CCIP Note #504 – Revised August 24, 2022

Re: FY22 ESSER and GEER Grants – Important Dates and Reminders
Date: July 19, 2022
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, and ESSER/GEER Application Contacts

ESSER and GEER – Important Dates and Deadlines

The Department is committed to supporting Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and educational entities as they close out their Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 emergency relief funds. The table below reiterates key dates, and outlines new dates, for LEAs to consider, particularly around the closeout of ESSER I and GEER I grants which are nearing the end of their period of performance. Please note that this memo contains new information about CCIP budget revision deadlines, PCR deadlines, and a proposed extension to the current liquidation deadline.

Grant	FY22 CCIP Budget Revision Deadline	Obligation Deadline (see §75.707)	FY22 PCR/FER Deadline (Recommended)	90 day LEA Liquidation Deadline	120-Day SEA Liquidation Deadline (Automatic)	14 Month SEA Liquidation Extension (Proposed)
ESSER I	9/1/22	9/30/22	9/30/22*	12/30/22	1/30/23	4/1/24
ESSER II	9/1/22	9/30/23	9/30/22*	12/29/23	1/29/24	3/31/25
ARP ESSER	9/1/22	9/30/24	9/30/22	12/25/24	1/28/25	3/31/26
GEER I	9/1/22	9/30/22	9/30/22*	12/30/22	1/30/23	4/1/24
**GEER II	**9/1/23	9/30/23	*N/A	12/29/23	1/29/24	3/31/25

* In most cases, we would expect LEAs to meet the 9/30 deadline. However, there may be extenuating circumstances when additional time is needed.*
Note: GEER II is in the FY23 application year and is not subject to the same budget, PCR and FER deadlines as FY22 grants.

FY22 Budget Revisions and Project Cash Requests

In order to allow activities through the full period of performance, the Department has extended the deadline for FY22 ESSER/GEER budget revisions to **September 1, 2022**. LEAs should submit ESSER I and GEER I Project Cash Requests (PCRS) against the FY22 budget by September 30, 2022. Given that there are circumstances in which obligations have been made but goods/services have not yet been received, the Department is allowing LEAs additional time, until December 30, 2022, for FERs for ESSER I/II and GEER I. There will be no carryover for ESSER I or GEER I into the FY23 application.

Period of Performance and Obligation Deadlines

Per the Uniform Guidance, identification of the period of performance in the Federal award does not permit the awarding agency to fund the award beyond the currently approved budget period. The deadlines for obligation are based on statutory and regulatory requirements and cannot be extended.

Period of Liquidation

The State Education Agency must liquidate the funds within 120 calendar days after the end date of the obligation period per 2 CFR § 200.344(b). However, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) **MAY** grant additional flexibility with a 14-month liquidation extension. See May 13, 2022 late liquidation letter for details. The USED is expected to unveil guidance on the late liquidation process in the coming weeks. The Department will share any information as it becomes available.

Final Expenditure Reports and Summer Extensions
LEAs should submit the Final Expenditure Report (FER) once they are finished with the grant for FY22. LEAs will complete the FER at the end of each fiscal year for the prior state fiscal year's ESSER expenditures. All expenses reported on the FER should be paid. There should be no encumbered amounts. For the FY2022 FER, LEAs will report on ESSER I, ESSER II, ARP ESSER, and GEER I. If the LEA has liquidated all ESSER I funds it is strongly recommended they submit their ESSER FER as soon as possible for FY2022.

***ESSER I Closeout and Impact With ESSER II Carryover**
For LEAs that have ESSER I funds that still needed to be liquidated at this time, the Department will send instructions on how to access ESSER II funds while completing the process for liquidating remaining ESSER I funds. For now, please follow the instructions for Summer Extensions to continue to access ESSER II funds.

ESSER I Nonpublic Equitable Services
Reminder: LEAs receiving funds under a CARES Act program must provide equitable services to students and teachers in nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in the LEA "in the same manner" as provided under section 1117 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as determined through consultation with representatives of nonpublic schools. If a nonpublic school declines to participate, the LEA may pool the funds and use them to serve another participating nonpublic school. After the LEA consults with each school and determines if there are additional needs, it may use the equitable service amount from nonpublic schools with no any additional needs for the participating nonpublic schools with additional needs. If there are no participating nonpublic schools with additional needs, the LEA is able to utilize these funds.

Reporting Reminders
Per guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, the Department will be requesting FY22 grant expenditure data in upcoming data collection surveys. Educational organizations that received one or more ESSER, GEER and/or EANS subawards must annually report on the uses of funds in accordance with the grants assurances signed by the organization until all funds have been liquidated. More information to come closer to release of the data collection surveys.

For assistance, please contact the Office of Federal Programs at federalprograms@education.ohio.gov or the Office of Grants Management at grants.management@education.ohio.gov.

Resources:
Grants Management Quick Reference Guide
Office of Grants Management Grants Manual
Treasurer's Newsletter – May 2022
USED ESSER/GEER Frequently Asked Questions – May 2021