Grantee Learning Series for COVID-19 Relief Programs: Technical Assistance, Communication, and Resources

The Office of State and Grantee Relations

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Purpose

Ensure that grantees are equipped with timely, relevant, and meaningful technical assistance and resources to feel confident in the implementation, evaluation, and improvement of the ESSER, GEER, and EANS programs to improve positive outcomes for all students.

A recording of the presentation and accompanying slides will be made available on the Department's State and Grantee Relations announcements webpage.

Objectives

Participants in this meeting will:

1. Be able to identify how to request technical assistance.

2. Learn about key resources available to help administer EANS, ESSER, and GEER programs.

Agenda

Intensive Technical Assistance (Individualized & Ongoing)

- State Mailboxes
- Unique Grantee Questions
- State Monthly Meetings

Targeted Technical Assistance (Group-Based)

- G5 Broadcast Email
- Weekly SGR Newsflash

Universal Technical Assistance (One Time Offering)

- Webinars and Office Hours
- Guidance and FAQs
- Tour of the SGR Website – Deadlines and Announcements

Intensive Technical Assistance
(Individualized & Ongoing)

State Mailboxes

Questions: Email your State mailbox at ***State name.OESE@ed.gov***.

Unique Grantee Questions

"Unique grantee questions" are those asking about a situation or circumstance that is not easily answerable by available resources, such as the FAQs.

Responses to these grantee questions are developed through cross-departmental workgroups:

- ESSER
- GEER
- EANS/Equitable Services
- MOE/MOEq

Monthly Meetings

Topics

o Reviewing FFATA DATA

o Analysis of Drawdown Data

o Outstanding Action Items

Information shared by grantees during monthly meetings is used to inform future technical assistance opportunities.

Targeted Technical Assistance
(Group-Based)

G5 Email

o The State and Grantee Relations (SGR) team can send email to grantees through the G5 grants management system

o Recipients are the contacts listed as State Director and Authorizing Official on each grant

o The emails often include an attachment with important, timely information

o Links to the emails are posted on the SGR Deadlines & Announcements page and in the weekly SGR Newsflash

SGR Newsflash

o   The SGR Newsflash is a weekly two-page publication sent by email every Monday

o   Provides news and information to grantees at the State level and other stakeholders such as national education organizations

o   Past issues are available by going to the SGR Newsflash Archive or by following the link on the Deadlines & Announcements page

o   Send subscription requests with the SGR Newsflash Subscription email link

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS
Grantee Communications
July 10, 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 6/26/23 – Activities Continuing After Obligation and Liquidation Periods: Grantees received information about ESSER, GEER, and EANS activities that may extend for a reasonable time beyond the obligation and liquidation period.

Link: Continuing Activities Guidance

Upcoming Webinars

SGR Grantee Learning Series – Registration is now open for the SGR Grantee Learning Series webinars on grant and reporting requirements and technical assistance resources for ESSER, GEER, and EANS grants. Each session will begin at 2:30 pm EDT. Questions? Email your State mailbox at *State name.OESE@ed.gov*.

Grantee Learning Series Webinars		
Topic	Date	Registration Link
Grants Administration	7/26/23	https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=848121
Monitoring	8/2/23	https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=848123
Technical Assistance, Communications, and Resources	8/9/23	https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=848126
Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Maintenance of Equity (MOEq)	8/16/23	https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=848129
Federal Funding and Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA) and Annual Performance Reporting (APR)	8/23/23	https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=848096

Reporting Updates

ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Performance Reporting (APR)	
Program	Data Correction Period
ESSER Year 2 (FY21)	7/3/23 to 7/20/23
ESSER Year 3 (FY22)	7/24/23 to 8/10/23
GEER Year 2 (FY22)	8/14/23 to 8/24/23
GEER Year 3 (FY22)	8/28/23 to 9/7/23
EANS Year 1 (FY21)	9/11/23 to 9/21/23
EANS Year 2 (FY22)	9/25/23 to 10/5/23

ESSER Year 2 (FY21) APR data correction period: The ESSER Year 2 APR has reopened for ESSER grantees to correct or update any previously reported ESSER Year 2 APR data. After the data correction period closes on 7/20/23, all ESSER Year 2 APR data will be considered final and the ESF Data Collection Tool will not be available for further corrections. If your State received an email with potential data quality concerns identified by the Department, your State is required to review and resubmit your ESSER Year 2 (FY21) APR.

