

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications January 22, 2024

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Recent Grantee Communications

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: Improper Payments communication

Upcoming Webinars

ESSER FY 2023 Annual Performance Report - 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 Fiscal Year 2023 on Tuesday, 1/30/24, 2 pm-3 pm EST. **Registration Link**: <u>ESSER</u> <u>Intervention Review</u>

Strategic Planning for Continued Recovery (SPCR) Strategy Webinar: Ensure Access and Opportunity for All, 2/1/24 - In this fourth session of the SPCR webinar series, SEA teams will increase their knowledge of how to use five key levers (Grantmaking, Policy, Monitoring, Technical Assistance, and Partnerships) to support LEAs in sustaining investments that lead to equitable opportunities and outcomes for students. Thursday, 2/1/24, 4 pm-5 pm EST. Registration link: <u>SPCR</u> Webinar #4

Deadlines and Announcements

ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Reporting Resources: In preparation for ESSER Year 4 (FY23), GEER and ESF-Governor Year 4 (FY23), and EANS Year 3 (FY 23) annual performance reporting, the ESF <u>Grantee Help page</u> now has APR resources available including annotated data collection forms, data dictionaries, and reporting templates. 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 (866) 890-0913.

ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Performance Reporting (APR) Data Collection Schedule	
ESSER/ESF-SEA	Year 4 (FY23) Initial: open 5/13/24 - 6/6/24
	Year 3 (FY22) Prior Year: re-open 7/29/24 - 8/15/24
	Year 4 (FY23) Re-open 9/9/24 - 9/26/24
GEER/ESF-GOV	Year 4 (FY23) Initial: open 4/15/24 - 5/2/24
	Year 3 (FY22) Prior Year: re-open 9/30/24 - 10/10/24
	Year 4 (FY23) Re-open 10/21/24 - 10/31/24
EANS	Year 3 (FY23) Initial: open 4/22/24 - 5/9/24
	Year 2 (FY22) Prior Year: re-open 10/7/24 - 10/17/24
	Year 3 (FY23) Re-open 10/28/24 - 11/7/24

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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.

ARP ESSER and EANS Liquidation Extension Requests: 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</u>; <u>FAQs</u>; <u>Liquidation Extension</u> <u>Request template</u>

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

- SGR Deadlines and Announcements CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Template CARES, CRRSA, and ARP Liquidation Extension FAQs ARP ESSER and EANS Liquidation Extension Request Template 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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