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Greetings, Grantees -

The statutory liquidation periods for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER), and Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) programs have ended. To date, 20 ESSER, 8 GEER, and 9 EANS grantees have received an extension of the period of liquidation.

As a reminder, during the extended period of liquidation, grantees are placed on route payment and must provide additional information to the program office when drawing down funds. The process described below follows that done for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act programs.

## <u>Drawing Funds for Grantees with Approved CRRSA Liquidation Extensions</u>

For all drawdowns occurring within the extended liquidation period, payment requests are not authorized for release until the program office conducts a review of your request to ensure alignment to the State's approved extension. In order to receive payment, grantees should submit associated drawdown requests in G6. Grantees should then communicate the following through the State mailbox ([Statename].OESE@ed.gov):

- 1. Grantee/State reservation amount included in the drawdown (if applicable)
- 2. Each LEA/Subrecipient amount listed separately by subrecipient (if applicable)
- 3. Drawdown request total

The information can be submitted in a format convenient to the grantee. Grantees should also ensure that related fiscal staff submitting draw requests to G6 are informed of this process and coordinate communication appropriately. Once approved, funds should be available within 24-48 hours.

If you are a CRRSA grantee in need of a liquidation extension, complete a <u>CRRSA liquidation extension</u> request template and remit the request with accompanying signed attestation through the State mailbox ([Statename].OESE@ed.gov). While the Office of State and Grantee Relations recommended the submission of requests by December 31, 2023, we continue to review grantee liquidation extension requests for approval. This process is designed for up to an additional 14-month extension to the liquidation period that allows grantees and subrecipients to <u>continue</u> contracted activities and associated payments if timely and valid obligations were made pursuant to <u>34 C.F.R. § 76.707</u>, and if State and local procurement laws allow.

For any questions related to approved or pending liquidation extensions of CRRSA ESSER, GEER, or EANS funds, please reach out to your State's program officer by emailing the State mailbox ([Statename].OESE@ed.gov). Additional closeout information will be communicated to grantees in the spring of 2024.

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