

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT-ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL
EMERGENCY RELIEF (ARP-ESSER) 7% SEA RESERVE AGREEMENT**

This agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Commonwealth”), through its Pennsylvania Department of Education (“Department”), and Elizabeth Forward SD located at 401 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037, (“Grantee”).

The Department, created by Section 201 of the Administrative Code of 1929, as amended, 71 P.S. § 61, is the State Education Agency responsible for administration of grant programs pursuant to the General Appropriation Acts, Act 24 of 2021 and the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, 24 P.S. § 1-101 et seq. and has been awarded funds by the US Department of Education under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, for the ARP Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ARP-ESSER) 7% SEA Reserve program.

The parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. Pursuant to this Agreement, Grantee will receive funds in the amount of \$203,415.00. The grant shall be used to defray program costs incurred from March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2024.
2. The Agreement shall become effective on the date it is fully executed by all required parties and shall terminate on September 30, 2024, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof.
3. Grantee shall furnish all qualified personnel, facilities, materials and other services and in consultation with the Department, provide the services described in Appendix B.
4. This Agreement is comprised of the following Appendices which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement:

Appendix A – Special Program Terms

Appendix B – Grantee’s Assurances, Program Narrative and Budget

Appendix C – Payment Terms, Responsibilities and Contact Information

5. Grantee acknowledges having reviewed a copy of the Department’s Master Standard Terms and Conditions, which are available at www.education.pa.gov/mstc and are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein.

The parties, intending to be legally bound, have signed this Agreement below:

FOR THE GRANTEE

Signature: Todd Keruskin - Electronic Signature Date: 11/22/2021

Title: Superintendent

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

For the Secretary of Education: Susan McCrone - Electronic Signature Date: 1/28/2022
 Title: Division Chief

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Office of Chief Counsel: Patrick Lord - Electronic Signature Date: 2/2/2022
 Department of Education
 Office of General Counsel: _____ Date: _____
 Office of Attorney General: _____ Date: _____

Form Approval No. 6-FA-52.0

Comptroller: Matthew Eng - Electronic Signature Date: 2/3/2022

Vendor Name: Elizabeth Forward SD
Address: 401 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037
Fed ID #: 251158897
Vendor #: 0000144162

Grant Title	Funding Source	Project Number	CFDA Number	Allocation Amount	Award Amount
ARP ESSER After School Set Aside	Federal	FA-225-21-0134	TBD	\$29,059.00	\$29,059.00
ARP ESSER Learning Loss Set Aside	Federal	FA-225-21-0134	TBD	\$145,297.00	\$145,297.00
ARP ESSER Summer School Set Aside	Federal	FA-225-21-0134	TBD	\$29,059.00	\$29,059.00
ESSER Fund (ARP ESSER) 7% Set Asides Consolidated	Federal	FA-225-21-0134	TBD	\$0.00	\$203,415.00

Grantee agrees to comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. The development and execution of the program outlined in this Agreement and subsequent reimbursement for such program by the Department will be in accordance with this Agreement's provisions as finally approved by the Department and shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws, the official regulations pertaining thereto, program guidelines and instructions issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. Grantee will comply with all reporting requirements in relation to program and fiscal components of the ARP-ESSER 7% SEA Reserve program as defined by the Department and/or federal governing agencies.
3. Grantee certifies that its expenditures shall conform to all applicable federal and state legal requirements, including, without limitation, the minimum grant use requirements contained in Act 24 of 2021. Grantee will maintain documentation of expenditures, procurement and activities carried out through this grant for a period of the current year plus six years in accordance with Department guidelines. Grantee will provide records to Department, monitors or federal awarding agency upon request.
4. Grantee will comply with all reporting requirements in relation to any waiver authorized under the ARP-ESSER 7% SEA Reserve program and applied for and approved through the grantee agency. The Department will provide reporting requirements and due dates when available from the federal awarding agency.
5. Payment to Grantee under this Agreement is contingent upon appropriation and availability of funds to the Commonwealth.

