

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications June 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 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

EANS Year 2 (FY22) Annual Performance Reporting Data Collection Tool Webinar, 6/7/23, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm EDT — The ESF Reporting Helpdesk will host a technical demonstration and overview of the Data Collection Tool for EANS Year 2 (FY22) APR. A recording of this webinar will be posted to the Grantee Help page. Registration Link: https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/r467dedd4d49c39af1462d5048ced2892. For webinar registration assistance, please email the ESF Reporting Helpdesk at ESSER. GEER. EANS. Annual Report@ed.gov.

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) | | |
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| 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 GEER Year 3 (FY22) Reporting Checklist, Business Rules Guide, and other APR resources 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% (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 <u>USASpending.gov</u>.
- 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

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/

<u>Grantee Satisfaction Survey</u>: The deadline to submit the Department of Education Grantee Satisfaction Survey has been extended to 6/9/23 due to the Memorial Day holiday. The email with the survey link is from the CFI Group on behalf of the Department of Education and 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.

<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

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 Boutwardin for Children Custo

National Partnership for Student Success

Engage Every Student

National Comprehensive Center

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

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