SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications
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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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Upcoming Webinars

SGR Grantee Learning Series: The SGR Grantee Learning Series webinars focus on the requirements and related resources for the ESSER, GEER, and EANS programs. Each session will begin at 2:30 pm EDT and will be recorded. Registration links for the remaining sessions are shown below.

Grantee Learning Series Webinars		
Topic	**Date**	**Links to Session Registration and Recorded Webinars**
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

GEER Year 2 (FY21) APR data correction period: The GEER Year 2 APR has reopened, allowing grantees an opportunity to correct or update any previously reported data. This will be the last opportunity in 2023 for GEER grantees to make corrections or updates to previously reported GEER Year 2 APR data. If your State received an email with potential data quality concerns identified by the Department, your State is required to review the data for accuracy, make updates, and resubmit the data if necessary.

ESSER/ GEER/EANS Annual Performance Reporting (APR)	
Program	**Data Correction Period**
ESSER Year 2 (FY21)	closed
ESSER Year 3 (FY22)	closed
GEER Year 2 (FY21)	**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

Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) Reporting Helpdesk Office Hours: The ESF Reporting Helpdesk will be hosting four Office Hours sessions for grantees to ask questions pertaining to GEER/ESF-Governor Data Quality issues and/or APR submissions. Registration is not required. Attendees from States and outlying areas can click on the links below to join an Office Hours session.

- Wednesday, 8/16 – from 12-1 pm ET
- Wednesday, 8/23 – from 4-5 pm ET
- Wednesday, 8/30 – from 12-1 pm ET
- Wednesday, 9/6 – from 4-5 pm ET

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:

- o Manner of grant implementation (subawards under $30,000 or contracts determined to not justify a subrecipient relationship)
- o 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 (FSD) ticket numbers and a description of the reported issues with their SGR program officer. If you do not receive a response from the FSD 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.

Deadlines and Announcements
Grantee Resources now available in Spanish:
- Davis-Bacon Overview - Resumen de la Ley Davis-Bacon
- EANS Disposition Guidance - Disposición de equipos y suministros en virtud del programa EANS
- Maintenance of Equity Guidance Letter - Carta a los beneficiarios sobre el Mantenimiento de la equidad

Final FY 2023 SEA-Level MOEquity Data PAST DUE: The deadline for SEAs to submit final FY23 SEA-level MOEquity data to SGR through the State mailbox was 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). SEAs that have not yet provided final FY23 data 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.

CRRSA Obligation Deadline and Extensions: CRRSA ESSER, GEER, and EANS funds must be obligated by 9/30/23. The Department has released an updated CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request template for grantees to utilize if an extended liquidation period is needed by the State or its subgrantees. Grantees may submit requests as soon as data are available and are encouraged to reach out to their state mailbox with any questions related to completion of a liquidation extension request. Please see the following resources for additional information:
- Updated CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request template
- Updated-Technical-FAQs-for-Liquidation-Extensions-5.5.23.pdf
- 7/27/23 G5 communication: CRRSA ESSER, GEER, and EANS Obligation Deadlines and Extensions

Request for Public Input on Information Collection Requests (ICRs): The Department requests public input on how it can reduce the burden associated with its ICRs, while maintaining data, information, and analyses critical to fulfill the Department's mission. This effort will help the Department identify improvements, redundancies in information collections, and inefficiencies in collections in order to improve the value and use of data. Please submit your input by **TODAY, 8/14/23**. **Link:** Federal Register - ICR Burden Public Input Request

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)

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