

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications March 6, 2023

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Recent Grantee Communications

Sent 2/27/23 – CARES ESSER and GEER: Closeout and One-Time Drawdown Request Webinar 3/7 and 3/9 Link: Closeout Webinar communication

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, 11:00-12:00 PM EST and Thursday, March 9, 2023, 2:00-3:00 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 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 9, 2023 session, go to https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=847150

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, 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.

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. If roles have changed since last year's collection, please confirm with your team who should be designated as 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. They 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. They must be authorized to certify the completeness and accuracy of the entire

submission and submit the report on behalf of the State. The *Submitter* can also access user accounts, and add, update, or remove users. Review the <u>Update User Account and Access Video</u> and the <u>Update User Account and Access</u>
<u>Instructions</u>. 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. 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 (ESF) Portal for reporting resources, technical assistance, and information on upcoming webinars.

FFATA Reporting – Grantees should review program subawards to ensure accurate monthly reporting in <u>FSRS</u>. View FSRS data at <u>USASPENDING</u> and <u>ESF Transparency Portal</u>. The public relies on these data! Questions? See <u>FSRS FAQs</u> or the ESSER, GEER, and EANS reporting webpages. Please note: The FFATAReporting@ed.gov email address has been deactivated. Please submit any questions to your program officer through your State mailbox at *State* name.oese@ed.gov (e.g., Alabama.oese@ed.gov).

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 <u>Grantee Help Page</u> under the *Fiscal Year 2022 (Year 3) Annual Performance Reporting Resources* section. Grantees should expect ongoing communications about reporting from the ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov mailbox. The Department will also post updates on the <u>Grantee Help Page</u>. You can expect additional guidance and materials regarding ESSER reporting this month. Please continue to submit any APR questions to <u>ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov</u>

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 <u>ESF Transparency Portal.</u>

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 <u>ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity</u>.

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

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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