

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications April 17, 2023

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Upcoming Webinars

EANS FY22 (Year 2) Annual performance Report (APR) Data Collection Form Review Webinar 4/19/23, 2:00pm to 3:00pm EDT – This webinar will provide a detailed review of the OMB-approved Annual Performance Report (APR) data collection form, which may be found on the ESF <u>Grantee Help Page</u> under *Fiscal Year 2022 (Year 2) Annual Performance Reporting Resources*. This webinar will be recorded and posted on the Grantee Help page.

Registration Link: https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/r8b5463bda9b9fbc943e166396824f6b9. For webinar registration assistance, email the ESF Reporting Helpdesk: ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov.

Davis-Bacon Act Compliance and Oversight Webinar 4/26/23, 2:30pm to 4:00pm EDT – This webinar will provide an overview of how Federal funding recipients (including subrecipients) can meet their obligations under the Davis-Bacon labor standards, and best practices for providing guidance and compliance oversight to subrecipients and contractors. Please email any questions you currently have to your State mailbox in advance of this webinar.

Registration Link: https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=847504

FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) Training webinar 4/28/23, 1:00pm to 2:00pm EDT – This webinar will provide step-by step training on the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) for prime grant recipients.

Registration Link: <u>https://FSRS-Ed.eventbrite.com</u>

Reporting Updates

ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Performance Reporting (APR)		
Program	APR Period	Data Correction Period
ESSER Year 3 (FY22)	4/10/23 to 5/4/23	7/24/23 to 8/10/23
ESSER Year 2 (FY21)	closed	7/3/23 to 7/20/23
GEER Year 3 (FY22)	6/5/23 to 6/22/23	8/28/23 to 9/7/23
GEER Year 2 (FY21)	closed	8/14/23 to 8/24/23
EANS Year 2 (FY22)	6/12/23 to 6/29/23	9/25/23 to 10/5/23
EANS Year 1 (FY21)	closed	9/11/23 to 9/21/23

The ESSER Year 3 (FY22) APR period is now open. APR resources, including annotated data collection forms, reporting templates, recorded webinars, and a data dictionary can be found on the ESF <u>Grantee Help page</u>. Please continue to submit any APR-related questions to *ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov*. The ESF Reporting Helpdesk can also be reached by phone at 1-866-890-0913.

APR Submitter and Editor Roles: Please confirm your State's APR Editor(s) and Submitter and for ESSER Year 3 (FY22) APR, GEER Year 3 (FY22) APR, and EANS Year 2 (FY22) APR. An Editor can view, enter, and update State data with the

Data Collection Tool; can view and print the report, but cannot submit it. A *Submitter* can view, enter, update, and submit the report; can view and print the report; must be authorized to certify the completeness and accuracy of the entire submission; can 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 Instructions</u>. Submit requests for assistance with user accounts and access to *ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov*.

<u>FFATA Subaward Reporting Accuracy Requirement</u> – Grantees should review program subawards in FSRS and demonstrate efforts to ensure accurate monthly subaward reporting by:

- Confirming FFATA subaward data for each grant displays accurately in USAspending.gov
- Providing an explanation of subaward reporting to their SGR program officer for any grant that displays a Percent of Prime Award Obligated Amounts under 90%
- Correcting subaward reporting of any grant that displays a Percent of Prime Award Obligated Amounts over 100% (overallocated) in USAspending.gov
- Sharing any Federal Service Desk ticket numbers, along with a description of the reported issues, with their SGR program officer (required for SGR escalation of FSRS system issues). If the Federal Service Desk does not respond within three business days, SGR can escalate tickets to GSA.

Findings will be issued in May to States that have not demonstrated efforts to address the above points for each of their ESSER, GEER, and EANS programs. Questions? Please contact your Program Officer through your State Mailbox or see FFATA Reporting Requirements and Accuracy, FSRS FAQs, and ESSER, GEER, and EANS reporting webpages for guidance.

Deadlines and Announcements

<u>Grantee Satisfaction Survey</u>: The Grantee Satisfaction Survey (GSS) was sent to recipients on 4/11/23. This year's survey includes program-specific questions for the ARP ESSER and ARP EANS funds. Each survey recipient has been sent a unique link to the survey, which may not be shared. We look forward to receiving your completed survey by 6/2/23. Submit questions through your State mailbox.

<u>CARES Act Grant Closeout Update</u>: SGR has begun the grant closeout process for CARES ESSER and GEER grants, to include a focus on each grantee's wrap-up of CARES-funded activities during June's check-in call. CARES ESSER and GEER grantees are encouraged to ensure that all fiscal activities are complete, except for those grants with continuing activities and an approved liquidation extension. Closeout of grants with liquidation extensions will begin when the extension period ends. CARES ESSER and GEER grants will not be fully closed until all terms and conditions are met in 2025, the last year for making Year 4 APR corrections for CARES Act grants.

<u>UEI and SAM.gov registration</u>: Grantees and subrecipients may contact the <u>Federal Service Desk</u> for assistance with grantee or subrecipient SAM.gov registration renewal or UEI assignment. Please share the assigned Incident Number with your SGR program officer for issue escalation. See the <u>UEI Fact Sheet</u> on the ESF <u>Grantee Help page</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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