

OFERP Office Hours 3/03/2022

Thursday, March 3, 2022 - 9:00am
Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP)

OFERP Introductions

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- Karen Kusiak, CARES & CRRSA Coordinator
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- Maisha Asha, Fiscal Coordinator
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Today's Topics

1. ESSER Performance Report
2. Important Fiscal Reminders
3. Plan for Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Use of Funds
4. MoEquity

ESSER Performance Report

- **Due by Friday, March 25, 2022**
- The projects and expenditures should reflect
 - CARES ESSER I - October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
 - CRRSA ESSER II – July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
 - ARP ESSER III – July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
- Supports and Resources
 - [ESSER Performance Report \(blank copy\)](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - [Walk-in Office Hours](#) (3/9, 3/14, and 3/23)

CARES Close Out Terms

CARES ESSER funds
are available for obligation by SAUs through
September 30, 2022,
which includes the Tydings period

Any funds not invoiced by
10/15/2022 will no longer be accessible.

**40+ SAUs that still have 85% to 100% of
CARES ESSER I remaining**

Invoicing and Application Updates

1. Check with business manager before making changes to applications.
2. Align expenses on trial balance and other documentation to projects in the invoice.
3. Align object codes with expenses in the approved projects. (Purchased Services vs Supplies vs Equipment)
4. Expenses need to be budgeted in the application.

Invoicing Instructions

CARES ESSER 1 & CRRSA ESSER 2, and APR ESSER 3

Reimbursement Timeline

Please note that the timeline for reimbursements is:

- 7-10 business days for OFERP initial invoice review
- 7-25 business days for DAFS to process invoice payment
- 3-10 business days for reimbursement checks to be mailed

Total: **17-45 business days** from invoice submission to reimbursement check receipt.

Plan for Safe Return

DATA ENTRY SUBMISSION LOG OUT
Contact person: James Dean, Pine RSU

Welcome to the CARES, CRRSA and ARP Performance Report
Pine RSU's Data Entry Menu

✓General Directions
✓Performance Report Setup
✓Part I: Performance Report Coversheet
✓Part II: COVID-19 Impact

3. Has the *Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services* been reviewed and revised, if applicable, in the last six months?:

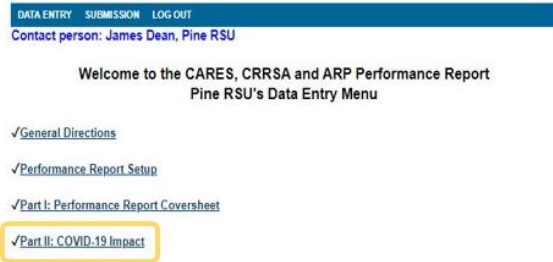
Reviewed in the last six months Yes No

Revised in the last six months Yes No

Verify the 6-month review of the *Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services* and provide the publicly available URL

- *Plans must be continuously available to the public until 9/30/24*
- *Maintain documentation for date, committee and process of the 6-month review*
- *Be sure to date the revised plan, if applicable*

Plan for Use of Funds



4. Provide the URL of the publicly available Use of Funds Plan:

www.pinersu.org/puseof funds.org

The plan and revisions must be continuously available to the public until 9/30/24

- The extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
- How the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time;
- How the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act; and
- How the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity)

MOEquity is a set of **new fiscal and staffing equity requirements** in ARP ESSER. Specifically, MOEquity ensures that the SAU receiving funding shall not, in FY2022 or FY2023:

- **FISCAL** - reduce per-pupil funding in any high-poverty school by an amount that exceeds the per-pupil funding reduction in all schools
- **STAFFING** - reduce per-pupil full-time equivalent staff in any high-poverty school by an amount that exceeds the per pupil reduction in FTE staff in all schools

Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity)

This requirement is intended to promote **accountability and transparency** by requiring each SEA to post on its website MOEquity information for each applicable LEA.

MOEquity Proposed Requirement

(a) By 3/31/22 for FY22 and by 11/1/22 for FY23, a SEA must publish the following LEA-level MOEquity data on its website:

(1) The identity of each LEA excepted from LEA-level MOEquity

(2) For each LEA that is not excepted from LEA-level MOEquity the schools in the LEA that are identified as “high-poverty schools”

MOEquity Proposed Requirement

(c) By **12/31** following each applicable school year (e.g., December 31, 2022, for FY22, SY 21-22), an SEA must publish the following **LEA-level MOEquity data** on its website for each LEA that is not excepted from LEA-level MOEquity:

- (1) The **per-pupil amount of funding for each high-poverty school** in the LEA in FYs 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- (2) The **per-pupil amount of funding in the aggregate for all schools** in the LEA, on a districtwide basis or by grade span, in FYs 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- (3) The **per-pupil number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff for each high poverty school** in the LEA in FYs 2021, 2022, and 2023, which may also be indicated as the number of students per FTE staff.
- (4) The **per-pupil number of FTE staff in the aggregate for all schools** in the LEA, on a districtwide basis or by grade span, in FYs 2021, 2022, and 2023, which may also be indicated as the number of students per FTEs.
- (5) **Whether the LEA did not maintain equity for any high-poverty school** in FY 2022 or 2023.

MOEquity Office Hour

Our team will be hosting a

MOEquity Office Hour

on **Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 9:00am.**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rceysrDktHtNoKTir6CYitq8xBAUnJads>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Q & A

Please unmute yourself or use the chat to ask questions!



Resources

- [ARP-ESSER Application Instructions](#)
- [Return to School Roadmap](#)
- [ARP Law](#)
- [ARP ESSER Interim Final Rule](#)
- [US ED APR ESSER](#)
- [Use of Funds FAQ](#)
- [Maine's Federal Emergency Relief Programs](#)

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