



ESSER III-ARP

Liquidation Extension Guidance Webinar

April 23, 2024

Agenda

- US Department of Education's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Liquidation Extension Guidance
- The Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE's) liquidation extension request application and review timeline
- Q & A

USED Liquidation Extension Opportunities

- The US Department of Education (USED) has offered liquidation extension opportunities for the following ARP programs: [the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ARP-ESSER or ESSER III\) Fund](#), [Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools \(EANS II\)](#), [the Homeless Children and Youth \(ARP-HCY\) Fund](#), and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (ARP-IDEA) supplemental funds.
- OSSE’s ESSER III-ARP liquidation extension application to USED must describe how our request connects to the “[acceleration of academic success for students, particularly those furthest from opportunity and with the greatest need.](#)”
- Grantees may request extensions for any allowable use of ESSER III-ARP if obligated by Sept. 30. However, to the greatest extent practicable, we encourage local education agencies (LEAs) to connect extension requests to their intended impact on student academic acceleration.

USED Liquidation Extension Opportunity

USED strongly encourages the continuation of activities that “[contribute] to the acceleration of academic success for students” through three evidence-based strategies:

- *Increasing daily attendance,*
- *Providing high-quality tutoring, and*
- *Increasing access to before, after, and summer learning and extended learning time.*

USED also acknowledges other activities that “contribute to academic success”:

- *Providing counseling services to address mental health needs,*
- *Offering professional development and coaching to educators to build math and literacy instructional capacity, and*
- *Making targeted improvements to school infrastructure, including HVAC investments, to enhance indoor air quality and environmental safety that keep students healthy in school.*

Source: [ARP Liquidation Extension Letter](#) (January 2024)



ESSER III-ARP Liquidation Extension: LEA Request Process

Date	Activity
April – September 2024	LEAs submit preliminary extension request applications. OSSE will accept preliminary requests before LEAs have fully executed contracts. OSSE will review requests on a rolling basis.
Oct. 15, 2024	Deadline for LEAs to submit final requests and provide all supporting documents.
November 2024	OSSE submits requests on behalf of LEAs to USED.
Dec. 1, 2024	Deadline for LEAs to submit reimbursement requests for expenditures not included in their approved extensions.
Jan. 28, 2025	Statutory deadline for OSSE to liquidate non-extended ESSER III-ARP funds.
Dec. 1, 2025	Deadline for LEAs to submit reimbursement requests for expenditures approved for extension.
March 28, 2026	Deadline for OSSE to liquidate all extended ESSER III-ARP funds.

Obligation Requirements and Eligibility for Liquidation Extension

If the obligation is for—	The obligation is made—	Expenditure examples	Eligible for liquidation extension?
(a) Acquisition of real or personal property	On the date on which the state or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to acquire the property.		Yes
(b) Personal services by an employee of the state or subgrantee	When the services are performed.	Staff salaries or benefits	No
(c) Personal services by a contractor who is not an employee of the state or subgrantee	On the date on which the state or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to obtain the services.	Contractor who provides services	Yes
(d) Performance of work other than personal services	On the date on which the state or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to obtain the work.	Purchase of goods or equipment	Yes

Source: [Title 34 Section 76.707](#) in Code of Federal Regulations. The full table of [obligation requirements](#) in Section 76.707 is on the OSSE Post-ESSER Sustainability Planning Supports website.



ESSER III-ARP Liquidation Extension Application

Please complete OSSE's [application form](#) and email to OSSE.ESSER@dc.gov. We will review applications on a rolling basis. For each good or service included in your extension request, please provide the following information:

- A brief description of the good or service.
- The cost of the obligation.
- A brief justification for the extended use of funds for the good or service. To the greatest extent practicable, this justification should connect to the intended impact on student academic acceleration.
- Supporting documentation that demonstrates obligation by Sept. 30, 2024.

OSSE will accept preliminary requests where LEAs describe costs which they intend to obligate by Sept. 30 even if they do not yet have final written commitments.

Additional Resources

- Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) [ARP ESSER Liquidation Extension Fact Sheet](#)
- US Department of Education [Technical FAQs for EANS, GEER, and ESSER Liquidation Extension Requests](#)

Please contact us with any questions at OSSE.ESSER@dc.gov.

ESSER Sustainability Planning Supports for LEAs

OSSE is committed to supporting LEAs in preparing for the end of ESSER funding in September 2024.

We will provide ESSER sustainability supports to LEAs to maximize the impact of their federal funding and the evidence-based strategies they use to support students.

Key Evidence-Based Strategies

- Implement High-Quality Instructional Materials with Aligned Professional Development
- Expand Access to High-Impact Tutoring
- Extend Learning with Summer and After School Opportunities
- Invest in Mental Health Supports for Students
- Reduce Chronic Absenteeism
- Reimagine High School through Strengthened Career and College Connections

Convene LEA **communities of practice** to highlight implementation successes

Assist LEAs to leverage existing **federal grant flexibilities** to continue successful strategies

ESSER Sustainability Supports for LEAS

Identify and promote key **evidence-based strategies** to continue post-ESSER

Support LEAs to leverage USED's **"liquidation extension"** process



Q & A
