

ESSER/GEER Extra, Volume 29

This week's [ESSER/GEER Extra](#) focuses on the release of the ESSER reporting information and the ARP ESSER 2.5% applications.

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Start Your ESSER Reporting!

PDE has released the ESSER Funding Status Report—the data collection tool for entities receiving ESSER funds to report their ESSER expenditures during the 2020-21 fiscal year. This is a federal reporting requirement, and completion of this report is a condition of continued receipt of ESSER funds.

Entities must submit the ESSER Funding Status Report to PDE by April 29, 2022.

Since the bulk of the ESSER dollars under all three federal statutes (the CARES Act, the CRRSA Act, and the ARP Act) went to school districts and charter schools, those entities will have the greatest reporting burden.

However, IUs, CTCs, approved private schools, private residential rehabilitative institutions, chartered schools for the deaf and blind, and entities offering educational programs to neglected, delinquent, and at-risk youth will also need to complete components of the ESSER Funding Status Report.

Access the [PDE ESSER Reporting webpage](#) for a link to the ESSER Funding Status Report, for instructions for completing the ESSER Funding Status Report, FAQs on ESSER reporting and a ESSER Reporting Presentation (YouTube).

Don't forget to join PDE's weekly Office Hours if you have questions about ESSER reporting. These office hours will be held every **Monday from 1-2 PM** and every **Thursday from 9-10 AM**. [Join the office hours](#).

ARP ESSER 2.5% Set-Aside Applications Due

The last remaining ARP ESSER set-aside application—the ARP ESSER 2.5% set-aside for IUs; CTCs; PRRIs; Chartered Schools for the Deaf and Blind; A-TSI-designated schools; and entities providing educational programs to delinquent, neglected, and at-risk youth—is due to PDE as soon as possible. These ARP ESSER set-aside funds can be obligated by the LEA through September 30, 2024.

Federal law requires PDE to make all awards one year from the date PDE received the funds, which was August 5, 2021. PDE strongly suggests entities submit these applications as soon as possible.

Contact Us

If you have an ESSER-related question or comment, please send your inquiries to ra-edarpesser@pa.gov.