



## SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications January 23, 2023

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#### **Recent Grantee Communications**

**Sent 1/23/2023 - EANS FAQs Addendum: Disposition of Equipment and Supplies** - addresses the requirements associated with the disposition of supplies and equipment purchased with EANS funds. Link: [SGR Deadlines and Announcements](#)

**Sent 1/23/2023 - Updates to Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** - includes clarification of rounding procedures for staffing equity data calculations and an optional LEA-level staffing equity data template. Link: [SGR Deadlines and Announcements](#)

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#### **Upcoming Webinars**

**FFATA Reporting Webinar and Forum: Thursday, January 26, 2023, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm EST** – Attendees must pre-register at <https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=846548>. Prior to the webinar, please complete the [Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act FY22](#) training, provided by the [Grants Policy & Training Division](#). Please submit any related questions in advance to [FFATAREporting@ed.gov](mailto:FFATAREporting@ed.gov).

**Student Engagement and Attendance Center (SEAC) Learning Series Jan/Feb Webinars** – Go to [SEAC](#) for resources and information on upcoming Learning Series webinars.

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#### **CARES Liquidation Extension Frequently Asked Questions**

The [General and Technical FAQs for CARES Liquidation Extension Requests](#) are available. States may request to extend the liquidation period for CARES ESSER and GEER funds by submitting a [Liquidation Extension Request](#) through their State mailbox (State name.OESE@ed.gov). Review and approval will be based on a completed request that includes associated subgrantee data. To date, liquidation extension requests from these States have been approved: Arkansas, D.C., Indiana (both ESSER and GEER), Missouri, Ohio, and Texas.

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#### **GEER Program Quarterly Review**

In place of the January 2023 monthly check-in, SGR Program Officers are conducting Quarterly Review meetings with grantees to discuss implementation progress on GEER program requirements, compliance with GEER program and fiscal

requirements, and current GEER technical assistance needs. Grantees must complete and return their self-assessment form before the scheduled meeting time. All relevant grant management staff members should participate in the Quarterly Review. If you have questions, please send an email to your State mailbox at [State name].oese@ed.gov (Ex. Alabama.oese@ed.gov).

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### **Reporting Updates**

**ESSER and GEER Annual Performance Reporting (APR) Update:** The data collection forms for Year 3 (fiscal year 2022) of the ESSER Fund and GEER Fund APR are now live. The ESSER reporting period will run from April 10 to May 4, 2023. The GEER reporting period will run from June 5 to June 22, 2023. The collection forms are essentially unchanged from Year 2; however, certain data elements will now auto-populate and ARP ESSER maintenance of equity reporting will be collected separately by SGR.

**EANS Annual Performance Reporting Update:** The data collection form for Year 2 (fiscal year 2022) of the EANS program is now live. The EANS reporting period will run from June 12 to June 29, 2023.

Please visit [ESF - Help \(ed.gov\)](#) of the U.S. Department of Education's Education Stabilization Fund Transparency Portal for reporting resources, technical assistance, and information on upcoming webinars.

**FY 2021 Annual Performance Report (APR) data for ESSER, GEER, and EANS** – Summarized State data can be found on each State's page. Full downloads of the APR datasets are available as well as a summary report. Go to the "About the Data" section on the front page of the [ESF Transparency Portal](#).

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**FFATA Reporting** – Grantees should review program subawards to ensure accurate monthly reporting in [FSRS](#). View FSRS data at [USASPENDING](#) (*refreshed weekly*) and [ESF Transparency Portal](#) (*refreshed monthly*). The public relies on these data! Questions? See [FSRS FAQs](#) or contact your Program Officer.

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### **Deadlines and Announcements**

**January 23, 2023 – ARP ESSER LEA-Level Maintenance of Equity:** The Department has made two updates to the Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document:

- Question 17 (a) – Use of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) in MOEquity determinations: this update clarifies that CRF or SLFRF may be considered as State support for education for the purposes of Maintenance of Equity, consistent with the determination already published in the Maintenance of Effort FAQs.
- Question 30 – Calculating LEA-Level Fiscal Equity: this update provides clarity and additional flexibility for local educational agencies (LEAs) making determinations about whether staffing equity was maintained in high-poverty schools.

The updated MOEquity FAQ document can be found here: [Maintenance of Equity FAQs](#).

To further support States, SGR has released an optional template to assist in the submission of staffing equity data. The template can be found here: [LEA-level staffing equity data template](#). States that wish to resubmit data using the optional template should reach out to their program officers.

**January 28, 2023 – ESSER I and GEER I:** Deadline for SEAs to liquidate all CARES ESSER and GEER program funds. Grant closeout information will be shared at the end of the liquidation period.

**March 15, 2023 – CRRSA & ARP Maintenance of Effort (MOE):** Deadline for SEAs to submit final FY 2022 Maintenance of Effort data to the Department

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**Grantee Resources**

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[ESSER and GEER FAQs December 7, 2022](#)  
[Update](#)  
[CARES Liquidation Extension FAQs](#)  
[EANS FAQs](#)  
[ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs](#)  
[ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort](#)  
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[Education Stabilization Fund \(ESF\) Transparency](#)  
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[SAM.gov Resources](#)  
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[National Partnership for Student Success](#)  
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