

#### **Agenda Item Details**

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## **Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds**

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) released details for state agencies guidance on the distribution of up to \$1 billion in relief funding made available to assist school districts with addressing supply chain disruptions. These funds are provided to help school districts deal with unanticipated cancellation of food contracts, reduced availability of certain foods, unexpected substitution of certain products, unpredictable increases in food and supply prices and other obstacles related to pricing and/or availability.

School districts are allocated SCA funds based on a predetermined formula of a base payment of \$5,000 to all eligible SFs, and a proportional funding amount based on each districts share of statewide student enrollments. Bayfield's allocation for student enrollment will be \$11,478.55 for a total of \$16,478.55.

In order to receive the full amount, the school district will have to attest that they will only use the SCA funds for purchasing unprocessed or minimally processed domestic food products and will continue to observe all existing Program requirements regarding recordkeeping and accountability.

## **High Cost Special Education Aid**

The high cost special education aid program provides partial reimbursement of certain special education costs for school districts and other entities. Applicants are eligible for additional aid if the applicant incurred, in the previous school year, more than \$30,000 of non-administrative costs for providing special education and related services to a child. These costs cannot be eligible for reimbursement under the state special education and school age parent's aid program, the Federal Individual with Disabilities Education Act or other grant programs, federal Medicaid, or revenue from an Open Enrollment transfer based on the exact cost of special education and related services.

The average reimbursement rate in fiscal year 2021 was 35% of each student's cost above \$30,000. This is the  $1^{St}$  year we will be applying for this funding source.

# **Update on Impact Aid**

Our Impact Aid application for fiscal year 2023 was finalized and submitted timely in January. This is an annual report that has student data and financial data on it. Brian Boyd and I have been tasked with completing this very important application. We have been selected for a review of our application for 2023. This is in the process now and must be completed by March 31<sup>St</sup>.

Impact Aid received a \$56 million increase in the FY 2022 Omnibus Appropriates Bill, which passed the House and Senate last week. President Biden signed it into law this week. For school districts,

the news is good overall, but not great. The U.S. Department of Education gets a nearly \$3 billion increase over last year, which is significant increase, but far short of the request made by the President, whom sought more than nine times that sum.

The vast majority of the new money will go toward Title I (a \$1 billion increase) and IDEA (special education programs will see a \$48 million increase). The Bayfield School District is a school wide Title I school and we do receive money from IDEA as well. The bill also includes \$111 million within School Safety National Activities for Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grants and School Based Mental Health Services Grants, an increase of \$95 million, to help schools directly increase the number of mental health and child development experts in schools. Most k-12 programs saw only incremental increases that only cover the cost of inflation. The Bayfield School District has been contacted by the DPI letting us know that we are eligible for some money for the increase to mental health experts and we are working with them regarding this grant. It could be up to \$500,000 for this grant and would be spent over 5 years.

# Coronavirus Relief Funding/ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief)

We are currently using these funds to pay for additional staff and supplies dealing with coronavirus. We have spent 25% of the \$2,280,903 in ESSER funding we were given for use through 2024. We will spend approximately 45% by the end of the year. This will mean we will spend most or all of our ESSER funding by June of 2023.

- ESSER II Funding \$671,580.00 \$492,892.18 = \$178,687.82
- ESSER III Funding \$1,509,323.00 \$54,298.19 = \$1,455,024.81
- Balance of funding = \$1,633,712.63

I am still optimistic that we will be given additional funds.

### **Other**

- Impact Aid Conference in Washington D.C.
- Impact Aid Review On going, working with the Federal Impact Aid Office
- CRDC (Civil Rights Data Collection) Office of the Civil Rights reporting
- · Continue to work on WISEdata Finance
- · Working on amending the adopted budget
- Grant claims
- Food service claims
- Continue budget planning for 2022-23 (forecast the future)
- Payrolls



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