

SECURING ESSER FUNDS FOR RADIO NETWORKS IN 3 EASY STEPS: SEE HOW EL CENTRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVED \$244,189.

- Find your application on the State Department of Education website
- Look at your one time capital projects wish list, important to have quotes ready to go to spend within deadline.
- Describe how purchases fit-in the allowable uses of funds

NEED GUIDANCE ON HOW TO ANSWER APPLICATION QUESTIONS? CHECK OUT THIS SAMPLE APPLICATION VERBIAGE:

- **Q** Please describe the items that will be purchased with the funds:
- A "District-wide radio communication system. Purchase includes towers, radio equipment and individual radios."
- **Q** Please describe how these purchases fit-in with the allowable uses of funds for either ESSER, GEER, or both?
- A "Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of the Local Education Agency. Our district does not currently have a unified communication radio system. We want to implement and streamline communications for safety of students and staff. This is a high priority to ensure open communications for reopening."
- **Q** Please describe how this purchase is reasonable, necessary, and allowable in accordance with Cost Principles:
- A "District radio communications system will enhance communication throughout the district in an array of situations. Most importantly it provides a direct line for school sites to use during a critical incident. Allied agencies will also have the ability to patch into the system using current equipment to be in contact with the District officials in critical incidents."

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