



Update on COVID Relief Funds

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- **Updated ESSER and GEER FAQs Overview**

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Policy Updates



Allowability under ESSER or GEER

In determining whether an activity is an allowable use of ESSER or GEER funds, a State or LEA must determine if the use of funds...

- **Is intended to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic;**
- **Is allowable under one of the authorized uses of ESSER or GEER funds; and**
- **Is permissible under the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Part 200), including determining if it is necessary and reasonable for the performance of the ESSER or GEER award.**



Examples of Uses of ESSER and GEER Funds

- **Addressing the impact of lost instructional time through activities such as tutoring, summer learning, and afterschool programs;**
- **Supporting students' social, emotional, mental health and academic needs;**
- **Purchasing educational technology;**
- **Sanitization and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases, including cleaning supplies and staff training to address sanitization and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;**



Examples of Uses of ESSER and GEER Funds

- **COVID testing and vaccinations (including vaccine incentives);**
- **Student transportation-related costs;**
- **HVAC/indoor air quality improvements;**
- **Bonuses/hazard pay for teachers and other school staff**



Examples of Uses of ESSER and GEER Funds

The Department encourages States and LEAs to use ESSER and GEER funds to address:

- **The educational needs of students, including the impact of lost instructional resulting from the pandemic; and**
- **Inequities, including focusing supports and services underserved students who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.**



Examples of Uses of ESSER and GEER Funds

- **Grantees should keep in mind that, when using funds for other allowable activities, such as construction or capital purchases, other Federal requirements may be applicable.**
- **Ultimately, it is up to the State to determine if a proposed use of ESSER or GEER funds is:**
 - **Allowable;**
 - **Related to preventing, preparing for, or responding to COVID-19; and**
 - **Necessary and reasonable for the performance of the award.**

Grantee questions on allowable uses of funds should be submitted to the State's mailbox at [STATE].oese@ed.gov



Revised ESSER and GEER Use of Funds FAQs

- Builds on the May 2021 [ESSER and GEER Use of Funds FAQs](#) by incorporating into one document existing single topic FAQs and information shared in webinars, including:
 - COVID connection [information](#)
 - COVID-19 vaccinations and testing [FAQs](#) and vaccine and testing incentives [FAQs](#) and [Fact Sheet](#)
 - Use of funds for student transportation [FAQs](#)
 - HVAC/Construction use of funds [webinar slides](#)



Updated ESSER and GEER Use of Funds FAQs

- **Includes new FAQs based on questions that have been asked by grantees**
- **The objective is to have one comprehensive document to assist States and LEAs with the implementation of the ESSER and GEER programs**
- **Projected timeline for updated FAQs is late August/early September 2022**
- **A webinar will accompany the release of the updated FAQs**



U.S. Department of Education ESSER and GEER Resources

- **ESSER Resources:** <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-fund/>
- **GEER Resources:** <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/governors-emergency-education-relief-fund/>



Grants Administration Updates



CARES Act Programs Late Liquidation Requests

Program	Obligation deadline	(Automatic) 120-day liquidation deadline	(Up to) 14-month liquidation extension
ESSER I	Sep. 30, 2022	Jan. 30, 2023	Apr. 1, 2024
ESSER II	Sep. 30, 2023	Jan. 29, 2024	Mar. 31, 2025
ARP ESSER	Sep. 30, 2024	Jan. 28, 2025	Mar. 31, 2026
GEER I	Sep. 30, 2022	Jan. 30, 2023	Apr. 1, 2024
GEER II	Sep. 30, 2023	Jan. 29, 2024	Mar. 31, 2025
CRRSA EANS	Sep. 30, 2023	Jan. 29, 2024	Mar. 31, 2025
ARP EANS	Sep. 30, 2024	Jan. 28, 2025	Mar. 31, 2026



CARES Act Programs Late Liquidation Requests

To Date

- **Conducted targeted outreach to a wide cross-section of SEAs across the country**
- **Held listening sessions with the Council of Chief State School Officers, the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents, and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers**

Late Summer

- **Late Liquidation Request Package released for CARES Act programs**



Monitoring Updates



Monitoring to Date

- **10 States monitored to date**
 - **ESSER- IA, IN, KY, ME, and TN**
 - **GEER- IN, KY, ME, MT, NC, NV, OK, TX and WV**
- **ESSER reviews currently underway: CA, NE, OH and WI**
- **Spring 2022 Quarterly Review**
 - **50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico reviewed**
 - **State implementation of LEA ARP ESSER awards, including the LEA will use the required 20% set-aside to address the academic impact of lost instructional time**



Monitoring Updates FY 2023 Monitoring Activities

- **Quarterly Reviews**
 - **Fall of 2022 and Spring of 2023**
- **Consolidated and Comprehensive Monitoring**
 - **ESSER, ARP ESSER, GEER and EANS**
 - **States to be monitored will be notified in September**
- **Monthly Check-Ins**



Thank you for attending.

Questions or Comments

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