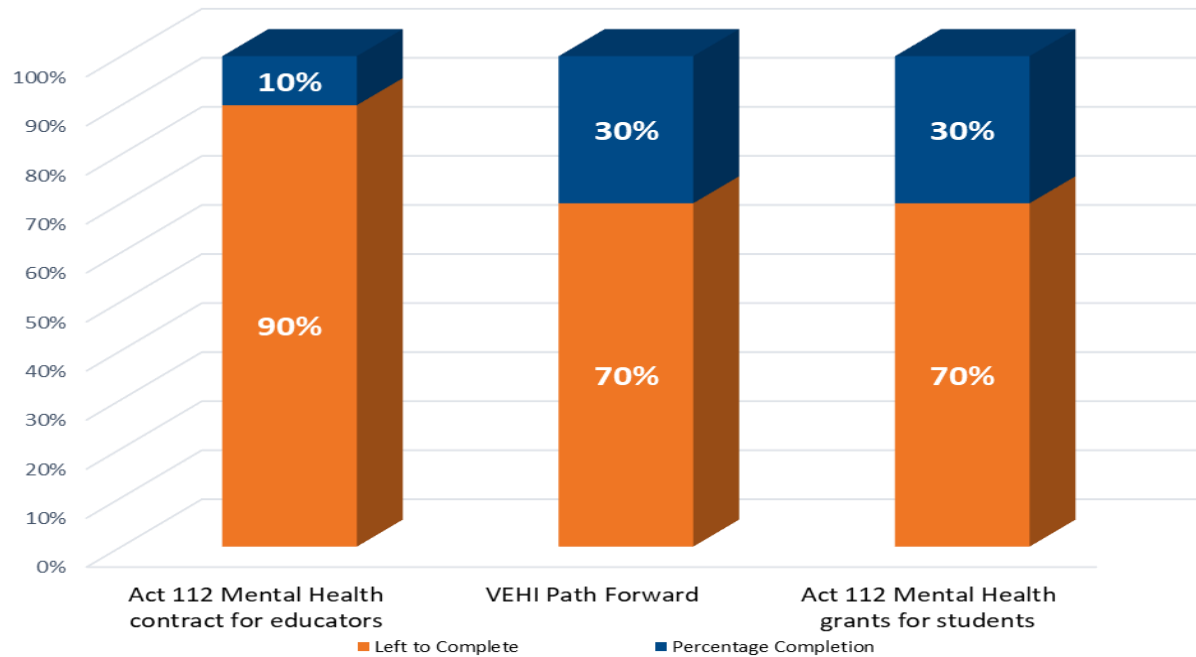


Initiative	Status	Left to Complete	Percentage Complete
High Quality Instructional Materials	RFP in progress	90%	10%
Early Warning Systems	RFP in progress	90%	10%
Benchmark Assessments grants and PD	Applications and RFP in progress	75%	25%
Cybersecurity	Awarded	25%	75%

# 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

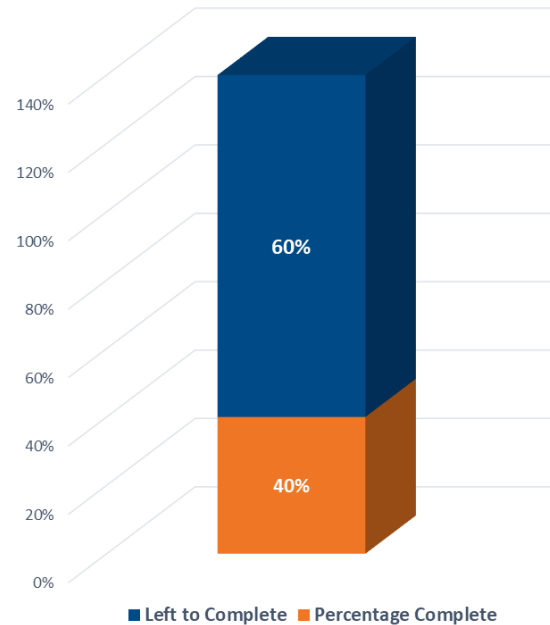


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Act 112 Mental Health contract for educators	RFP in progress	90%	10%
VEHI Path Forward	Awarded	70%	30%
Act 112 Mental Health grants for students	Awarded	70%	30%

# 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