

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications June 12, 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 6/5/23 – Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and COVID-19 Relief Funds: Grantees received information about the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, which suspended the Federal debt ceiling. ESSER, GEER, and EANS funds awarded under the ARP Act and the CRRSA Act, as well as any remaining properly obligated funds under the CARES Act are not impacted. States and subgrantees should continue to spend down these resources urgently and wisely in accordance with approved State and local plans and statutory timelines for spending. Link: Fiscal Responsibility Act and COVID-19 Relief Funds

Upcoming Webinars

Grantee Learning Series – SGR 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. Registration information will be shared soon. 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)

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

EANS Year 2 (FY22) APR: The EANS Year 2 (FY22) APR data collection period will be open from 6/12/23 to 6/29/23. If you do not see your EANS YEAR 2 (FY22) APR once you have logged into the ESF Data Collection Tool, manually refresh your page by selecting Ctrl + F5 or select the 'Application Updated - Click here or reload page for latest version' link at the top of the page, if available. Reporting checklists, business rules guides, and other 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% (See the "Sub Award" tab in the "Award History" section of the USAspending Award Profile for each grant)
- 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 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 in June 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

7/31/23 - Final FY 2023 SEA-Level MOEquity Data Due: The deadline for SEAs to submit final FY23 SEA-level MOEquity data to SGR through the State mailbox is July 31, 2023. This data should include a signed copy of Appendix A and items 1, 3, 5, 6-8, 10-12 (see pg. 28 of MOEquity FAQs). If the SEA is unable to provide final FY 2023 data by July 31, they should notify their Program Officer with an extension request and provide a specific date of anticipated submission.

CRRSA Act Liquidation Extension Template: The Department updated the CARES Act liquidation extension template for three programs under the CRRSA Act: ESSER II, GEER II, and EANS. The <u>CRRSA template</u> is paired with an updated <u>FAQ</u> <u>document</u> 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.

2023 Compliance Supplement: The Office of Management and Budget has published the 2023 Compliance Supplement (Supplement). The Supplement is based on the requirements of *31 USC Chapter 75* and *2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F*, and identifies existing compliance requirements that the Federal government expects to be considered as part of an audit required by the 1996 Amendments to the Single Audit Act. The Supplement also provides information for auditors to understand Federal programs' objectives, procedures, and requirements subject to the audit.

Link: https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/office-federal-financial-management/

UEI and SAM.gov registration: 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 UEI Fact Sheet on the ESF Grantee Help page.

Grantee Resources

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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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