

Quintessential 23–24 Guide to Understanding Federal Funding for Language Learning

A list of K-12 public school funding sources for World Language and English Learners (ELs)



WORLD LANGUAGE AND EL EDUCATORS:

If you're looking to purchase Mango Classroom or other language-learning software, we have great news: The federal government offers a significant amount of funding opportunities. Many of these sources are part of the [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) (ESSA), formerly the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The goal of ESSA is to provide equal opportunities for all students and prepare them for postsecondary success.

Below is a guide to help you understand various funding sources and make the case for why your World Language or EL program qualifies for the funds to purchase digital language-learning tools, like Mango Classroom.

ESSER II (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) and ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funds

WHAT IT IS: The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (ESSER II), and the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Act (ARP ESSER) address the impact of COVID-19 on our nation's schools. They are provided as formula grants based on each state's share of Title I funds. Districts can use ESSER II funds for materials that address learning loss, assessments, technology, PD, summer school, and social-emotional learning programs.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$67 billion

HOW MANGO QUALIFIES: Often surprising to world language leaders, ESSER funds can be used to support world language programs as well as ELs. Justifications for this funding include showing how an initiative supports the use of technology in the classroom and a well-rounded education. Therefore, digital World Language tools, such as Mango Languages, are a natural fit. Examples of initiatives include learning a new language, launching an exploratory language program, supporting growth in a heritage language, and/or helping students gain a well-rounded education.

Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs Operated by State and Local Educational Agencies



WHAT IT IS: For schools with high levels of poverty, these funds are earmarked for supplemental programs for at-risk students to ensure a well-rounded educational program. They can be used to hire additional teachers, launch intervention programs, purchase supplemental resources, etc.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$20.5 billion in fiscal year 2023

HOW MANGO QUALIFIES: Mango Classroom qualifies as a supplemental resource by helping EL newcomers communicate confidently in the classroom and by enriching the education of at-risk students with World Language learning.

Title I, Part C: Migrant Education

WHAT IT IS: Funding for schools to establish and improve programs and services for migrant children to help overcome educational disruption.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$375 million

HOW MANGO QUALIFIES: Mango Classroom helps EL migrant students learn to communicate in English using a proven methodology and practical, conversation-based lessons.

Title II, Part A, Effective Instruction

WHAT IT IS: These funds are for offering evidence-based training and support for teachers and principals so that they can deliver effective instruction.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2 billion

HOW MANGO QUALIFIES: Mango offers professional development and training to support teachers and principals, and the product includes curriculum guides, lesson plans, and an administrator dashboard.

Title III, Part A, English Learners

WHAT IT IS: These funds—to provide effective language instruction programs to English learners (ELs) and immigrant students—can be used to implement new language and academic content programs as well as engage parents and newcomer families.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1.075 billion requested in fiscal year 2023

HOW MANGO QUALIFIES: Mango Classroom helps EL newcomer students communicate in English using a proven language-acquisition methodology and conversation-based lessons. Mango Classroom provides every student with access for up to five family members to quickly grow their English skills.

Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (SSAEG)



WHAT IT IS: This new grant supports a well-rounded education, with a focus on safe and healthy students and the effective use of technology.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1.28 billion

HOW MANGO QUALIFIES: Mango Classroom's web-based and online lessons are engaging, self-paced, interactive, and adaptive. The user experience is designed to offer a low-stakes, low-stress environment.

Title IV, Part B, 21st Century Community Learning centers (CCLC)

WHAT IT IS: CCLC allows communities to establish or expand centers that provide additional student learning opportunities, such as before- and after-school as well as summer school programs.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1.3 billion

HOW MANGO QUALIFIES: This funding could help to provide academic enrichment opportunities for world language learners or ELs in summer school or afterschool programs. It could also be used in a flipped classroom model in which students use Mango at home, even accommodating those without internet access in the household.

Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)

WHAT IT IS: Funds to support programs that help adults acquire basic skills such as reading, writing, and English language proficiency.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$668 million

HOW MANGO QUALIFIES: Adult EL programs as well as Welcome or Newcomer Centers can use Mango to accelerate adult language learning for all family members. In K-12 and adult education, Mango Classroom provides every learner with access for up to five loved ones, so that families can learn and practice English together.

¹Budgets and amount cited from NEA.org, April 2023