



NASEO Buildings Committee Webinar: Allowable Uses of American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) Funding for K-12 Schools Retrofits



August 17, 2021 1:00 p.m. ET – 4:00 p.m. ET

+ Agenda

- **Panel 1: What are allowable uses for ESSER funding?**

- 1:15 p.m. ET -2:15 p.m. ET

- Moderator:

- Heather Goggin

- Panelists:

- Tim Unruh, NAESCO

- Anisa Heming, Director of the Center for Green at the U.S. Green Building Council

- **Break 2:15 p.m. ET - 2:30 p.m. ET**

- **Panel 2: Putting ESSER money to work in the field**

- 2:30 p.m. ET – 3:45 p.m. ET

- Moderator:

- Robin Yochum

- Panelists:

- Heather Feigum, Wisconsin CESA-10

- Mary Filardo, 21st Century Schools

- Amy Jiron, U.S. Department of Energy



APRA Funding for K-12 Schools Retrofits

- The American Rescue Plan Act, signed into law in March 2021, provides \$122 Billion in funding to school districts across the U.S.
- This funding can be used for projects that improve indoor air quality, including HVAC replacements.
- Earlier COVID relief bills provide an additional \$67.5 billion for schools.
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan passed by the U.S. Senate last week includes \$500 million in grant funding (via DOE) to schools to support energy efficient buildings and alternative fuel infrastructure.
- Now is an excellent time to develop or expand relationships with your state education agency and local school districts and charter schools.

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Resources

- NASEO *American Rescue Plan Frequently Asked Questions*. July 26, 2021. <https://www.naseo.org/Data/Sites/1/documents/tk-news/arpa-faqv3-fin.pdf>
- ACEEE. *With Schools Set to Reopen, U.S. Needs to Help Them Clean the Air and Save Energy*. July 21, 2021. <https://www.aceee.org/blog-post/2021/07/schools-set-reopen-us-needs-help-them-clean-air-and-save-energy>
- U.S. GAO. *School Districts Frequently Identified Multiple Building Systems Needing Updates or Replacement*. June 2020. <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-20-494.pdf>.
- U.S. Department of Education. *State ARP ESSER plans*. <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-and-secondary-school-emergency-relief/stateplans/>

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- Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council. Helping school districts use federal COVID-19 relief funds to advance green schools. August 4, 2021. <https://www.centerforgreenschools.org/helping-school-districts-use-federal-covid-19-relief-funds-advance-green-schools>
- UndauntedK12 and U.S. Green Building Council. American Rescue Plan: Five Guiding Principles. March 26, 2021. <https://www.undauntedk12.org/ourwork/guidanceonrescueactfunds>
- U.S. DOE. Efficient and Healthy Schools Campaign. <https://efficienthealthyschools.lbl.gov>

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