ARP-ESSER III Updates and Guidance

Thursday, August 26, 2021 - 9:00am
Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP)
OFERP wishes you a safe and happy new school year!
OFERP Introductions

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- Maisha Asha, Fiscal Coordinator
- Barbara Rancourt, Procurement Analyst
- Robert Palmer, Management Analyst
To implement prevention and mitigation strategies (aligned with CDC guidance to greatest extent practicable)

- To address the academic impacts of lost instructional time through evidence-based interventions that respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students and particularly underserved student groups.
1. **New Coordinators** - update contact information in GEM to be able to receive GEM notifications (see Slide 6)

2. **CRF** – finish invoicing – September 1, 2021

3. Daily review of CARES ESSER I and CRRSA ESSER II applications

4. *Review of and feedback for ARP ESSER III applications

*SAU ARP ESSER III applications cannot be approved until SEA plan for use of ARP ESSER funds has been approved.*
New Coordinators – Site Setup

1. New Coordinators - update contact information in GEM to be able to receive GEM notifications
Review Findings Highlighted

1. Documentation and Evidence

2. Publicly available plans

3. Relevance and Timeliness
Keep documentation/evidence of:

- overlapping project expenses funded (including Time and Effort) with ESSER and CRF monies.

- meaningful consultation with stakeholders and opportunities for public comment for both the ARP Use of funds plan and SAU Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction.

- why student groups (checkboxes in 2a and 2b) were selected for 20% Reservation projects (targeted evidence-based interventions)
## Publicly Available Plans

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<td>The website link should provide public access to the ARP ESSER Application (Use of Funds).</td>
<td>The website link should provide public access to the <em>SAU Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services</em></td>
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<td>The publicly available application should be aligned with the Priorities Chart, Stakeholders, and other requirements defined in the ARP Act (<em>IFR §2(a-c)</em>).</td>
<td>This publicly available plan needs to address each of the safety recommendations established by CDC guidance. (<em>IFR §3(i)(A-I)</em>)</td>
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**Note:** If the SAU is using one plan, it needs to meet the requirements of both the APR ESSER Use of Funds Plan and the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan as required in the ARP Act.
1. Must review every 6 months and seek public input determining whether, and what revisions are necessary.  IFR § 3(b)(i) and §3(b)(ii)

2. Must describe to the extent to which it has adopted the key prevention and mitigation strategies identified in the guidance. IFR §3(a)(i)(A-I)

3. Current or revised plan must continue to address safety recommendations from the CDC (including updated guidance). IFR §3(b)(i)

4. Must provide useful information that addresses the most-up to date research on COVID 19 prevention and mitigation. IFR§3(b)(iii)

5. Must be in an understandable and uniform format. IFR §3(d)(i)
Relevance

- Project descriptions must make direct connections to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Differentiate between “10 year” Capital Improvement plan and COVID 19 mitigation
- Differentiate between ADA compliance and COVID 19 mitigation

Timeliness

- Urgent return to Safe In-Person Instruction
- Address needs caused by the pandemic as quickly, safely, and efficiently as possible
Q & A

Please unmute yourself or use the chat to ask questions!
• 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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