



SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications February 5, 2024

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Recent Grantee Communications

Sent 1/29/24 – ARP ESSER State Plan Amendments: Grantees were reminded about the process for submitting an amendment to *Section D: Maximizing State-Level Funds to Support Students* in their approved ARP ESSER State plan.

Link: [ARP ESSER State Plan Amendment Communication](#)

Sent 1/31/24 – ESSER Reporting Resources and Expectations: Grantees received information about available resources and grantee expectations for the upcoming ESSER Year 4 (FY23) Annual Performance Reporting (APR) data collection period, 5/13/24-6/6/24. The data collection form is available on the [Grantee Help page](#) of the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) [Transparency Portal](#). **Link:** [ESSER APR Resources and Expectations Communication](#)

Upcoming Webinar

Strategic Planning for Continued Recovery (SPCR) Webinar: Grantees are invited to join the [SPCR](#) subject matter experts on 2/22/24 from 3:30-5:00pm ET for the Cross-SEA Collaboration session, *Digging into Data to Determine What Works*. Participants can share and learn about different ways SEAs and LEAs use data to ensure access and opportunity for all students, and to determine effectiveness of and how to prioritize investments. **Registration link:** [SPCR Digging into Data Webinar](#)

Deadlines and Announcements

Upcoming FY 2023 Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Small LEA Tolerance Deadline: States that would like to submit a small LEA tolerance proposal (see #21(a) of [FAQs](#)) for FY 2023 should do so through their State mailbox by **March 15, 2024**. All Department correspondence regarding small LEA tolerance proposals are available on the [MOEquity webpage](#).

Upcoming FY 2023 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Deadline: 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 [the January 8, 2024 communication](#) for more information on data and waiver submission requirements and deadlines.

ARP ESSER State Plan Amendments: The Department is encouraging any State considering making changes to its planned uses of American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds to submit a request to amend its approved ARP ESSER State plan by Friday, **March 29, 2024**. Submitting by that date will help to ensure the Department has sufficient time to review and approve the amendment so the grantee can move forward with implementing its changes in advance of the approaching end of the period of availability for obligating ARP ESSER funds. As a reminder, a State must seek an amendment if it plans to implement different or additional evidence-based interventions than those currently described in Sections D.1 (evidence-based interventions to address the academic

impact of lost instructional time), D.2 (evidence-based summer enrichment), or D.3 (evidence-based afterschool programs) of its ARP ESSER State plan. States are not required to submit amendments related to uses of funds set aside for emergency needs as described in section D.4. For more information about the process for submitting an amendment, please refer to the Department's September 19, 2022 [communication to Chief State School Officers](#).

ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Performance Reporting (APR) 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 [Grantee Help page](#) 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

ARP ESSER and EANS Liquidation Extension Requests: Information regarding the process for requesting liquidation extensions for ARP ESSER and ARP EANS grants has been shared with grantees. 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:** [ARP ESSER and EANS Communication](#); [FAQs](#); [Liquidation Extension Request template](#)

Beware of emails soliciting payment for SAM.gov registration or renewal: Grantees and other entities are reporting they have received sophisticated emails that appear to be from SAM.gov. These emails include a phone number that is not for the GSA Help Desk, but rather will solicit payment to renew registration. **SAM.gov is free and will never ask for payment.** Please see this article from GSA, [Don't Take the Bait: Beware of Misleading Marketing, Imposters, and Phishing](#) for more information.

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 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](#)
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