

Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center

ESSER III Use of Funds Plan

The purpose of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the nation's students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center's ESSER III allocation is \$99,600.

Addressing Learning Loss

The school is required to use twenty percent of its ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. Southern Peaks will allocate \$60,400 of its ESSER III funds on the following strategies to address lost instructional time:

- Adding school supports and after school enrichment activities
- Providing summer school for all students

Other Use of Funds

The impact of Covid on school programming has been substantial. Most notably, our ability to hire has been stymied. The facility has struggled to fill open positions lost during the early days of the pandemic. And there continues to be a significant pay differential between public school teachers and facility teachers, which has further exacerbated the problem. Southern Peaks intends to use the remaining funds toward salary increases for our educators.