

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Follow-Up Message from Acting Assistant Secretary Sanon
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Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to follow up on Secretary McMahon's letter on March 28, 2025 (reattached), regarding the end of the time period to liquidate obligations under the Education Stabilization Fund, including all programs funded by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) acts. As a result, all previously approved liquidation extensions are no longer in effect. (Note that any request that the Department received prior to 5 pm Eastern Time on March 28, 2025, will be reviewed following the prior process.)

As Secretary McMahon noted, even though the COVID pandemic and the liquidation period under the applicable regulations have ended, the Department will consider an extension to your liquidation period on an individual project-specific basis.

In order to request an extension, you must submit the following information for each project (e.g., each contract) for which you are seeking an extension:

1. State/Outlying Area
2. Grant Award Number
3. Entity requesting the extension (State entity or subrecipient name)
4. Name and short description of the project (e.g., contracted activity)
5. Vendor (if the request is to reimburse a specific contractor/vendor)
6. Requested timeframe for extension
7. Amount of funds requested for extension
8. **A brief description of how a particular project's extension is necessary to mitigate the effects of COVID on American students' education**
9. **A justification of why the Department should exercise its discretion to grant your request**
10. An assurance that the funds were properly obligated no later than 9/30/2024

States and Outlying Areas may submit requests individually or in batches. Please submit requests to the corresponding program office:

- ARP ESSER and EANS: ESSERF@ed.gov
- ARP-HCY: HomelessED@ed.gov
- ARP-OA SEA: ESF.Outlying@ed.gov

The Department will review each request as it is received and work to provide a response as quickly as possible. If you have questions, please contact my team at the email address above for the corresponding program.

Sincerely,

Hayley B. Sanon
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and
Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education