

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 ESSER Liquidation Extension Introduction

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund is a vital tool to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by helping to accelerate student learning; rebuild our educator workforce; support record expansion of before, after, and summer learning and enrichment programs; and keep schools operating safely. The liquidation extension process for ARP ESSER and EANS funds is designed by the US Department of Education to ensure that every possible resource is available to continue the collective work to address the pandemic's impacts on our students, schools, and families.

ARP initiatives eligible for liquidation extension include all eligible ARP ESSER expenditures that are obligated per federal regulations and statutes. These funds must be obligated by July 1, 2024. With an approved liquidation extension, certain ARP ESSER payments and reimbursement requests can be extended for up to 18 months (to Feb. 2026).

Per federal regulations and statutory provisions, expenses associated with travel completed after 9/30/2024, state or district employee salaries and fringe benefits after 9/30/2024, rental and utility costs for billing periods after 9/30/2024.

All ARP funds must be obligated no later than Sept. 30, 2024; funds which are part of an ARP extended liquidation request must be obligated by July 1, 2024

Without an approved liquidation extension, all ARP ESSER payments must be paid and reimbursements requested from KDE by Nov. 15, 2024.

Most Change Orders/Contract Amendments/etc. to ESSER-funded obligations that are signed after Sept. 30, 2024 cannot be paid with ESSER funds.

Instructions

Do not change or modify the fields in the spreadsheet. **Only enter data in the yellow-shaded fields throughout this workbook.** There are three (3) spreadsheets in this workbook. Districts must provide information in each workbook.

- 1 Complete **ALL yellow-shaded fields** in the three tabs in this workbook. All incomplete application packages will be returned to the District Superintendent and Finance Officer.
Liquidation Request Details sheet: Enter each project or initiative on a separate line. Certain totals will be calculated automatically. If the district needs to list more than ten projects, highlight a row and insert a new row.
Liquidation Request Details sheet: follow the instructions included in row six to provide all required information.
Liquidation Request Details, Column I: Enter the obligations (fully executed and legally binding contracts) which were in effect on June 30, 2024 and are necessary to complete the project or purpose identified in the Type of Project, Facility or Order Number, and Use of Funds Columns. This amount **MUST** be less than or equal to the Balance Remaining in the District Summary Data Tab. The total of this column is the amount for which the District is requesting a liquidation extension.
Required Assurances: Obtain Superintendent approval of each of the Assurances, sign and date the page
- 2 Complete the ARP Act-ESSER Funds District Review/Assessment. This is an important part of the application package; failure to return this document as part of the application will require the application to be returned to the district for revision.
- 3 Obtain Board Approval for the Liquidation Extension Application
- 4 **Upload the full ARP ESSER Liquidation Extension Application package to the SharePoint site on or before July 8, 2024. See information below for location and upload instructions.**

See below for Upload Instructions and for the link to the upload location.

Upload Instructions

The completed application package **must** include:

- * The completed workbook
- * The ARP-Act ESSER Fund District Review/Assessment
- * Copy of the Local Board minutes approving the Liquidation Extension Application
- * Copies of all applicable contracts, payment documents, MUNIS reports, etc. that pertain to and substantiate the Liquidation Extension application

- 1 Each District's folder into which the completed application package will be uploaded to KDE. [Click here for District Folders](#)
- 2 Upload the completed *Workbook* and *ARP-Act ESSER Fund District Review/Assessment* to the main folder that has been created for your District.

- 3 Upload all documentation, including the Board Minutes, to the Supporting Documentation folder.
- 4 Once each document is successfully uploaded, update the Document Name and Vendor Name for each document.
- 5 Note: If the document is not related to a single vendor, enter "Does not apply", "Multi", "Various" in the Vendor Name field.
- 6 Send an email to Karen Wirth (karen.wirth@education.ky.gov) and Thelma.Hawkins (thelma.hawkins@education.ky.gov), notifying them that the completed application is ready for review.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 ESSER Liquidation Extension Application District Summary

District Name:	Christian County
Point of Contact:	Jessica Darnell
Point of Contact Phone:	270-887-7006
Point of Contact Email:	jessica.darnell@christian.kyschools.us

ARP ESSER ALLOCATION:	\$31,953,616.00	District ARP ESSER allocation amount in MUNIS Project 473G and 473GL
ARP ESSER OBLIGATED:	\$31,953,616.00	Amount of ARP ESSER funds expended in MUNIS Project 473G and 473GL, plus the unpaid balance of contracts as of 6/30/2024.
ARP ESSER LIQUIDATED:	\$16,395,324.58	Amount of ARP ESSER expenditures in MUNIS Project 473G and 473GL as of 6/30/2024.
ARP ESSER Percent Liquidated:	51.3%	Calculated field; ARP ESSER Liquidated amount divided by ARP ESSER Allocation amount
ARP ESSER Balance Remaining:	\$15,558,291.42	Calculation: ARP ESSER Allocation amount minus ARP ESSER Liquidated amount
TOTAL ARP Liquidation Extension Request	\$15,558,291.42	Automatically updated from the total of Column I Liquidation Request Details sheet.

Explain how the ARP ESSER liquidation extension request contributes to the acceleration of academic success for students, including those furthest from opportunity and with the greatest need. Highlight investments in three of the evidence-based strategies that can significantly contribute to improved student performance including increasing daily student attendance; providing high-quality tutoring; and increasing access to before, after, and summer learning and extended learning time.