General Federal Requirements:

1. Grantee shall use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds paid to the applicant under each such program.
2. Grantee shall comply with the Uniform Grant Guidance – Subpart D (Post Federal Award Requirements) Standards for Financial and Programs, 2 CFR §200.300-§200.345, as applicable.
3. Grantee shall comply with the Uniform Grants Guidance -- Subpart D (Post Federal Award Requirements) methods of procurement to be followed, 2 CFR §200.320.
4. Grantee shall ensure that all written policies and procedures required by the Uniform Grants Guidance for the administration of federal grant dollars are created, approved, implemented and are available for review by monitors.
5. Grantee shall comply with the Uniform Grants Guidance – Subpart E (Cost Principles) 2 CFR §200.400-§200.417 and 2 CFR §200.420-§200.475, as applicable.
6. Grantee shall comply with the Uniform Grants Guidance – Subpart F – Audit Requirements, specifically sections 2 CFR §200.500-§200.512, as applicable.

Other Federal Requirements:

1. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal money, Grantee shall clearly state:
 - i. the percentage of the total costs of the program or project that will be financed with federal money;
 - ii. the dollar amount of federal funds for the project or program; and
 - iii. the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources.
2. Grantee shall ensure that its personnel, whose salaries and/or benefits are federally funded are prohibited from text messaging while driving a government owned vehicle, or while driving their own privately owned vehicle during official business, or from using government supplied electronic equipment to text message or email when driving.
3. Insofar as any construction projects are funded with this Agreement, Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal and state legal requirements with respect to such construction projects, including, without limitation, the pre-

approval requirements set forth in 2 CFR §200.439, the construction requirements set forth in 34 CFR §§ 75.600-75.617 (such as 34 CFR 75.609 (Safety and Health standards) and 75.616 (Energy Conservation)), and the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). The federal equal opportunity clause applicable to federally assisted construction contracts contained at 41 CFR § 60-1.4 is incorporated herein by reference.

4. Grantee acknowledges that this Agreement may be revised pursuant to ongoing guidance from the relevant federal or Commonwealth agency regarding requirements for the funds subject to this Agreement. Grantee agrees to abide by any such revisions upon written notification from Commonwealth of the revisions, which will automatically become a material part of this Agreement, without the necessity of either party executing any further instrument.

Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

The findings of a recent study showed that there is a significant benefit to students who participate in out-of-school-time (OST) programs. In fact, the [Return on Investment of Afterschool Programs in Pennsylvania](#) study determined that for every dollar invested in after-school programming for students there was a return of \$6.69 in potential benefits to students, including reduced rates for drop-outs, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, crime and delinquency ([Link to PSAYDN.org](#)).

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately \$50,000,000 or one percent (1%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to support school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) in the development and implementation of comprehensive after-school programs to address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three-part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer programming, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

- 1) A description of each program and activity
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found [Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit](#).

Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the LEA's promising practices in supporting students' needs since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Describe how the LEA identified students for inclusion in after-school programming. Include a brief description of the indicators used in the decision-making process.

The pandemic put a complete stop to after-school clubs and activities at Elizabeth Forward

High School (EFHS). The pandemic also limited how many students were allowed in the EFHS Media Center during the school day. Before the pandemic, there would be at least 20 students playing videos games per period from study halls and lunches every day. Nine years ago, EFHS converted an outdated library into a media center for students. The media center including a sound studio, tv studio, cool furniture, a café and gaming stations for students. As we are approaching post-pandemic, our high school principal surveyed the students and a large group of students would like to start an eSports program after-school. Our goal would be to implement an eSports program and have students in our schools after hours, during the weekends and in the summer months. Our goal would be to target students who are not connected to our school and get them excited about participating in an after-school eSports program.

Section: Narratives - After-school Program

After-school Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide after- school programming for their students.

- Identify the target student-group for the summer school program. Will the focus be on academic growth, social and emotional wellness, or some other factor to support student growth? For each group, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Focus	Number of Students Served	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children from Low-Income Families	Emotional Wellness	140	Participation rates in the program afterschool and during summer hours. Data regarding enrollment in high school course aligned with the afterschool program will also be used to measure effectiveness.

- Describe the evidence-based resources that will be used to support student growth during the after- school program.

In the National Research Council's report, Community Programs to Promote Youth Development, the article references the importance of programs that engage children in their learning such as students ability to work together, relevance of material, and recognition of students' interest and knowledge. An article by Durlak, Weissberg and Pachan in the American Journal for Community Psychology in 2010, the authors recognized several benefits related to after school programs. These included improvements in bonding to school, improved social behaviors and academic achievement and decreased problem behaviors. The program is designed to address a population that is not typically identified as having a connection to the school or their peers. The program looks to provide structure and opportunities to students that typically participate in isolation. The program will also focus on providing information about programs available after high school. This includes scholarships and other adult groups.

