



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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Recent Grantee Communications

Sent 8/31/23 – Reporting Guidance for ESSER-funded Activities: Grantees received information regarding reporting of participation information for ESSER-funded activities and reporting scenario examples to clarify and provide additional insight into the reporting requirements for ESSER Annual Performance Report (APR) questions 2.2e “SEA Interventions and Participation” and 4.b1 “LEA Interventions and Participation.” Links: [ESSER APR Letter](#) and [Example Scenarios](#)

Webinar Updates

SGR Grantee Learning Series: The SGR Grantee Learning Series webinars focus on the requirements and related resources for the ESSER, GEER, and EANS programs. See the links below to access recordings of the webinars:

Topics	Links to Recorded Webinars	
Grants Administration	English	Spanish subtitled
Monitoring	English	Spanish subtitled
Technical Assistance, Communications, and Resources	English	Spanish subtitled
Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Maintenance of Equity (MOEq)	English	Spanish subtitled
FFATA and Annual Performance Reporting (APR)	English	Spanish subtitled

Reporting Updates

EANS Year 1 (FY21) APR data correction period: The EANS Year 1 APR data correction period is now open. This will be the last opportunity this year for EANS grantees to make corrections or updates to previously reported EANS Year 1 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 needed. 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.

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)	closed
GEER Year 3 (FY22)	closed
EANS Year 1 (FY21)	9/11/23 to 9/21/23
EANS Year 2 (FY22)	9/25/23 to 10/5/23

FFATA Subaward Reporting Accuracy Requirement – SGR appreciates grantees’ efforts in complying with FFATA reporting requirements. We continue to monitor subaward reporting and offer our support to grantees to come into or remain in compliance. Please send an email through your state mailbox if you have any questions or need assistance with FFATA requirements. Program subawards can be reviewed in [FSRS](#) and [USASpending.gov](#).

Deadlines and Announcements

Grant Refund Information: With the suspension period for the CARES Act ESSER and GEER grants having passed, here is a reminder of the three options available for returning grant funds when an award can no longer be accessed in G5:

- **To return funds in G5:** If the award is closed, or there is no associated grant award with the refund, the refund can still be sent through G5 by going to Payments> Refunds> Refund Creation and clicking on the "Miscellaneous Refunds" tab and selecting "Closed Awards."
- **To return funds by Fedwire:** Institutions using a domestic bank account may choose to send a refund via Fedwire. Instructions for sending a domestic Fedwire can be found here: https://www.g5.gov/G5HELP/G5_fedwire_instructions.pdf
- **To return funds by check:** Send a check made out to the U.S. Department of Education to the address below. Make sure the check or an accompanying letter contains details of where the funds should be applied, such as a specific grant award or for an audit finding, and write the complete grant or audit number. (Note that the post office box address previously used by the Department for receiving returns is closing on 09/30/23.) All checks should now be mailed to:
U.S. Department of Education
Office of Finance and Operations
Accounts Receivable and Bank Management Division
400 Maryland Ave SW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20202

Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) Transparency Portal Redesign: The ESF Portal has a new look. The log-in process has not changed, and users will continue to see the same pages and menu options after logging into the Data Collection Tool. Link: [ESF Transparency Portal](#)

ESSER Grantee Biannual Review: This fall, SGR will conduct its second Biannual Review for 2023. The review will focus on each CARES, CRRSA, and ARP ESSER grantee's fiscal and programmatic oversight of local education agencies and other subrecipients. Grantees will also be able to identify technical assistance needs and share practices that may be used during future technical assistance activities. Program officers will schedule reviews during September's check-in meeting and review the self-assessment to be completed by each grantee.

Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Update: On 8/31/23, all ARP ESSER grantees received a G5 communication that provides a status update on the implementation of the maintenance of equity requirements. As the Department prepares to finalize FY 2022 MOEquity compliance determinations, begin monitoring activities, and shift to implementation of FY 2023 requirements, States that have not yet demonstrated compliance with FY 2022 requirements should immediately contact their State program officer at *State name.oese@ed.gov* to develop a plan to meet these requirements before enforcement actions begin in October 2023. Link: [FY22-23MOEqLetter](#)

Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Data Now Available: Final FY 2022 and Interim FY 2023 Maintenance of Effort data for all States has been published and can be viewed in the [ESF Transparency Portal](#).

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](#)
- [CRRSA ESSER, GEER, and EANS Obligation Deadlines and Extensions Letter](#)
- [Updated CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs](#)

Grantee Resources

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[CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Template](#)
[CARES and CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs](#)
[ESSER and GEER FAQs](#)
[EANS FAQs](#)

[ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs](#)
[ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort Guidance](#)
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