See the ESF Grantee Help page for resources. 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 continue to 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% (See the *Sub-Awards* tab in the *Award History* section of the *USASpending Award Profile* for each grant). Examples of acceptable explanations include:
  - Manner of grant implementation (subawards under $30,000 or contracts determined to not justify a subrecipient relationship)
  - Technical challenges with FSRS (active FSD ticket/incident numbers must be shared with SGR)
- 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 that are not being actively worked on by the Federal Service Desk). If you do not receive a response from the Federal Service Desk within three business days, SGR can escalate your issue to GSA.

Questions? Please contact your SGR program officer through your State Mailbox or see FSRS FAQs, and ESSER, GEER, and EANS reporting pages for guidance.

FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) Improvements – Would you like to influence improvements to the FFATA Subaward Reporting System? If so, GSA wants to hear from you. Please offer your recommendations by going to the *Gotta sec?* link on the FSRS home page or by navigating directly to this link.

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 7/31/23. 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 7/31/23, they should notify their SGR program officer with an extension request and provide a specific date of anticipated submission. SEAs are encouraged to submit FY23 small LEA tolerance proposals, if applicable, alongside the final FY23 data submission. If additional time is required to develop a small LEA tolerance proposal, please provide a specific date of anticipated submission.

UEI and SAM.gov registration: Grantees and subrecipients may contact the Federal Service Desk (FSD) for assistance with grantee or subrecipient SAM.gov registration renewal or UEI assignment. Please share any assigned incident numbers with your SGR program officer. SGR can assist with escalating tickets if they are not addressed by the FSD after 3 business days. There is never a fee charged for registering an entity or maintaining an entity registration. For information visit the Federal Service Desk or see the UEI Fact Sheet on the ESF Grantee Help page.

Grantee Resources

SGR Deadlines and Announcements	SAM.gov Resources
CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Template	Lessons from the Field Webinar Series
CARES and CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs	Community of Practice Resources
ESSER and GEER FAQs Dec 7, 2022 Update	Regional Comprehensive Centers
EANS FAQs	The Best Practices Clearinghouse
ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs	National Partnership for Student Success
ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort Guidance	Engage Every Student
2023 OMB Compliance Supplement	National Comprehensive Center
ESF Transparency Portal	GSA Interact Community (SAM.gov and UEI related updates)

Universal Technical Assistance
One-Time Offering

Webinars and Office Hours

- Planned based on grantee need
- Most are posted to the SGR website

ESSER Resources

FAQs & Use of Funds	+

Webinars & Office Hours	−

- Davis-Bacon Webinar (04.26.2023)
  - Recording – English
  - Recording – Spanish
  - Transcript – English
  - Transcript – Spanish
- CARES Act Late Liquidation and Closeout Webinar (03.09.2023)
  - Recording – English
  - Recording – Spanish
  - Slides
  - Transcript – English
  - Transcript – Spanish
- ESSER and GEER FAQs Webinar (12.21.2022)
  - English Recording

Recent Webinars and Office Hours:

- Davis-Bacon Webinar and Office Hours
- Late Liquidation & Closeout Webinar
- ESSER & GEER Liquidation Extension Webinar
- FFATA Webinar

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Guidance and FAQs

[ESSER & GEER FAQs](#)

[Maintenance of Equity FAQs](#)

[Maintenance of Effort FAQs](#)

[EANS FAQs](#)

[EANS Disposition FAQs Addendum](#)

[Liquidation Extension FAQs](#)

[Davis-Bacon Overview](#)

Tour of the SGR Website

Key pages on OESE website:
- Deadlines & Announcements
- ESSER
- GEER
- EANS
- Maintenance of Equity
- Maintenance of Effort
- Monitoring & Reporting

Other key web pages:
- ESF Transparency Portal
- Comprehensive Center Network

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Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

PROGRAM OFFICE	Office of State and Grantee Relations, OESE
CFDA NUMBER	ESSER I and II - 84.425D ARP ESSER – 84.425U
PROGRAM TYPE	Formula Grant

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