- Describe the staff that will provide the after- school program (i.e., Internal staff or outside resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
2	Internal	Current EF High School teachers will facilitate eSports program afterschool and during summer months. Both teachers have investigated eSports programs at other school districts.



a. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to offer the work to its internal employees prior to engaging outside entities.



b. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to ensure that all after-school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.

5. How will the LEA assess the success of the after-school program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Enrollment and participation data in the program	monthly	EFHS expects to fill two full eSports teams to compete against local, regional, state and possibly national teams. 30 students are expected to participate during the summer component of the program.

6. How will the LEA engage families in the after-school program?

Open house events will be held in the eSports arena to observe eSports play. Competitions will also be live-streamed to increase interest in the program and to increase accessibility.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

\$29,059.00

Allocation

\$29,059.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	600 - Supplies	\$27,572.87	13 Gaming Towers 13 Gaming Mouse 13 Gaming Keyboards 13 Gaming Headsets 13 XL mousepads 13 LED Gaming monitors
1000 - Instruction	600 - Supplies	\$1,486.13	5 Gaming Chairs
		\$29,059.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget

\$29,059.00

Allocation

\$29,059.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
		\$	
		\$0.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,059.00	\$0.00	\$29,059.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1700 Higher Education Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1800 Pre-K	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2200 Staff Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2400 Health Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2800 Central Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 Food Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3200 Student Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3300 Community Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,059.00	\$0.00	\$29,059.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00

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							Final	\$29,059.00

Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately \$ 249,848,000 or five percent (5%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) = to implement evidence-based interventions that address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that LEAs, at a minimum, use the funds they are awarded under this subgrant in the following ways: .

Percentage of LEA Allocation - Required Activities

30% - To address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students

10% - To provide professional development and technical assistance to educators, school support staff, school leaders and school health professionals to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students.

8% - To address reading remediation and improvement for students

The remaining allocation may be used by the LEA to address and/or supplement other areas of learning loss caused by the pandemic.

Act 24 also requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three-part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer activities, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

- 1) A description of each program and activity
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs.

Through this grant application, LEAs will meet their requirement of developing a three-part plan, including describing their planned programming, a narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity, as well as an overview of how the LEA determined the areas of need to be addressed, including the use of stakeholder feedback.

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found [Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit](#).

Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their

students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the LEA's promising practices in supporting student needs since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Describe how the LEA has identified or will identify the extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and well-being. Specifically, what methods (i.e., collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results) were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts in four key areas: (1) Social and Emotional Learning, (2) Professional Development needs to support Social and Emotional Learning, (3) Reading Remediation and Improvement for Students, and (4) Other areas of Learning Loss?

	Method used to Understand Each Type of Impact
Social and Emotional Learning	Attendance, Discipline Referral, SAP Referral and PBIS Data
Professional Development for Social and Emotional Learning	Attendance, Discipline Referral, SAP Referral and PBIS Data
Reading Remediation and Improvement for Students	NWEA Map Growth Assessment Data, AimsWeb Data, Primary Teacher Academy Assessments
Other Learning Loss	NWEA MAP Growth Assessment Data, PSSA and Keystone Data

Documenting Disproportionate Impacts

2. Identify the student groups in the LEA that faced particularly significant impacts from the pandemic in the areas of Social and Emotional Learning, Reading Remediation and Improvement, or any other areas of learning loss that the LEA will address with this funding source. For each, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Impact	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children from Low-Income Families	Social and Emotional Learning	Attendance, Discipline Referral, SAP Referral and PBIS Data
Children from Low-Income Families	Reading Remediation and Improvement	NWEA Map Growth Assessment Data, AimsWeb Data, Primary Teacher Academy Assessments

Student Group	Area of Impact	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children from Low-Income Families	Other Areas of Learning Loss	NWEA MAP Growth Assessment Data, PSSA and Keystone Data

Section: Narratives - Learning Loss Program Questions

Learning Loss Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to support accelerated learning to combat learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for their students. Please use the following link to ensure that your calculated values below are equal to the values published on PDE's website. The file contains your LEA's MINIMUM required reserves for Learning Loss to address SEL, SEL PD, and Reading Improvement. [Click to download reserve amounts.](#)

*LEA's can choose to spend MORE than the minimum required reserves for Learning Loss. Those values will be entered in the budget sections.

