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CCIP Note #511

Re: Extension Requests for Late Liquidation of CARES Act Funds
Date: October 7, 2022
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Funding Application Contacts of ESSER and GEER

ESSER and GEER Liquidation Extension Requests

On September 29, 2022, the U.S. Department of Education issued a letter to State Education Agencies outlining a process for liquidating remaining Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) and Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that are properly obligated by the September 30, 2022 deadline. If approved under this process, grantees and subgrantees may have an extension to the liquidation period of up to 14 months beyond the 120 days already available to liquidate funds.

As of September 30, 2022, most ESSER and GEER subgrantees have submitted claims for their full allocation amount. In the next few weeks, the Ohio Department of Education (the Department) will notify those subgrantees with additional funds remaining who may be eligible for a liquidation extension. Those subgrantees who are seeking extra time to make claims against an obligation made before September 30, 2022 will be required to submit a survey to the Department that provides additional information such as the amount of obligated funds necessitating extension, the use of funds, and justification for the extension. If the amount remaining involves a nonpublic school's equitable service amount, additional details will be requested including an assurance that the district engaged in consultation with the nonpublic school and the requested late liquidation is for a nonpublic school service that is on an approved FY22 ESSER I revision and was properly obligated by September 30, 2022.

If you have questions, contact your federal programs consultant or email federalprograms@education.ohio.gov