



DESE Funding and Resources that can be used to Support Behavioral & Mental Health and Wellbeing Efforts

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DESE Funding & Resources - Examples

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DESE SEL related overarching focus areas

“Supporting social-emotional competencies, health & safety” (one of 5 core strategies) ❤️

& “Holistic Support & Enrichment”
(one of 4 Our Way Forward themes)

Views on Instruction, State Standards, Teaching, and Assessment (VISTA) survey (2019)

- When school principals (2019) were asked to what extent the following were *a challenge to their school community's efforts to develop and address students' social-emotional, mental, and behavioral health needs*:

- 77-89% indicated these were a moderate or major challenge:

89%

- *Funding to pay for available services (89%)*
- *Availability of services (86%)*
- *Transportation to/from existing services (77%)*
- *Prevention/promotion efforts that help decrease the need for more intensive services (86%)*

Social and Emotional Learning, Health, and Safety

Superintendents from a majority of districts agreed their districts coordinate with students' families and that they support staff members' social and emotional well-being, but a smaller majority reported that they had a sufficient number of specialists to address all social and emotional needs; only a minority reported having sufficient community resources to support those needs.

	Agree
District has a sufficient number of specialists (e.g. counselors, social workers) to address SEL needs	64%
District has access to sufficient community resources (e.g., psychological services, youth organizations, hospitals) to support SEL needs	46%
District coordinates with students' families to support SEL needs	88%
District supports staff members' social and emotional well-being	86%

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46%

Agree strongly + agree somewhat from survey questions D2a-d

DESE Funding & Resources - Examples

Funding, including Grants

Funding Sources through DESE - Formula

Examples include:

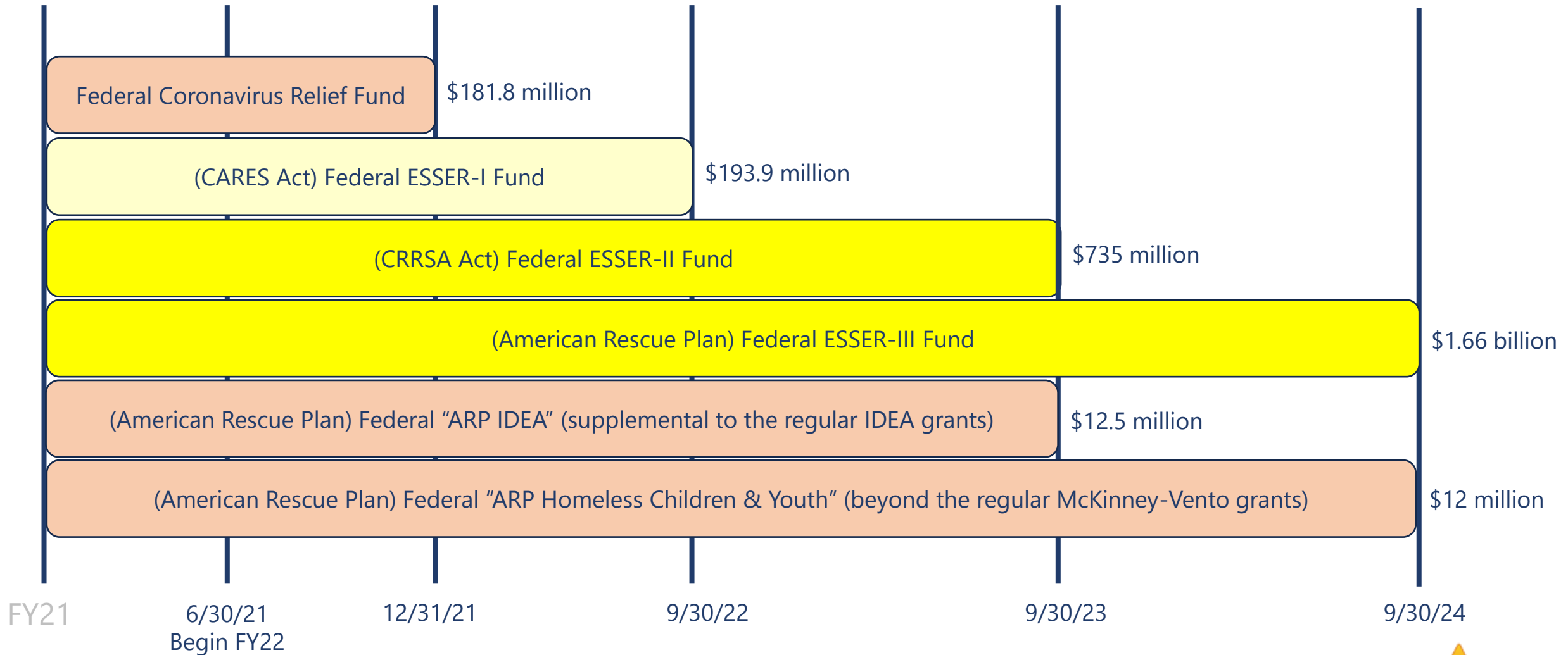
- **Student Opportunity Act**
 - [AN ACT RELATIVE TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS](#) – districts to receive additional Formula funding through Chapter 70, and submit 3-year, evidence-based plans (last due Jan 2021)– to include...
 - (ii) a description of the evidence-based programs, supports and interventions that the school district will implement to address persistent disparities in achievement among student subgroups, including, but not limited to:...*
 - *(C) social services to support students' social-emotional and physical health;*
 - DESE [Guidance](#)
 - *Example programs outlined by DESE ... local plans can include funding for staff/services to support holistic student needs and enrichment, community partnerships and wraparound services, facilities improvements for healthy and safe environments...*