Section 3a – Social and Emotional Learning: As schools across the Commonwealth return to school, LEAs face increased challenges in addressing the mental health needs of their students and staff. LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM of THIRTY PERCENT (30%)** of funding available through this grant application to support the Social and Emotional Learning of their students. In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to address these needs. Please reference the SEL framework to assist in developing this plan.

3. Calculate 30% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Social and Emotional Learning. *(Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)*
 - *This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.*

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 30% (.30)	Minimum Allocation for SEL
Minimum 30% SEL Requirement	145,297	30%	43,589

4. Describe the data sources the LEA is using to identify social and emotional needs of students and identify areas of strength and concerns in the learning environment.

Each school in the district has a Positive Behavior and Intervention Support (PBIS) Team and a Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team. Elementary social worker, guidance counselors, building level administrators and teachers are members of these teams. The teams regularly gathers data related to discipline, attendance, academic factors. The PBIS team utilizes SWIS to track data as well. Support for the PBIS program at all buildings is provided by Dr. Susna Tarsevich. Data is reviewed monthly and recommendations are discussed by the team. Based on this data, the district is able to provide mental health services through Mon-Yough Behavioral Health Services, a University of Pittsburgh Medical Center subsidiary.

5. Program/Activities – Please describe the planned program activities and identify the type of activity and the number of students to be served by that activity.

Program Activity	Student Group	Type (Universal, Targeted, Intensive)	Number of Students Served
Mon-Yough Behavioral Health Services	Children from Low-Income Families	Targeted	100

6. How will the LEA assess the success of the SEL program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Screening tool related to academic, disciplinary and attendance factors.	monthly	Increase academic performance in core subjects Decrease discipline referrals Increase attendance rates

Section 3b – Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development: LEAs face increased challenges in addressing the mental health needs of their students and staff. LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM OF TEN PERCENT (10%)** of funding available through this grant application to support professional development activities and technical assistance for educators, school support staff, school leaders and school health professionals to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students. In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to address these needs.

7. Calculate 10% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

- This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 10% (.10)	Minimum Allocation for SEL PD
Minimum 10% SEL PD Requirement	145,297	10%	14,530

8. Describe the planned professional development activities and how the activity will ensure that teachers/staff are equipped with training/support on the following:

- a. Social emotional learning and support for students that have suffered trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b. Identifying signs of possible mental health issues and providing culturally relevant support;
- c. Motivating students that have been disengaged;
- d. Mentoring students who have attendance issues before it becomes a pattern;
- e. Self-care and mindfulness strategies for teachers;
- f. Engaging and communicating effectively with parents;
- g. Working with community agencies to address non-academic needs.

Professional Development Activity	Number of Staff Involved	Type of Staff Involved (Teacher, Counselor, Support Staff, Admin, Other)	Provider – Who will present the professional development	Is the provider an internal staff member or an outside contractor?	Brief Description of the Planned Activity
c. Motivating students that have been disengaged;	180	Teacher	Dr. Susan Tarasevich	External Contractor	Monthly meetings with all buildings, data management training, implementation and assessment of all fidelity measures.

9. How will the LEA assess the success of the SEL professional development? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Screening tool related to academic, disciplinary and attendance	monthly	Increase academic performance in core subjects Decrease discipline referrals Increase attendance rates

Section 3c - Reading Improvement for Students:

LEA allocations in Reading improvement should be used to increase the best practice in the implementation of research-based reading instruction and acceleration. As schools are planning the most effective use for this 8% set aside for reading instruction and acceleration, they should contemplate the use of structured literacy (also known as Science of Literacy) to develop reading instruction and

remediation. Please reference the Structured Literacy framework to assist in developing this plan **LINK NEEDED**

LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM of EIGHT PERCENT (8%)** of their ARP-ESSER allocation for research-based reading instruction. In this section, describe the course of action to remediate and improve reading gaps through research-based practices.

10. Calculate 8% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Reading Improvement for Students. *(Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)*

- *This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.*

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 8% (.08)	Minimum Allocation for Reading Improvement
Minimum 8% Reading Improvement Requirement	145,297	8%	11,624

11. What local assessments were used to determine the need to address learning loss in the area of reading? For which specific groups of students was this need evidenced? What were the findings?