The ARP ESSER liquidation extension request contributes to the acceleration of academic success for students, including those furthest from opportunity and with the greatest need, by providing access to a facility that offer access to updated, high-quality instructional resources and opportunities. The academic model for the facility, which began construction in September 2023, will encompass a strong focus on preparing students for post-secondary success through career academies. The opportunities that will be available to students through the use of this facility addresses equity considerations that are a priority in CCPS, and that is to provide meaningful learning experiences to ALL students. The approved use of these funds will supplement construction that is already underway for this opportunity.

Highlight investments in the evidence-based strategies that can significantly contribute to improved student performance: increasing daily student attendance; providing high-quality tutoring; and increasing access to summer learning and extended learning time

Camp Kinder:
The Covid 19 shutdown for daycare centers and preschools across the state caused all children to lose access to quality preschool programming. Camp Kinder was designed to help transition students to kindergarten and to help prepare them for school. During the course of Camp Kinder, students work on academic, social and emotional, as well as behavioral skills. The 2022 (2021-2022 SY) Brigance data showed that only 34% of students were ready for kindergarten, a decline from 49% prior to Covid. In 2023 (2022-2023 SY), kindergarten readiness scores improved to 38%, but the data still indicated that recovery from COVID for school readiness was still very much in need of support. The Camp Kinder experience had a positive impact on students being kindergarten ready for the 2022-2023 school year, and Christian County has continued to utilize this strategies to support school readiness with ESSER funding. Camp Kinder is staffed by the certified teachers and classified assistants that will be the students' teachers. Teachers utilized lessons that include high quality instructional resources and evidence based teaching strategies.

Benchmark Assessments:
Additionally, the purchase of benchmark assessments for all grade levels through ESSER funding has supported intervention efforts, particularly through the identification of individual student skill deficits that require instructional support through extended learning services like tutoring and summer school.

Facility impact on attendance and access to culture for learning:
The ESSER funding that supports the construction of facilities will support student engagement and attendance to high-quality learning opportunities provided in a high-quality learning environment. The extension of the funding allows for continued facility construction support, a project that requires years to plan and build in order to impact students positively, which is a critical need in this district.

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District: Christian County

Type of Project or Purpose	Facility or Order Number	Justification for Extension	Total Expected Cost	ARP ESSER Funds allocated to this Project	Total payments from all fund sources through June 30, 2024	Project ARP ESSER payments made through June 30, 2024	Requested ARP ESSER Extension Date	Amount of ARP ESSER Funds Needing Extension	Documents sent to KDE	Other District Notes
<small>If the project is related to a facility, enter the number of project is related to a bus, enter Bus Order Number from the Bus Order Dashboard</small>		<small>Fully describe why the funds will not be fully liquidated by November 18, 2024. Noting more time to spend the money is not adequate justification for a liquidation extension.</small>	<small>Total cost from all sources of funds and associated with this project or initiative.</small>	<small>Total ARP ESSER funds allocated to this project. This amount must be less than or equal to the amount entered in the previous column.</small>	<small>Total payments from all sources of funds and associated with this project or initiative.</small>	<small>Total ARP ESSER funds paid to this project. This amount must be less than or equal to the amount entered in the previous column.</small>	<small>This date must be on or before February 15, 2026.</small>	<small>The amount of legally binding obligations as of July 31, 2024 associated with the project.</small>	<small>List all documents including MUNIS reports, Contracts, Purchase Orders, Amendments, Invoices, etc. which substantiate the amount requested in "Amount of ESSER II Obligated Funds Needing Extension". Copies of these documents between the district and all vendors that have been or will be paid with ARP ESSER funds must be included when transmitting the application.</small>	<small>OPTIONAL: Any additional information the District may want to include regarding the ARP Liquidation Extension Request.</small>
Facility - New Construction	BG 22-104	Construction began September 2023 was later than anticipated due to inflated bids and reassignment of the construction plan. Construction timeline is projected to be complete and ready for occupancy August 2026. Extension of the ARP ESSER funds is imperative to the completion of this project.	\$131,571,066.81	\$25,562,892.80	\$29,471,628.56	\$7,252,312.33	1/31/2026	\$15,558,291.42	Munis Report, Contracts, PO's, change orders	
TOTALS			\$131,571,066.81	\$25,562,892.80	\$29,471,628.56	\$7,252,312.33		\$15,558,291.42		

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ESSER Liquidation Extension Assurances

District: Christian County

The District Superintendent assures and attests that:

- A. I attest that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information and data contained within this request is complete and accurate.
- B. I attest that ALL activities and services included in this liquidation extension request are allowable and have been properly obligated by September 30, 2024, according to the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP).
- C. I attest that all certifications and assurances detailed within the ARP ESSER Fund Assurance, signed by the appropriate District representative and recorded in GMAP, remain in effect for the duration of the grant including throughout the entirety of the extended liquidation period.
- D. I attest that the District will participate in continued monitoring and oversight of this grant throughout the entirety of the liquidation period.
- E. I attest that data verification of updated obligation and liquidation figures will be provided upon request as additional data verification may be necessary.
- F. I attest that sufficient documentation to support the requests contained herein has been submitted and will be maintained on file with KDE.
- G. I attest that the District has the capacity to liquidate the funds within the extended period.
- H. I attest that the District Board of Education, in a legally called and constituted meeting, approved this request to apply for an American Rescue Plan of 2021 extension of liquidation period on the date entered below.
- I. I attest that the project(s) named within this application will be fully complete and the funds requested for reimbursement by KDE on the date indicated below.

Superintendent Name

Chris Bentzel

Date District Board of Education approved the request: 6/20/2024

Date Approved

6/20/2024

Date the ESSER-funded project and initiatives will be fully complete and reimbursements requested from KDE: 1/31/2026