

SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications March 25, 2024

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Recent Grantee Communication

Sent 3/22/24 Recording and Reporting Federal Interest: Grantees received information regarding how to record and report the Federal interest when Federal funds have been spent to improve facilities. While most ED grant programs prohibit using Federal funds for construction activities, facilities improvements may be allowable projects under certain programs that were authorized to assist educational entities in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including ESSER, GEER, and reverted EANS programs. Link: Recording and Reporting Federal Interest

Upcoming Webinars

ESSER Form Review Webinar: In preparation for Year 4 (FY23) of the ESSER Annual Performance Reporting (APR), ED will host a webinar providing a detailed review of the APR data collection form on 3/26/24, 3pm-4pm ET. The form can be found on the ESSER Grantee Help page under Year 4 (FY23) APR Resources.

Registration Link: https://aemcorp.webex.com/weblink/register/r881f60af7d2169ddfa88aa3465dd8919 . The webinar will be recorded and the webinar materials will be posted to the ESSER Grantee Help page.

Subrecipient Monitoring Webinar: SGR and the Grants Management Policy Division will provide an overview of the subrecipient monitoring requirements for Federal grants with an emphasis on risk assessment and programmatic monitoring on Wednesday, 4/3/24, from 3 pm-4:30 pm ET.

Registration Link: https://intellor.webex.com/weblink/register/r19a97340d197feae6b1e107deac4967f

Strategic Planning for Continued Recovery (SPCR) Strategy Webinar - Communicating Impact of Investments: Making the Case for Sustaining What Works: In this fifth session of the SPCR webinar series, SEA teams will learn strategies to support effective communication. Resources for SEAs to support LEAs in developing a communication goal and aligned communication method will be included. Thursday, 4/4/24, 4 pm-5 pm ET. Registration link: SPCR Webinar #5.

ARP ESSER and ARP EANS Liquidation Extension Office Hours: SGR will host two office hours sessions, on Thursday, 4/25/24 at 3pm EST, and Tuesday, 5/21/24 at 3pm EST, to review the ARP ESSER and ARP EANS liquidation extension request submission process and address questions from grantees. Please pre-register here:

4/25/24 3pm ET Registration link: https://intellor.webex.com/weblink/register/rbd68d25be9bbaa1825f6d69055919124 **5/21/24 3pm ET Registration link:** https://intellor.webex.com/weblink/register/r180392dadf099ea0766fe41fa514353d
Submit questions prior to each session through your State mailbox at [StateName].OESE@ed.gov.

Liquidation extension resources: ARP ESSER and EANS Communication; FAQs; Liquidation Extension Request template

Deadlines and Announcements

CRRSA Liquidation Extension Information: Grantees with approved CRRSA ESSER, GEER, or EANS extensions are reminded that during the period of extended liquidation, grantees are placed on route payment and must provide additional information to the program office when drawing down funds. Additionally, while SGR recommended the submission of CRRSA liquidation extension requests by 12/31/23, we continue to review 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 continue contracted activities and associated payments if timely and valid obligations were made

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pursuant to 34 C.F.R. §76.707, and if State and local procurement laws allow. For more information, see the 3/15/24 CRRSA Liquidation Guidance and the CRRSA liquidation extension request template.

PAST DUE – Deadline for FY 2023 Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Small LEA Tolerance Proposals (3/15/24):

Because the submission deadline has now passed, States that would like to submit a small LEA tolerance proposal (see #21(a) of MOEquity FAQs) for FY 2023 should contact their program officer immediately through their State mailbox with an anticipated submission date.

PAST DUE – Deadline for FY 2023 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Data and Waivers (3/15/24): Final FY 2023 MOE data was due on 3/15/24. Because the submission deadline has now passed, States intending to seek a waiver of FY 2023 MOE requirements that have not already done so should contact their program officer immediately through their State mailbox with an anticipated submission date.

ARP ESSER State Plan Amendments: Any State considering making changes to its planned uses of ARP ESSER funds should submit a request to amend its approved ARP ESSER State plan by Friday, 3/29/24. 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, D.2, or D.3 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 see the Department's 9/19/22 communication to Chief State School Officers.

ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Performance Reporting (APR) Update: To meet federal cybersecurity requirements, the ESF Portal will soon require grantees to access the APR reporting system through an identity verified Login.gov account. If you do not already have a Login.gov account, create one here: https://secure.login.gov/sign_up/enter_email. See the ESSER Grantee Help page for APR resources. Please continue to submit any APR-related questions by email to ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov.

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
	Year 5 (FY24) TBD
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
	Year 4 (FY24) TBD

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

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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