NWEA MAP Growth assessment data will be used all students, AIMSWB data will be used to assess the learning loss of special education students. Primary grade levels indicated lower growth than in the years prior to the pandemic.

12. Does your data indicate that at-risk readers are making at least a year's worth of growth or more in one school year? *Please consider both state PVAAS data and local assessment data

Yes

Please explain:

There is no PVAAS data for students in primary grades. Teachers used NWEA data and teacher designed assessments to measure progress.

13. Has the LEA used structured literacy and/or provided training for K-4, ESL, and Special Education teachers in structured literacy?

Yes

If so, please identify the training, grade level, and number of teachers involved.

Training	Grade Level / ESL / Special Education	Number of Teachers Trained
Primary Teacher Academy (PTA)	Kindergarten through 2nd Grade and Special education	22

14. Describe the evidence-based instructional intervention(s) that address the identified needs of students most disproportionately impacted.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention
Tier 1 and Tier 2 PTA Reading Interventions	Children from Low-Income Families	75	PTA training will consist of an initial week of intensive, comprehensive training in reading history, pedagogy, theory, research, and proven instructional practice. One follow-up training per month to build depth and breadth of professional knowledge. These interventions will then be implemented in the classroom.

15. How will the LEA assess the success of the literacy program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
NWEA MAP Growth assessment and AIMSWEB, Academic performance	NWEA - 3 times per year, AIMSWEB - monthly, Academic Performance - quarterly	NWEA - 10% increase in Reading AIMSWEB and Academic Performance increases

Section 3d - Other Learning Loss Activities: LEAs are permitted to utilize the remainder of their allocation to support and/or supplement additional efforts being implemented to combat learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please use this section to describe those efforts.

*This value can be **UP TO 52%** of the total allocation, if minimum values were used for other reserves.

16. Calculate 52% of the remaining LEA Allocation **AS A MAXIMUM** amount to fund Other Learning Loss Activities. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 52% (.52)	Maximum Allocation for Other Learning Loss Activities
52% Other Learning Loss Activities	145,297	52%	75,554

17. Describe the evidence-based instructional intervention(s) that address the identified needs of students most disproportionately impacted.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention
Middle School Math Remediation	Children from Low-Income Families	120	A middle school math remediation teacher will identify students with academic needs and provide targeted interventions to address those needs.

18. How will the LEA assess the success of the learning loss activities? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
NWEA MAP Growth assessment and PSSA, Academic performance	NWEA - 3 times per year, PSSA - Annually, Academic Performance - quarterly	NWEA - 10% increase in Math PSSA and Academic Performance increases

Section: Budget - Social and Emotional Learning Budget

Social and Emotional Learning Budget

Budget

\$145,297.00

Allocation

\$145,297.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 30% Social and Emotional Learning set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

43,589

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2100 - SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$43,589.00	Mon-Yough Mental Health Services for EF Middle School and EF High School students.
		\$43,589.00	

Section: Budget - Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development Budget

Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development Budget

Budget

\$145,297.00

Allocation

\$145,297.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 10% Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

14,530

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2200 - Staff Support Services	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$14,530.00	PBIS Professional Development Services
		\$14,530.00	

Section: Budget - Reading Improvement Budget

Reading Improvement Budget

Budget

\$145,297.00

Allocation

\$145,297.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 8% Reading Improvement set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

11,624

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2200 - Staff Support Services	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$11,624.00	Primary Teaching Academy Program enrollment for four (4) primary EF teachers.
		\$11,624.00	

Section: Budget - Other Learning Loss Expenditures

Learning Loss Budget

Calculate the remaining LEA Allocation amount to fund Other Learning Loss Activities. Please enter **Budget Totals** from the **SEL, SEL PD, and Reading Improvement budget sections** to determine what funds are remaining for Other Learning Loss Activities. Click Save to calculate the value, and then this budget section Total should be equal this amount. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	Total LEA Allocation	30% SEL Budgeted Value	10% SEL PD Budgeted Value	8% Reading Improvement Budgeted Value	Remaining Allocation for Other Learning Loss Activities
Other Learning Loss Activities Amount	145,297	43,589	14,530	11,624	75,554