Funding Sources through DESE - Formula

Examples include:

- [ESSA](#) (e.g., Titles [I](#), [IVA](#)...) for districts
- [ESSER](#) funding (I, II, III)
 - II [QRG](#): Allowable fund use includes: **Social Emotional Supports, Parent and Student Engagement: to address student mental health and wellbeing and engagement in learning**
 - III: To help schools and districts safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and must respond to the academic, **social, emotional**, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - [In FC 119 RFP](#) (4-yr total [amounts posted](#)): 20% min. of district ESSER III funds to address lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that those interventions respond to students' **social, emotional**, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups...
 - Submitted early Oct. 2021, with updated plans due approx. every 6 months until 9/30/23

Federal Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds Relief Funding – Sequencing of ~\$2.78 billion over 3+ years



Funding Sources through DESE - Other Grants

Examples include:

- *Supporting Students' SEL, Behavioral & Mental Health (MH), and Wellness through MTSS (SEL & MH Grant) - Fund Code 613/311/332 ([FY22 RFP](#)) ~ \$7.2M*
 - piloting universal mental health screenings for students K-12;
 - developing comprehensive, integrated multi-tiered systems for student, family, and educator social-emotional and/or mental health supports; and
 - building sustainable infrastructure to facilitate integrated coordination between school and community-based services and/or providers.
- *FY22 FC 613/311/332 FY22 SEL Mental Health Grant awardees-*
<https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2022/awards/613-311-332.docx>

Funding Sources through DESE- Other Grants

Examples include:

- *Integrating Social and Emotional Learning into Academic Learning (FC 151) ([FY21](#) competitive / [FY22](#) continuation RFP [FY22](#) awardees) ~ \$250K*
 - SELIS – Social and Emotional Learning Indicator System (10 districts)
 - SEL/Academic Integration using Service-Learning (14 districts)
- *Safe and Supportive Schools [Grants](#) (FY22 [competitive](#) & [continuation](#) RFP) ~ \$250K*
 - Creating and implementation action plans that strengthen equitable, culturally responsive and sustaining, safe, positive, healthy and inclusive whole-school learning environments and making effective use of a system for integrating services and aligning initiatives that promote students' behavioral health, including social and emotional learning and more.



