

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications May 1, 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 4/27/23 – Davis-Bacon Overview Brief – Grantees received a one-page brief summarizing the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts provisions for construction projects supported with Federal education funds. Link: <u>Davis-Bacon overview</u>. The recording of the April 26th webinar will be available soon.

Upcoming Webinars

Davis-Bacon Office Hours, 5/16/23, 3:00pm – 4:00pm EDT – The Office of State and Grantee Relations, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, will hold an office hours session for grantees and subgrantees to receive answers to questions about the Davis-Bacon Act requirements. Grantees and subgrantees are asked to submit questions by the close of business on Thursday, 5/11/23. Questions can be sent to your State mailbox at *State name.oese@ed.gov*. This event will not be recorded. Registration link: https://ems8.intellor.com/?do=register&t=1&p=847798

Grantee Learning Series, Dates TBD in Late July/Early August – The Grantee Learning Series of webinars is designed to orient new key grantee personnel, and refresh the knowledge of existing key personnel, on grant and reporting requirements and technical assistance resources for ESSER, GEER, and EANS grants. The Grantee Learning Series will consist of up to five separate webinars held once per week with topics including technical assistance, grants administration, monitoring, data and reporting, and more. The schedule and registration information for the Grantee Learning Series will be shared with grantees soon.

Reporting Updates

| ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Performance Reporting (APR) | | |
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| 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 will close this week, on Thursday, 5/4/23. Thank you to those States that have already submitted their data. 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 Update User Account and Access Instructions. 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 you do not receive a response from the Federal Service Desk within three business days, SGR can escalate your issue 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 was issued 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 at *State name.oese@ed.gov*.

<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. For more information, 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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