Learning Loss Expenditures

Budget

\$145,297.00

Allocation

\$145,297.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	100 - Salaries	\$75,554.00	EF Middle School Math Remediation Teacher-
		\$75,554.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget

\$145,297.00

Allocation

\$145,297.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	\$75,554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,554.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1700 Higher Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
Programs								
1800 Pre-K	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,589.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,589.00
2200 Staff Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,154.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,154.00
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2400 Health Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2800 Central Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 Food Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3200 Student Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
3300 Community Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$75,554.00	\$0.00	\$69,743.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145,297.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00
Final								\$145,297.00

Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

The findings of a recent study showed that there is a significant benefit to students who participate in out-of-school-time (OST) programs. In fact, the Return on Investment of Summer school Programs in Pennsylvania study determined that for every dollar invested in summer school programming for students there was a return of \$6.69 in potential benefits to students, including reduced rates for drop-outs, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, crime and delinquency ([Link PSAYDN.org](#)).

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately \$50,000,000 or one percent (1%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to support school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) in the development and implementation of comprehensive after-school programs to address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three- part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer programming, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

- 1) A description of each program and activity
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found [Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit](#).

Section 1 - Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Describe how the LEA identified students for inclusion in a summer school program. Include a brief description of the indicators used in the decision-making process.

Elizabeth Forward School District will run a Pre-K and Kindergarten Summer Program for the next three summers. The summer program will run for 5-weeks and consist of an EF teacher and an instructional aide in each classroom. Pre-K students will be screened in May of each

year and targeted students will be selected from the screening tool rubric to participate in the summer program. A team of educators have created a rubric for students to be selected into the summer program. The screening tool is also used at the end of the summer program to show how much progress the students made in the program. The current kindergarten students will be evaluated three times using the NWEA Map Assessment throughout the school year. Principals review the NWEA Map Assessment data and work with each kindergarten teacher to select students who need extra help. Principals then meet with the parents of the selected students to review the data and discuss the summer program. One of the major barriers in summer programs is transportation. These funds will help offset the transportation costs for the summer program.

Section: Narratives - Summer School Program Questions

Summer School Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide summer school programming for their students.

2. Identify the target student-group for the summer school program. Will the focus be on academic growth, social and emotional wellness, or some other factor to support student growth? For each group, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Focus	Number of Students Served	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children from Low-Income Families	Academic Growth	120	Students enrolling in Kindergarten for the fall are identified using a district approved screening tool. Current Kindergarten students are identified using NWEA data and teacher recommendation.

3. Describe the evidence-based resources that will be used to support student growth during the summer school program.

Research estimates that students typically decline one month worth of school year learning over the summer vacation. This learning loss was found to be higher in lower-income students. The program proposed by this grant would address the needs of our youngest learners, incoming grades Kindergarten and 1. The focus would be on addressing fundamental skill deficits that would impact these students in future grades. The students are identified using the district designed screening tool and NWEA MAP Growth data. To guarantee that all students have access to this program, the district will provide transportation.

4. Describe the staff that will provide the summer school program (i.e., internal staff or outside resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
12	Internal Provider	Teachers and Support Aides

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role



a. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to offer the work to its internal employees prior to engaging outside entities.



b. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to ensure that all summer school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.

5. How will the LEA assess the success of the summer school program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Kindergarten Screening Tool and NWEA Map Assessment Data	End of summer program	10% increase in NWEA RIT score and 10% increase on district approved screening tool

6. How will the LEA engage families in the summer school program?

Principals communicate with the parents of each student that demonstrates a need for summer programming. An open house is held in the spring to communicate the importance of academic preparedness in the primary grades. Parents are invited to visit the summer classroom to review student progress and view student work.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

\$29,059.00

Allocation

\$29,059.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
		\$	
		\$0.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget

\$29,059.00

Allocation

\$29,059.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2700 - Student Transportation	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$29,059.00	the district covers 42 square miles and transportation is a primary obstacle for student involvement in the program. District vendor provided transportation ensures that all students that are in need of support are able to attend. Summer 2022 - \$10,000 Summer 2023 - \$10,000 Summer 2024 - \$9,059
		\$29,059.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
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1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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2700 Student Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,059.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,059.00
2800 Central Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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3300 Community Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,059.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,059.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
							Final	\$29,059.00

Payment Terms, Responsibilities and Contact Information

1. **PROJECT OFFICER:** The person designated to act for the Commonwealth in managing this contract is:

