

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications May 5, 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 5/3/23 – Davis-Bacon Act: Grantees received links to Davis-Bacon Act resources and webinar recordings, along with an invitation to the SGR Office Hours session hosted in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor on May 16, 2023. Links: Davis-Bacon Overview and SGR Deadlines and Announcements

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 in advance by 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 webinars will be he 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)		
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

The ESSER Year 3 (FY22) APR period closed on Thursday, 5/4/23. 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.

<u>FFATA Subaward Reporting Accuracy Requirement</u> – 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 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 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 FFATA Reporting Requirements and Accuracy, FSRS FAQs, and ESSER, GEER, and EANS reporting pages for guidance.

Deadlines and Announcements

COVID-19 Funds Liquidation Extension Update:

Earlier today, the Department updated the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act liquidation extension template for three programs under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act: the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) program, the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER II) program, and the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) program. 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. For additional information, please contact your program officer through your State mailbox at *Statename.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 *Statename.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

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

<u>Lessons from the Field Webinar Series</u> Community of Practice Resources

Regional Comprehensive Centers

The Best Practices Clearinghouse

THE BEST Fractices clearing nouse

National Partnership for Student Success

Engage Every Student

National Comprehensive Center

GSA Interact Community (SAM.gov and UEI related updates)

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