

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications August 21, 2023

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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 and posted on the SGR web page. The registration link for the remaining session and links to recordings of previous sessions are shown below.

Grantee Learning Series Webinars			
Topic	Date	Link	
Federal Funding and Accountability Transparency Act		Registration link:	
(FFATA) and Annual Performance Reporting (APR)	8/23/23	https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=848096	
Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Maintenance of Equity			
(MOEq)	8/16/23	Recorded webinar link coming soon	
Technical Assistance, Communications, and Resources	8/9/23	Recorded webinar link coming soon	
Monitoring	8/2/23	Recorded webinar: https://youtu.be/CozYdpCckD0	
Grants Administration	7/26/23	Recorded webinar: https://youtu.be/vaussuE91lk	

Region 14 Comprehensive Center Webinar Series: Strategic Budget Practices in a Post-ESSER Landscape: Join the Region 14 Comprehensive Center this September for a four-part webinar series focused on supporting school districts in navigating the complexities of a post-ESSER landscape using best practices in fiscal health. The webinar series will introduce six fiscal health principles that support sustainable and strategic budgeting practices and support participants in applying these principles to several common fiscal challenges currently facing LEAs and school districts.

Link: Information and Registration

Reporting Updates

GEER Year 2 (FY21) APR data correction period: The GEER Year 2 APR data correction period will close this Thursday, 8/24/23. 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.

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Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) Reporting Helpdesk Office Hours: The ESF Reporting Helpdesk will be hosting three remaining 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, 8/23 from 4-5 pm ET
- Wednesday, 8/30 from 12-1 pm ET

Wednesday, 9/6 – from 4-5 pm ET

See the <u>ESF Grantee Help page</u> for resources. Please continue to submit any APR-related questions to <u>ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov</u>. 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 <u>FSRS</u> and demonstrate efforts to ensure accurate monthly subaward reporting by:

- Confirming FFATA subaward data for each grant displays accurately in <u>USASpending.gov</u>
- 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)
 - 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 <u>USASpending.gov</u>.
- 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 <u>FSRS FAQs</u>,
 and <u>ESSER</u>, <u>GEER</u>, and <u>EANS</u> reporting pages for guidance.

Deadlines and Announcements

<u>Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Data Now Available</u>: Final FY22 and Interim FY23 Maintenance of Effort data for all States has been published and can be viewed in the <u>ESF Transparency Portal</u>.

Grantee Resources now available in Spanish:

- <u>Davis-Bacon Overview</u> <u>Resumen de la Ley Davis-Bacon</u>
- 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

<u>CRRSA Obligation Deadline and Extensions:</u> 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:

- <u>Updated CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request</u> <u>template</u>
- Updated CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs

 <u>CRRSA ESSER, GEER, and EANS Obligation Deadlines</u> and <u>Extensions Letter</u>

UEI and SAM.gov registration: Grantees and subrecipients may contact the <u>Federal Service Desk</u> (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 three business days. There is never a fee charged for registering an entity or maintaining an entity registration. For more information visit the <u>Federal Service Desk</u> or see the <u>UEI Fact Sheet</u> on the <u>ESF Grantee Help page</u>.

Grantee Resources

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CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Template

CARES and CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs

ESSER and GEER FAQs Dec 7, 2022 Update

EANS FAQs

ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs

ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort Guidance

2023 OMB Compliance Supplement

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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