

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications February 27, 2023

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Recent Grantee Communications

Sent 2/15/23 – ESSER, GEER, and EANS: FFATA sub-award reporting requirements and accuracy Link: FFATA sub-award communication

Upcoming Webinars

Grant Closeout and One-Time Drawdown Request for CARES ESSER and CARES GEER Webinar – two sessions: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST and Thursday, March 9, 2023, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST. Review of the timeline and process for CARES ESSER and CARES GEER grant closeout and review of the Department's formula grant liquidation policy as it applies to liquidating COVID-19 relief CARES Act funds after January 30, 2023. (Note: This liquidation policy applies to requests to liquidate funds for activities completed by January 30, 2023, in advance of closing out those grants. This is not a review of the one-time exception request process to extend the period of liquidation for CARES Act funds for up to an additional 14 months that the Department announced in September of 2022.)

To register for the March 7, 2023 session, go to https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=847149
To register for the March 8, 2023 session, go to https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=847150

Reporting Updates

FFATA Reporting Webinar and Forum: The recording of the 2/1/23 session and the slide presentation have been posted on the <u>ESSER</u>, <u>GEER</u>, and <u>EANS</u> reporting webpages. The previously utilized FFATAReporting@ed.gov email address has been retired, as it was used for webinar purposes only. Please submit any questions to your State and Grantee Relations program officer through your State mailbox (*State name.OESE@ed.gov*).

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, with a data correction period to resolve isolated data quality issues from July 24 to August 10, 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 maintenance of equity data will be collected separately by SGR. Link: Grantee Help Page.

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. Visit <u>ESF - Help (ed.gov)</u> on 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 – Grantees should review program subawards to ensure accurate monthly reporting in <u>FSRS</u>. View FSRS data at <u>USASPENDING</u> (refreshed weekly) and <u>ESF Transparency Portal</u> (refreshed monthly). The public relies on these data! Questions? See FSRS FAQs or contact your Program Officer.

Deadlines and Announcements

March 15, 2023 – CRRSA & ARP Maintenance of Effort (MOE): Deadline for SEAs to submit final FY 2022 Maintenance of Effort data to the Department. In limited cases, the Department may consider whether State-specific circumstances justify a waiver of MOE requirements for the purpose of relieving fiscal burdens incurred by States in preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. States intending to seek a waiver of FY 2022 MOE requirements should submit a detailed waiver request by March 15, 2023 (See MOE FAQs).

March 15, 2023 – Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity): Deadline to submit small LEA tolerance proposal for FY 2022. Responses that the Department has provided to other SEAs regarding their small LEA tolerance proposals are available at ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity.

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 their 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*).

Grantee Resources

2022 Deadlines and Announcements
ESSER and GEER FAQs Dec 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
GSA Interact Community (SAM.gov and UEI related updates)

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