



SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications January 30, 2023

The SGR Newsflash informs subscribers about communications distributed to grantees by the Office of State and Grantee Relations (SGR). SGR administers the ESSER, GEER, and EANS grants on behalf of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) at the U.S. Department of Education.

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Recent Grantee Communications

Sent 1/27/2023 – Letter to Governors: EANS Program Funds - provides information regarding unobligated EANS program funds that must revert to the Governor and be used for allowable purposes under the GEER program as authorized under the CRRSA Act. Link: [Letter to Governors](#)

Sent 1/23/2023 - EANS FAQs Addendum: Disposition of Equipment and Supplies - addresses the requirements associated with the disposition of supplies and equipment purchased with EANS funds. Link: [EANS Disposition FAQs Addendum](#)

Sent 1/23/2023 - Updates to Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - includes clarification of rounding procedures for staffing equity data calculations and an optional LEA-level staffing equity data template. Links: [Maintenance of Equity Updated FAQs](#); [Maintenance of Equity LEA-level staffing equity data template](#)

Upcoming Webinars

FFATA Reporting Webinar and Forum: Rescheduled to Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm EST. Attendees who registered for the January 26, 2023, session do not have to register again. If you have not done so already, please pre-register at <https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=846548>. Prior to the webinar, please complete the [Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act FY22 training](#), provided by the Grants Policy & Training Division. Please submit any related questions in advance to FFATAREporting@ed.gov.

ESSER Fiscal Year 2022 (Year 3) Form Review Webinar: Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm EST. Review of the OMB-approved Annual Performance Report (APR) data collection form. The form may be found on the [Grantee Help Page](#) under Fiscal Year 2022 (Year 3) Annual Performance Reporting Resources.

Registration link: <https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/rfb97b05b94d36d8f90b73ce31899f4d3>

For webinar registration assistance, please email the ESF Reporting Helpdesk: ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov.

CARES Liquidation Extension

The [General and Technical FAQs for CARES Liquidation Extension Requests](#) are available. States may request to extend the liquidation period for CARES ESSER and GEER funds by submitting a [Liquidation Extension Request](#) through their State mailbox (State name.OESE@ed.gov). Review and approval will be based on a completed request that includes associated

subgrantee data. The following liquidation extension requests have been approved: AR ESSER, DC ESSER, IN ESSER and GEER, MO GEER, MS ESSER, OH ESSER, RI GEER, and TX ESSER.

GEER Program Quarterly Review

In place of the January 2023 monthly check-in, SGR Program Officers are conducting Quarterly Review meetings with grantees to discuss implementation progress on GEER program requirements, compliance with GEER program and fiscal requirements, and current GEER technical assistance needs. Grantees must complete and return their self-assessment form before the scheduled meeting time. All relevant grant management staff members should participate in the Quarterly Review. If you have questions, please send an email to your State mailbox at [State name].oese@ed.gov (Eg., Alabama.oese@ed.gov).

Reporting Updates

ESSER and GEER Annual Performance Reporting (APR) Update: The data collection forms for Year 3 (fiscal year 2022) of the ESSER Fund and GEER Fund APR are live. The ESSER reporting period will run from April 10 to May 4, 2023. The GEER reporting period will run from June 5 to June 22, 2023. The collection forms are essentially unchanged from Year 2; however, certain data elements will now auto-populate and ARP ESSER MOEquity data will be collected separately by SGR.

Webinar: ESSER Fiscal Year 2022 (Year 3) APR Form Review - Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm EST. Registration link: <https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/rfb97b05b94d36d8f90b73ce31899f4d3>.

EANS Annual Performance Reporting Update: The data collection form for Year 2 (fiscal year 2022) of the EANS program is live. The EANS reporting period will run from June 12 to June 29, 2023. Please visit [ESF - Help \(ed.gov\)](#) of the U.S. Department of Education's Education Stabilization Fund Transparency Portal for reporting resources, technical assistance, and information on upcoming webinars.

FY 2021 Annual Performance Report (APR) data for ESSER, GEER, and EANS – Summarized State data can be found on each State's page. Full downloads of the APR datasets are available as well as a summary report. Go to the "About the Data" section on the front page of the [ESF Transparency Portal](#).

FFATA Reporting Webinar and Forum: Rescheduled to February 1, 2023, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm EST – Pre-register at <https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=846548>

FFATA Reporting – Grantees should review program subawards to ensure accurate monthly reporting in [FSRS](#). View FSRS data at [USASPENDING](#) (*refreshed weekly*) and [ESF Transparency Portal](#) (*refreshed monthly*). The public relies on these data! Questions? See [FSRS FAQs](#) or contact your Program Officer.

Deadlines and Announcements

January 28, 2023 – ESSER I and GEER I: Deadline for SEAs to liquidate all CARES ESSER and GEER program funds is effective January 30, 2023. Note: 120 calendar days after the program obligation date is January 28, 2023. Because this date falls on a weekend, G5 defaults to the next available business date, which is January 30, 2023. Grant closeout information will be shared at the end of the liquidation period.

March 15, 2023 – CRRSA & ARP Maintenance of Effort (MOE): Deadline for SEAs to submit final FY 2022 Maintenance of Effort data to the Department.

ARP ESSER State Plan Amendment Reminder: A State that intends to implement different or additional evidence-based interventions than those currently approved in the ARP ESSER State plan in sections D.1 (evidence-based interventions to address the academic impact of lost instructional time), D.2 (evidence-based summer enrichment), or D.3 (evidence-based afterschool programs) must submit its proposed amendments to the Department for review and approval per section 2001(f) of the ARP Act. Because required descriptions in the other sections of the State plan relate to needs and strategies at the time of submission, rather than ongoing needs and strategies, States need not amend any sections of

its ARP ESSER State plan other than to account for any changes to the evidence-based interventions described in section D. Please submit any questions and amendment requests to your State and Grantee Relations program officer at ESSERF@ed.gov and your State mailbox (State name.OESE@ed.gov).

ARP ESSER LEA-Level Maintenance of Equity: The Department has made two updates to the Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document:

- Question 17 (a) – Use of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) in MOEquity determinations: this update clarifies that CRF or SLFRF may be considered as State support for education for the purposes of Maintenance of Equity, consistent with the determination already published in the Maintenance of Effort FAQs.
- Question 30 – Calculating LEA-Level Fiscal Equity: this update provides clarity and additional flexibility for local educational agencies (LEAs) making determinations about whether staffing equity was maintained in high-poverty schools.

The updated MOEquity FAQ document can be found here: [Maintenance of Equity FAQs](#).

To further support States, SGR has released an optional template to assist in the submission of staffing equity data. The template can be found here: [LEA-level staffing equity data template](#). States that wish to resubmit data using the optional template should reach out to their program officers.

Grantee Resources

[2022 Deadlines and Announcements](#)
[ESSER and GEER FAQs December 7, 2022 Update](#)
[CARES Liquidation Extension FAQs](#)
[EANS FAQs](#)
[ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs](#)
[ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort Guidance](#)
[Education Stabilization Fund \(ESF\) Transparency Portal](#)

[SAM.gov Resources](#)
[Lessons from the Field Webinar Series](#)
[Community of Practice Resources](#)
[Regional Comprehensive Centers](#)
[The Best Practices Clearinghouse](#)
[National Partnership for Student Success](#)
[Engage Every Student](#)
[National Comprehensive Center](#)
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