

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications October 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 (Department).

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Recent Grantee Communications

Sent 9/18/23 – ARP Liquidation Extension Request: Grantees received information regarding the upcoming availability of a liquidation extension request application and FAQs document for ARP ESSER and GEER grants. Link: ARP Liquidation Extension Request Communication

Reporting Updates

ESSER, GEER and EANS Annual Performance Reporting: Thank you to all grantees for working to close out the reporting requirements for 2022. The Department is in the process of analyzing the data and hopes to make it available publicly in early 2024.

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 <u>FSRS</u> and <u>USASpending.gov</u>.

Deadlines and Announcements

<u>CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Information</u>: 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 updated <u>CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request template</u> for additional information

ARP Liquidation Extension Request Information: The Department has communicated that the general liquidation extension that has been available under the CARES and CRRSA Acts will be available for ARP. Additional information, including a request template and updated frequently asked questions document will be available this fall. Please see the Department's September 18, 2023 communication for additional information.

<u>Grant Refund Information</u>: 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 selecting Payments > Refunds > Refund Creation and clicking 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

<u>SGR Grantee Learning Series</u>: The SGR Grantee Learning Series webinars focus on the requirements and related resources for the ESSER, GEER, and EANS programs. Recordings of each webinar are available through the links below.

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

Grantee Resources

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<u>CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Template</u>

CARES and CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs

ESSER and GEER FAQs

ESSER and GEER FAQs - Spanish

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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