

LEA: Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts	FOR TITLE: ESSER-ARP
BEDSCODE: 260501861067	

BUDGET NARRATIVE

**** MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH BUDGET IN THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION**

If using Transferability, please indicate on the Budget Narrative and FS-10 the amount of funds to be included under transferability in the budget categories where funds will be used. Example: In the Title IIA budget under Code 15 – Transferability - Title I Reading Teacher – FTE.35 - \$15,000.

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Code 15 <i>Professional Salaries</i>	<p><i>Total Allocation: \$435,091</i></p> <p><i>McKinney Vento Students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds from this grant will be used to hire a Family Services Assistant. This person will be directly responsible for assisting the MV families access services and resources to support the learning of their students, transportation to and from school, nutritional needs, and permanent housing. <p><i>Addressing the Needs of Low Income, SWD, and ESOL Students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to create a schoolwide ESOL handbook that outlines the responsibilities of the ESOL teachers and the classroom teachers. Additionally, this resource will include progress monitoring activities and resources to ensure the ESOL students are making progress toward their goals in both their ESOL classes and their academic lessons. <p><i>Social Emotional and Mental Health Support:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to hire a social emotional specialist who will assist the school social worker and school psychologist to address the needs of the students, staff, and their families, hired a behavioral intervention specialist, and provide counseling to students during the summer school program. <p><i>Enrichment and Extended Learning:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to bolster the school's enrichment program and RA's summer school programming <p><i>Professional Development:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to provide professional learning in ELA and math for teachers so they can learn how to deliver Achievement First's math and ELA curriculum and program.

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	<p><i>Activities Necessary to Continue the Safe Operating of Schools:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to hire a building substitute for two school years to cover teacher absences due to COVID and other illness. Funds will also be used to offset the cost of the stipends for a technology assistant to prepare all of the new technology that the school needs to purchase. Finally, a library assistant will be hired to address the new titles that are needed to grow the library's culturally relevant titles and to replace titles that were lost during the school's hybrid program.
<p>Code 16 <i>Support Staff Salaries</i></p>	<p><i>Total Allocation: \$15,000</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to hire additional cafeteria monitors to assist the school during socially distanced lunch. Each class is split in half in order to comply with the guidelines. In order to do this the number of staff needed to supervise student lunch has increased significantly.
<p>Code 40 <i>Purchased Services</i></p>	<p><i>Total Allocation: \$1,162,647</i></p> <p><i>McKinney Vento Students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to provide transportation and food for McKinney Vento students and their families. <p><i>Addressing Gaps Created by COVID:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used for professional learning for the teaching and leadership staff. Professional development vendors have been chosen who have created learning modules that specifically address the gaps created by the educational disruption created by COVID. <p><i>Addressing the Needs of Low Income, SWD, and ESOL Students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to provide culturally responsive teaching and learning professional learning to the school community. Additionally, funds will be used to provide health workshops for students and their families. <p><i>Technology Needs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A two-year schoolwide license for creative cloud from Adobe. <p><i>Social Emotional and Mental Health Support:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to cover a crisis interventionist for two school years, allow the social emotional team to be trained in the use of Neurosequential Model of Education, train another staff to be on the school crisis team, and training a team from the Crisis Prevention Institute.

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	<p><i>Enrichment and Extended Learning:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to provide external and internal enrichment opportunities both during the year and during the summer school programming. A large portion of the allocation will be for bussing for summer school which will enable more students to participate in the program. <p><i>Improvements to Facility to Maintain the Opening and the Continued Operation of the School:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to address facility needs to continue the operation of the school. This includes addressing fixes in the school's server room, proper venting of a dryer used to wash and dry student and staff masks, addressing safety issues on the playground, and updating the heating system for optimal learning conditions. <p><i>Improvement to Air Quality:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to update the electric control cards, valves, and the HVAC control alarm. This will ensure the optimal mix of fresh and recycled air in all areas of the school building. <p><i>Activities Necessary to Continue Operation of the School:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to offset the cost of managing the many grants that the school has been awarded due to COVID.
<p>Code 45 <i>Supplies and Materials</i></p>	<p><i>Total Allocation: \$400,809</i></p> <p><i>McKinney Vento Students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to provide essential household supplies, emergency clothing kits, and an emergency household fund for families with uncertain housing. <p><i>Addressing Gaps Created by COVID:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds will be used to bolster the school's phonics program through the purchase of more phonics kits and piloting and possibly adopting a new reading diagnostic which will give more specific data on each child's current reading level, strengths, and areas of growth. <p><i>Addressing the Needs of Low Income, SWD, and ESOL Students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We often have children whose basic hygiene is not addressed at home. Funds from this grant will allow RA to provide those basic hygiene kits to our students in need and their families. Additionally, health workshops will be held in which students and their families can learn how to keep their families' safe from COVID and other communicable diseases.

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	<p>Funds will also be set aside for ESOL resources that are necessary to address the specific needs of those students.</p> <p><i>Mitigating the Spread of COVID:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of cleaning and disinfecting supplies has increased dramatically for the school. These funds will offset the cost of the additional required cleaning and disinfecting supplies and materials for the grant period. <p><i>Technology Needs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purchase of hotspots has been necessary for RA to continue to address the academic needs of the students and the professional needs of the staff during and throughout the COVID pandemic. <p><i>Social Emotional and Mental Health Support:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds will be used to purchase additional resources for the school SEL curriculum, create a sensory path for students to use, and offset the cost of the school's character education program. These expenditures are essential in RA's plan to address the social emotional and mental health needs of its stakeholders. <p><i>Enrichment and Extended Learning:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to run the summer school program, enlarge the after-school enrichment, and add in school enrichment it is necessary to purchase specific supplies and materials that align with those initiatives. Funds allocated in this category will be used for that purpose. <p><i>Improvements to Facility to Maintain the Opening and the Continued Operation of the School:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to maintain the high standards of cleaning and sanitation the school will use these funds to purchase a washer and dryer, a new floor scrubber, and shelving for the library. <p><i>Activities Necessary to Continue Operation of the School:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA was able to pivot quickly at the start of the pandemic and continue to adjust to the new and changing issues present. In order to maintain the high standards of instruction the school needs to purchase some items for flexible seating, furniture to ensure socially distanced lunch, professional learning books for staff, and other items that will increase efficacy of teaching and learning.
Code 46 Travel Expenses	N/A

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Code 80 <i>Employee Benefits</i>	<p><i>Total Allocation: \$47,952</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This allocation represents the benefits associated with the costs in professional and support personnel category.
Code 90 <i>Indirect Cost</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Code 49 <i>BOCES Services</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Code 30 <i>Minor Remodeling</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Code 20 <i>Equipment</i>	<p><i>Total Allocation: \$81,994</i></p> <p><i>Technology Needs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will use a portion of this funding to repair and replace smartboards in the classrooms. <p><i>Enrichment and Extended Learning:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional equipment will be purchase to support the enrichment and extended learning initiatives outlined in this grant.