



JULY 2022

# Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP)

## Notes to the Field



### Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Regular Office Hours will resume in September
- Training for new ESSER coordinators-TBD

	Obligate by:
CARES	September 30, 2022
CRRSA	September 30, 2023
ARP	September 30, 2024

## PROGRAM NOTES



### Revised ESSER Grants Close Out Dates



The close out dates for Federal Emergency Relief Funds (CARES, CRRSA, and ARP) have been revised to better align with federal programs and federal regulations (2 CFR Part 200).

Please note that this revision does not affect the date to obligate. The date to obligate remains September 30 (of the applicable year related to the funding source). Obligation is the legal liability to pay immediately or at a later date. Some examples of obligated funds could be:

- A signed contract and/or the work has started, but not completed; and
- An order has been placed for materials/supplies, but those items have not yet been received.

Request for reimbursement can be made after the obligated funds have been disbursed. Any funds not invoiced by December 30 (of the applicable year related to the funding source) will no longer be accessible.

*Note:* ESSER Applications (CARES, CRRSA, and ARP) cannot be revised after a grant's period of allowability has expired.

Please see revised close out dates below:

Fund	Obligation Date	Previous Close-Out Date	*New Revised Date
CARES ESSER I	September 30, 2022	<del>10/15/22</del>	12/30/22
CRRSA ESSER II	September 30, 2023	<del>10/15/23</del>	12/30/23
ARP ESSER III	September 30, 2024	<del>10/15/23</del>	12/30/24

*\*This is the regular amount of time given to a district to close out their accounts (2 CFR 200.344) and does not include a request for an extended liquidation period (See June Newsletter for more information) granted by the U.S. Dept of Education.*

### Reminder

The period of allowability for CARES ESSER I is quickly coming to an end on September 30, 2022 so remember to obligate funds as soon as possible and before the grant expires. Invoicing on a monthly bases helps ensure sufficient time to process invoices.



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## MoEquity Update

The Maine Department of Education created an interdepartmental team which includes team members from the Offices of School Finance and of Data and Reporting, and the Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs to identify non-excepted school administrative units (SAUs). This team validated student enrollments, school structures, and economically disadvantage percentages to identify high poverty schools within non-excepted SAUs.

For more information, contact the Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP), Maine Department of Education. A list of Program Coordinators and Office Director are listed on the OFERP webpage.



## Subscriptions Update

Maine DOE has been informed by auditors that any services covering multiple years, such as warranties, maintenance plans, and software subscriptions, must be prorated and can only be charged to Federal funds for the cost amount during a grant's period of allowability.



## 2022 Maine Educator Summit

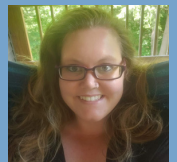
August 9 & 10  
Augusta Civic Center

Members of OFERP will be presenting at the summit with members of ESEA and Special Services on the effective use of evidence-based interventions and the braiding of funds to provide summer programming.

Event Registration can be found on the Maine DOE's website  
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/home>



## SPOTLIGHT ON OFERP TEAM MEMBER Rebecca Mitchell



**What is your favorite way to spend a day off?** – My favorite way to spend the day off is by spending time with my husband and our five girls, whether its exploring out in nature, going for ice cream, having a fire, or snuggled up watching a movie.

**If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?**- One food, for the rest of my life..... I would have to pick chicken satay with peanut sauce! I really enjoy trying different ethnic foods, and one of my biggest wishes is that we had more diversity here in Maine, and more opportunities, to learn about different cultures by experiencing them first hand.

**What is your biggest irrational fear?**- I actually have two irrational fears that are pretty equal. The first is that I hate ladders and have a fear of going past the second rung, but I don't mind heights and I've repelled off a medieval castle in Wales. The second is I hate when people are going up the stairs behind me, and I will literally run up the stairs to put distance between myself and another person. My husband likes to walk up behind me and then clap his hands three times, or stomp his feet fast like he is running up behind me. Freaks me out every time, even though I know its him, I will book it to the top and scold him as he chuckles!

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