

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications January 16, 2024

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 1/8/24 – FY 2023 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Update: Grantees received information about upcoming FY 2023 MOE data and waiver deadlines. Link: FY 2023 Maintenance of Effort Communication

Sent 1/9/24 – ARP ESSER and EANS Liquidation Extension Requests: Grantees received information about the process for requesting liquidation extensions for ARP ESSER and ARP EANS grants. As with the CARES Act and CRRSA Act process, grantees may request liquidation extensions for any allowable costs of the ARP ESSER or ARP EANS programs, provided such costs are properly obligated by September 30, 2024. Links: <u>ARP ESSER and EANS Communication; FAQs; Liquidation</u> Extension Request template

Sent 1/12/24 – Upcoming FY 2024 Improper Payments Study: Grantees received information about the upcoming ESF FY 2024 Improper Payments Study. ESSER, GEER, and EANS grantees with drawdowns selected for review received an invitation to the kick-off webinar to be held on Tuesday, 1/23/24. Link: <u>SGR Deadlines and Announcements</u>

Upcoming Webinars

ARP ESSER and ARP EANS Liquidation Extension Request Technical Assistance Webinar, 1/17/24 and 1/18/24: The Office of State and Grantee Relations (SGR) will conduct a technical assistance webinar for ARP ESSER and ARP EANS grantees to review the process for requesting a liquidation extension. Both webinar sessions will provide the same content. See below for preregistration information.

Session 1	Session 2
Date: Wednesday, 1/17/24	Date: Thursday, 1/18/24
Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 p EST	Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 am EST
Preregister at this link:	Preregister at this link:
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ESSER FY23 Intervention Participation and Expenditure Detail Reporting Review, 1/30/24: The U.S. Department of Education will host a webinar providing a detailed review of the ESSER intervention participation questions required for FY 2023 on Tuesday, 1/30/24, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST. Please continue to submit any APR-related questions by email to *ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov.* The ESF Reporting Helpdesk can also be reached by phone at 1-866-890-0913.

Registration Link: https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/r0530c0aa6c229e03bbe7f99a8101134e

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Deadlines and Announcements

FY 2024 Educational Stabilization Fund (ESF) Improper Payments Study: The Department's Financial Data Integrity and Control Division (FDICD), in the Office of Financial Management, with support from the Office of State and Grantee Relations, has started work on the fiscal year 2024 ESF improper payments study. The study reviews an estimation of select higher risk programs to identify the underlying causes of improper payments — either payments that should not have been made or were made in the incorrect amount—as required by the <u>Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019</u> (PIIA) and outlined in OMB Circular A-123, Appendix C, <u>Requirements for Payment Integrity Improvement</u>. ESF grantees with drawdowns selected for review during the FY 2024 study are (by program)-

ESSER– AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, and WV

EANS– FL, IL, NE, and NJ GEER– KY

If your grant has been selected for this year's study, you should have received an invitation to the kick-off webinar to be held on **Tuesday, January 23, at 2:30 pm EST**. If you have not received an invitation and your State is listed, please send an email through your State's mailbox at *[Statename.,OESE@ed.gov.*]

FY 2023 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Update: Final FY 2023 MOE data is due by March 15, 2024. States intending to seek a waiver of FY 2023 MOE requirements that have not already done so should submit a detailed waiver request to their State mailbox by March 15, 2024. States that have already submitted a FY 2023 MOE waiver should submit updated information, including final FY 2023 MOE expenditure data and any updates regarding State actions to address the FY 2023 MOE shortfall with additional State appropriations, to their State mailbox by March 15, 2024. Please review this communication for more information on data and waiver submission requirements and deadlines.

Strategic Planning for Continued Recovery (SPCR) Initiative: The <u>SPCR initiative</u> aims to support state educational agencies (SEAs) as they sustain effective programs funded by ESSER/ESF. The National Comprehensive Center (NCC) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) want to learn more about your efforts to support sustainability of effective ESSER/ESF investments. Please complete this short <u>survey</u> to inform the content for the Cross-SEA Collaboration Sessions and individualized consultations that grantees may participate in.

Grantee Resources

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CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Template
CARES, CRRSA, and ARP Liquidation Extension FAQs
ARP ESSER and EANS Liquidation Extension Request
<u>Template</u>
ESSER and GEER FAQs
ESSER and GEER FAQs - Spanish
EANS FAQs
EANS Disposition FAQs Addendum
ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs
ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort Guidance
ESSER Webinars and Resources

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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