Susan McCrone

smccrone@pa.gov

717-783-2193

2. **TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

- a. All grants are placed on a system of scheduled payments to provide operating funds during the period of the Agreement. Monthly payments are determined by dividing the approved amount by the number of months during the term of the Agreement. Payments will be initiated by the Comptroller's Office after arrival of each fully executed Agreement.
- b. Grantee shall implement a cash management system that will ensure that only the minimum amount of cash required to effectively operate the program is requested and/or kept on hand. Failure to implement and maintain such a system can result in the Grantee being suspended until an adequate cash management system has been implemented.
- c. During the life of this Agreement, unless otherwise provided in Program Guidelines, Grantee shall submit the following financial reports to the Comptroller's Office or the Department:
 1. Reconciliation of Cash on Hand Quarterly Report PDE Form No. 2030, and
 2. Final Expenditure Report.
- d. Grantee will conform to all policies and guidelines cited in the Department's individual program Policies and Procedures and/or instructions associated with the Reconciliation of Cash on Hand Quarterly Report, and Final Expenditure Report concerning the financial reports described in Paragraph 2(c), above.
- e. The Department reserves the right to disapprove any expenditures by the Grantee that are not in accordance with this Agreement.

3. **REPORTING:**

Grantee shall submit any required program and or fiscal reports that are designated by the Department and/or federal awarding agencies for the purpose of determining program outcomes and compliance. Due dates and reporting requirements will be announced by the Department.

Any unexpended funds remaining at the end of the grant period must be returned to the Department of Education.

4. **FUNDING LEVEL: THE TOTAL COST TO THE COMMONWEALTH UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT.**

Payment of that amount is contingent upon the availability of Program funds and appropriations sufficient to pay the total costs. Any funds provided to the Grantee under this Agreement may only be used in accordance with this Agreement.

- a. **FUNDING INCREASE** – If the Commonwealth determines that additional Federal or State program funds are available for use under this Agreement, the Commonwealth may at its sole discretion increase the approved program cost. Such increases will be made in accordance with paragraph 5 (“Funding

Adjustments”).

- b. **FUNDING DECREASE** – The Commonwealth reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to reduce the total cost of this Agreement when the Federal or State funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and/or State Legislature are less than anticipated by the Commonwealth after Execution of this Agreement hereunder; or the funds appropriated are later unavailable due to a reduction or reservation in the appropriation. Such decreases will be made in accordance with paragraph 5 (“Funding Adjustments”).
- c. **UNEXPENDED FUNDS** – Grantee understands and agrees that funds which remain unexpended at the end of the term of the Agreement or upon termination of the Agreement shall be returned to the Commonwealth within sixty (60) days of the project’s ending date or termination date along with the submission of the Final Completion Report and/or Final Expenditure Report, depending on the applicable program requirements.
- d. **WITHHOLDING OF FUNDING** – Without limitation of any other remedies to which it is entitled hereunder or at law, the Commonwealth shall have the right to withhold the funding granted under this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any of the following reasons, without limitation:
 - 1. failure of Grantee to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations hereunder;
 - 2. violation of laws, regulations or polices applicable to the grant or to the implementation of the project funded under this Agreement; and
 - 3. misuse of funds, mismanagement, criminal activity or malfeasance in the implementation of this Agreement.

5. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS:

Funding Adjustments may be made for the following reasons and in the following manner:

a. **Funding Increase:**

- 1. The Commonwealth shall notify the Grantee in writing of any funding increases under this Agreement.
- 2. Upon receipt of this notice the Grantee shall revise and submit to the Commonwealth a revised Program Summary Budget and if necessary, any revised pages of the Narrative which shall reflect the increase of funds.
- 3. Funding increases will take effect upon Commonwealth’s receipt and approval of the revised documents, which shall be incorporated in and made part of this Agreement.

b. **Funding Decrease:**

- 1. The Commonwealth shall notify the Grantee in writing of any funding decreases.
- 2. Funding decreases will be effective upon receipt by the Grantee of the Commonwealth's funding decrease notice.
- 3. Funding decrease notices shall be incorporated in and made part of this Agreement.

c. **Transfer of Funds Among Cost Categories and/or Object Codes:**

Any transfer of funds among cost functions and/or object codes must be made consistent with the applicable Program Guidelines.