

# SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications May 22, 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 5/11/23 – CRRSA Act ESSER, GEER, and EANS Liquidation Extension: Grantees received information about the Liquidation Extension request template and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)s for the CRRSA Act ESSER, GEER, and EANS program funds. Links: CRRSA Template and FAQs

### **Upcoming Webinars**

GEER Year 3 (FY22) Annual Performance Reporting Data Collection Tool Webinar, 5/31/23, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm EDT — The ESF Reporting Helpdesk will host a technical demonstration and overview of the Data Collection Tool for GEER Year 3 (FY22) APR. This webinar will be recorded and the recording will be posted to the Grantee Help page. Registration Link: <a href="https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/re1fbcf3994e182c99d6f3b2f3f33c4b8">https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/re1fbcf3994e182c99d6f3b2f3f33c4b8</a>. For webinar registration assistance, please email the ESF Reporting Helpdesk: ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov.

**Grantee Learning Series** – The Office of State and Grantee Relations is pleased to offer the upcoming Grantee Learning Series webinars on grant and reporting requirements and technical assistance resources for ESSER, GEER, and EANS grants. Webinars will be presented in July and August and will feature the following topics:

- 7/26/23 Grant Administration
- 8/2/23 Monitoring
- 8/9/23 Technical Assistance, Communications, and Resources
- 8/16/23 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Maintenance of Equity (MOEq)
- 8/23/23 Federal Funding and Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA) and Annual Performance Reporting (APR)

Webinar registration information will be announced soon.

## **Reporting Updates**

| ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Performance Reporting (APR) |                    |                        |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| Program  | APR Period         | Data Correction Period |
| ESSER Year 3 (FY22)                                      | closed             | 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     |

APR resources can be found on the ESF Grantee Help page. 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.

**FFATA Subaward Reporting Accuracy Requirement** – Grantees should review program subawards in <u>FSRS</u> 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 <u>USASpending.gov</u>. (See the "Sub Award" tab in the "Award History" section of the USAspending Award Profile for each grant)
- Sharing any Federal Service Desk ticket numbers and 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 this month to States that have not demonstrated efforts to ensure accuracy of ESSER, GEER, and EANS reporting. Questions? Please contact your Program Officer through your State Mailbox or see <a href="FFATA Reporting Requirements">FFATA Reporting Requirements and Accuracy</a>, <a href="FSSER, GEER">FSRS FAQs</a>, and <a href="ESSER">ESSER</a>, <a href="GEER">GEER</a>, and <a href="ESSER">EANS</a> reporting pages for guidance.

### **Deadlines and Announcements**

<u>COVID-19 Funds Liquidation Extension Update:</u> The Department has updated the CARES Act liquidation extension template for the ESSER II, GEER II, and EANS programs under the CRRSA Act. The <u>CRRSA template</u> is paired with an updated <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> document to support grantees in completing the request template on behalf of themselves and/or their subgrantees. Email questions through your State mailbox at *State name.oese@ed.gov*.

<u>Grantee Satisfaction Survey</u>: The Department of Education Grantee Satisfaction Survey (GSS) 2023 was sent to recipients on 4/11/23. The email with the survey link is from the CFI Group on behalf of the Department of Education. 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. See the <u>UEI Fact Sheet</u> on the ESF <u>Grantee Help page</u>.

<u>Updated Monitoring Protocols</u>: The Department has published revised monitoring protocols for the ESSER, GEER, and EANS pandemic relief programs. Updates to the ESSER and GEER protocols include a focus on compliance with Davis-Bacon Act requirements and performance monitoring for the implementation of ARP ESSER State plan requirements. The updated protocols for <u>ESSER</u>, <u>GEER</u>, and <u>EANS</u> are posted on the OESE website.

## **Grantee Resources**

**SGR 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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