SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications
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Recent Grantee Communications

Sent 3/9/23 – **GEER Reporting Resources and Expectations Letter and EANS Reporting and Expectations Letter:** Information for grantees regarding GEER and EANS Annual Performance Reporting. Please submit any APR questions to ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov.

Upcoming Webinars

Education Stabilization Fund - State Educational Agencies (ESF-SEA) Fund Fiscal Year 2022 (Year 3) Annual Reporting Data Collection Form Review Webinar 3/21/23, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm EST: A detailed review of the OMB-approved Annual Performance Report (APR) data collection form found on the Grantee Help Page under Fiscal Year 2022 (Year 3) Annual Performance Reporting Resources. Registration Link: https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/r468ae8081ca783c169797f2997b88a4f. For webinar registration assistance, please email the ESF Reporting Helpdesk: ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov.

Reporting Updates

ESSER and GEER Annual Performance Reporting (APR) Update: ESSER Fund and GEER Fund APR Data collection forms for Year 3 (fiscal year 2022) are live. ESSER Fund reporting period: 4/10/23 to 5/4/23; data correction period to resolve isolated data quality issues: 7/24/23 to 8/10/23. GEER Fund reporting period: 6/5/23 to 6/22/23; data correction period to resolve isolated data quality issues from 8/23/23 to 9/7/23. 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.

ESSER APR Submitter and Editor Roles Update: To prepare for the ESSER Year 3 (fiscal year 2022) APR, States must verify they have designated the appropriate users. Please confirm the *Submitter* and the *Editor* for your State this year. An *Editor* can view, enter, and update the State's data with the Data Collection Tool; can view and print, but cannot submit, the Annual Performance Report. A *Submitter* can view, enter, update, and submit the State's Annual Performance Report, and can also view and print the report; must be authorized to certify the completeness and accuracy of the entire submission and submit the report on behalf of the State; can also access user accounts, and add, update, or remove users. Review the Update User Account and Access Video and the Update User Account and Access Instructions. Contact ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov for assistance with user accounts and access.

EANS Annual Performance Reporting Update: The data collection form for Year 2 (fiscal year 2022) of the EANS program is live. EANS reporting period: 6/12/23 to 6/29/23; data correction period to resolve isolated data quality issues: 9/25/23 to 10/5/23. Link: Grantee Help Page.

Annual Performance Reporting (APR) Communications

The Department posted the Questions & Answers log from the February 15, 2023, ESSER Year 3 Annual Performance Reporting Form Review Webinar on the Grantee Help Page under the *Fiscal Year 2022 (Year 3) Annual Performance Reporting Resources* section. The Department will continue to post updates on the Grantee Help Page. You can expect additional guidance and materials regarding ESSER reporting this month. Please continue to submit any APR questions to ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov

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 FSRS. Grantees will need to demonstrate to their program officer that they are making an effort to ensure accurate FFATA reporting per the G5 notification sent on 2/15/23: FFATA Reporting Requirements and Accuracy. If documented effort has not been shared with your program officer by 4/15/23, findings may be issued for FFATA reporting discrepancies. Questions? See the FSRS FAQs and the, ESSER GEER, and EANS reporting webpages. Note: The FFATAReporting@ed.gov email address is deactivated. Submit questions through your State mailbox at *State name.oese@ed.gov* (e.g., Alabama.oese@ed.gov).

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 3/15/23 (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.

Grant Closeout Update: SGR will begin the grant closeout process for CARES ESSER and CARES GEER awards (except in instances where grantees were approved for a liquidation period extension). Though grants won't be closed out in G5 until grant terms and conditions are met, SGR will begin working with grantees to review fiscal components and will manually close the grants once Year 4 APRs have been received, reviewed, and completed in 2025. For grantees that are interested in initiating a late liquidation request to draw down funds for completed activities, please contact your assigned program officer via the State mailbox *State name.oese@ed.gov* (e.g., Alabama.oese@ed.gov).

Grantee Resources

2022 Deadlines and Announcements	Lessons from the Field Webinar Series
ESSER and GEER FAQs Dec 7, 2022 Update	Community of Practice Resources
CARES Liquidation Extension FAQs	Regional Comprehensive Centers
EANS FAQs	The Best Practices Clearinghouse
ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs	National Partnership for Student Success
ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort Guidance	Engage Every Student
ESF Transparency Portal	National Comprehensive Center
SAM.gov Resources	GSA Interact Community (SAM.gov and UEI related updates)

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