

# ARP ESSER Funds for School Counseling Programs

## THREE MAIN FEDERAL LAWS PROVIDED EMERGENCY AID FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

- › CARES Act (March 2020)
- › CRRSA Act (December 2020)
- › ARP Act (March 2021)

Each law has a main source of funding for public elementary and secondary education: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

Combined, Oklahoma received \$2.3 billion for education and indicated the top priorities as:

- › Addressing the loss of face-to-face instruction time
- › Addressing student learning gaps
- › **Providing social-emotional learning and mental health supports to students**

*School counselors are uniquely trained to provide social-emotional learning and mental health supports to students!*

## ALLOWABLE EXPENSES TO SUPPORT SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Money should be used to “address the educational inequities that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and address students’ social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.”

This includes:

- › Additional staff
- › School counseling curriculum and materials
- › Professional memberships to school counseling related organizations
- › Relevant and high-quality professional development

Ongoing funding streams beyond emergency relief funds:

- › Title I
- › Title IV
- › Title VI
- › Perkins
- › Title II
- › Title V
- › Title VII