Funding Sources through DESE- Other Grants

Examples include:

- **ARP ESSER Additional Competitive Grant Funds - (DESE set-aside) ~ \$36M**
 - **ASOST-Rebound (ASOST-R) Subgrant Grant** ([FC 409](#)) to fund several regional or statewide non-profit entities with the ability to subgrant and provide wraparound support to afterschool and out-of-school time (ASOST) providers. The goal is to help ASOST programs rebound and strengthen quality of services from impacts of COVID-19 and improve students' learning and **social-emotional** outcomes and access to enrichment opportunities. [FY22](#) *awardees*
 - **Summer School/Learning Program Expansion & Engagement Grant** (FC 525/527) geared primarily to school districts to support the development, expansion and engagement of high quality, comprehensive summer school/learning programs to address both the academic and **social-emotional** learning and support needs. *“Likely posted in March”*.
- **Other [ASOST](#) & [21st Century Community Learning Centers](#) Grants**

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❖ *Professional Development / Networking*

Professional Development (PD) / Networking

Examples include:

- [Multi-Tiered Systems of Support \(MTSS\) Academies](#)
 - E.g., SEL/Mental Health, Systemic Student Support (S3), and Culturally Responsive Teaching
- Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems (CSMHS):
 - E.g., [Thriving Minds](#) PD series, and Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network ([CoIIN](#))
- [Safe and Supportive Schools & Rethinking Discipline PD](#)
 - E.g., School Climate & Discipline Data Dive (early Fall 2021), and Anti-Racist Advocates (Spring 2022)
- [Early Childhood Educators PD](#)
 - E.g., Intro to PK-K SEL Standards; and Family Engagement in SEL (early Fall 2021)
- [Elementary School Principals PD](#)
 - E.g., Anti-Racist Leadership in Elementary Schools Webinar Series (Winter 2021-'22), and PK-8 Spring Conference - Anti-Racist SEL: The Importance of Family and Student Voice, in-person (Spring 2022)

Professional Development (PD) / Networking

Examples includes

- Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)
 - In FY21 – Offered a total of 35 YMHFA trainings for more than 400 school staff and community partners who work with students.
 - In FY22 – Have capacity to offer approximately 100 YMHFA trainings to 3,000 school staff and community partners who work with students, and to provide follow up coaching support.
- Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)
 - In FY21 – Offered 4 adult MHFA trainings to approximately 50 participants.

DESE Funding & Resources - Examples

Guidance / Information

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Examples include:

- [DESE's SEL Webpage](#)
 - [Examples of Department Guidance Documents, Resources, and PD](#)
 - SEL Guiding Principles in [Math/ELA](#) Curriculum Frameworks
 - [Culturally Responsive Social-Emotional Competency Development](#)
 - [Guidebook for Inclusive Practice](#) & [Foundations online courses](#) for Educators and Administrators
 - [Safe and Supportive Schools Framework & Self-Reflection Tool](#)
 - [Acceleration Roadmap](#): including a focus on belonging & partnership among students & families
 - [PreK-K Standards on SEL and Approaches to Play and Learning \(APL\)](#)
 - Promoting Student Engagement, Learning, Wellbeing and Safety — [\(Released Summer 2021 with Power Point slides\)](#)



Guidance / Information

Examples include:

- Holistic Support and Enrichment, SEL, Health and Safety Newsletter
[Sign-up](#) & [See Past Issues](#)
- [Framework](#) for comprehensive health and physical education under revisions
- [DESE Mental & Behavioral Health Related Resources during COVID-19](#)

Guidance / Information

Examples include:

- Views on Climate and Learning ([VOCAL](#)) – student climate survey and [crosswalk](#) with SEL and more
- *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* – to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disease, injury, and social problems among youth
- *School Health Profiles* – to assess health education and health policies and practices in middle and high schools across the Commonwealth



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