

# **OFERP Training-Office Hours**

## **04/04/2023**

**Thursday, April 4, 2023 – 9:00am**  
**Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP)**

# OFERP Introductions

Please take a moment to share your name, title, email address, and school community in the chat.

- Shelly Chasse-Johndro, Director
- Monique Sullivan, ARP Coordinator
- Karen Kusiak, CARES & CRRSA Coordinator
- Kevin Harrington, GEER/EANS Coordinator
- Maisha Asha, Fiscal Coordinator
- Deanna Roberge, Management Analyst
- Terri Beal, Management Analyst

# Today's Topics and Objectives

Today's **topics** include:

- FY 22 Performance Report
- CRRSA Funding and Timeline
- Davis-Bacon "prevailing wages" requirements
- Invoice Review Timeline
- Equipment Inventory Reminder

Today's **objective**:

- Participants will be able to use ESSER funds effectively and in alignment with federal requirements

# Performance Reports – Fiscal Year 2022

- The FY 2022 ESSER Performance Report is due **April 7, 2023**.
- In the FY 2022 ESSER Performance Report, there are specific questions related to each ESSER subgrant funds (i.e. CARES, CRRSA, and ARP) in addition to questions related to all subgrant funds (i.e. ESSER).
- All expenditures and activities will only reflect the **July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022** performance period for CARES ESSER I, CRRSA ESSER II, and ARP ESSER III which coincide with the Federal Grant Reimbursement System and the district's financial system reports.
- **Resources available**
  - **Blank Copy of ESSER FY'22 Performance Report** ([PDF](#)) (posted March 2, 2023) ([Word](#)) (posted March 8, 2023)
  - **ESSER Performance Report FY'22 Office Hour** of March 16, 2023 [video](#) (YouTube) [slides](#) (PDF) (posted March 17, 2023) [FAQ](#) (posted March 24, 2023) (updated March 31, 2023)

# CRRSA Close Out Terms

**CRRSA ESSER** funds  
are available for obligation by SAUs through  
**September 30, 2023,**  
which includes the Tydings period

Any funds not invoiced by  
**12/30/2023** will no longer be accessible.

## **CRRSA Spending Facts:**

- 24 SAUs still have **80%+** of their CRRSA ESSER II remaining
- **68%** of all CRRSA ESSER II funding has been reimbursed
- Only 177 days left to obligate CRRSA ESSER II funds
- Approximately 250 days left to fully invoice CRRSA ESSER II

# 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.

# Equipment Reminder

Internal State Auditors are looking for **CLEAR** connections to COVID for supplies and equipment purchased with ESSER funds:

- i.e. Furniture (desks, chairs, PE equipment), Boilers, Roofs, Snowplows, Vehicles and Outdoor structures

**Inventory requirements:** It is the responsibility of the SAU to have a procedure identified for tracking and inventorying property purchased. The procedure must meet the following federal requirements: [2 CFR Part 200.302\(b\)\(7\)](#) and [2 CFR Part 200.319\(C\)](#).

**GEMS Note:** Just a reminder - As required with all equipment purchased with federal funds, please be sure to maintain an inventory system on all equipment purchased with ARP ESSER III money, as well as ensure that all pieces of equipment labeled as such. [§200.313 (d) (1-4)]

# Davis-Bacon “Prevailing Wages”

An LEA that uses ESSER or GEER funds for minor remodeling, renovation, repair, or construction contracts over \$2,000 must meet all Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements (see next slide). Use of Federal Funds (i.e. ESSER)

Some HVAC upgrades may constitute “minor remodeling”. “Minor remodeling” means minor alterations in a previously completed building. The term also includes the extension of utility lines, such as water and electricity, from points beyond the confines of the space in which the minor remodeling is undertaken but within the confines of the previously completed building.

See B-7-ESSER FAQs (Updated December 7, 2022)



# Resources

- ESSER Page: <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-fund/>
- EANS Page: <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/emergency-assistance-non-public-schools/>
- [Use of Funds FAQ](#)
- [Maine's Federal Emergency Relief Programs](#)

# Office Hours

The Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP) hosts a monthly office hour on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 9:00am.**

[Registration Link](#)

# Newsletters

The Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP) publishes monthly newsletters.

## OFERP Newsletters

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# Q & A

Please unmute yourself or use the chat to ask questions!

