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 – Implementation of Maintenance of Equity Requirements: Grantees received a status update on the implementation of the Maintenance of Equity requirements. Link: ESSER Deadlines and Announcements

Sent 8/31/23 – Reporting Guidance for ESSER-funded Activities: Grantees received information regarding reporting of participation information for ESSER-funded activities along with 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." Link: ESSER Deadlines and Announcements

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 the recordings for the *Grants Administration*, *Monitoring*, and *Technical Assistance, Communications, and Resources* webinars.

Grantee Learning Series		
Topic	**Date**	**Link to Recorded Webinar**
Grants Administration	7/26/23	Recorded webinar: https://youtu.be/vaussuE91Ik
Monitoring	8/2/23	Recorded webinar: https://youtu.be/CozYdpCckD0
Technical Assistance, Communications, and Resources	8/9/23	Recorded webinar: https://youtu.be/vz7RYHOWlvU
Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Maintenance of Equity (MOEq)	8/16/23	Recorded webinar link coming soon
Federal Funding and Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA) and Annual Performance Reporting (APR)	8/23/23	Recorded webinar link coming soon

Region 14 Comprehensive Center Webinar Series: Strategic Budget Practices in a Post-ESSER Landscape: Join the Region 14 Comprehensive Center in 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 3 (FY22) APR data correction period: The GEER Year 3 APR data correction period will close on Thursday, 9/7/23 at 8pm ET. This will be the last opportunity this year for GEER grantees to make corrections or updates to previously reported GEER Year 3 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.

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)	**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 a final Office Hours session 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 this link to join the Office Hours session: Wednesday, 9/6/23, 4pm-5pm EST. 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 (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

ESSER Grantee Biannual Review: During October and November, SGR will conduct its second Biannual Review of grantees for 2023. This review will focus on each CARES, CRRSA, and ARP ESSER grantee's fiscal and programmatic oversight of its 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 review the self-assessment submitted by each grantee and schedule reviews during the next monthly check-in meeting.

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.

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
- Updated CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs
- CRRSA ESSER, GEER, and EANS Obligation Deadlines and Extensions Letter

Grantee Resources

SGR Deadlines and Announcements
CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Template
CARES and CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs
ESSER and GEER FAQs 12/7/22

EANS FAQs
ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs
ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort Guidance
ESF Transparency Portal