



Montana

Office of Public Instruction

ESSER Guidance Sessions - September
Processing – Amendments

Prepare, Prevent, and Respond

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- A composite image featuring a man on the left and a dartboard on the right. The man, with short dark hair, is wearing a dark blue blazer over an orange shirt. He is smiling broadly and giving a thumbs-up gesture with his right hand. He appears to be sitting at a desk with a laptop, of which only the top edge is visible. The background behind him is a blurred office setting with a whiteboard. On the right side of the image is a close-up of a dartboard. The dartboard has a standard design with alternating yellow and black segments radiating from a central bullseye. The bullseye is green with a red center. A single dart with a silver ferrule and brown flights is embedded in the red center of the bullseye.





The Process of an Amendment

When completing an Amendment, there are 5 steps to the process:

1. Create Amendment
2. Unlock Pages
3. Update Budget Pages
4. Write Amendment Description
5. Submit

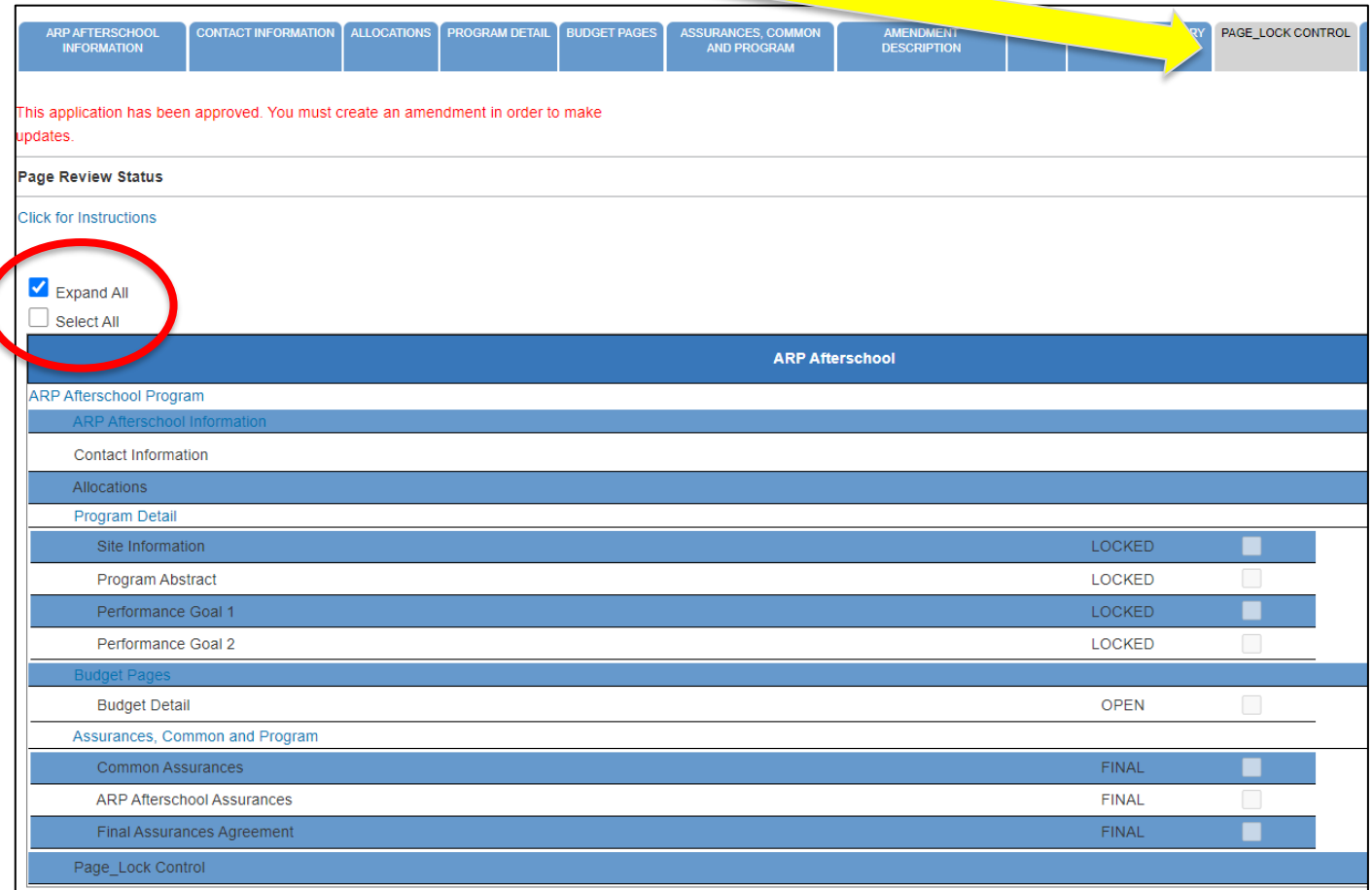
1. Create New Amendment

- E-Grants Access Select menu...
- Select correct Fiscal Year
 - ESSER I is in 2020
 - ESSER II & III are in 2021
 - ARP Summer & ARP Afterschool are in 2021
- Click “Amend” button next to the correct Grant

ESSER Consolidated	Original Application	Final Approved View GAN	6/17/2021	OPEN	AMEND	PAYMENTS	REVIEW SUMMARY	Delete Application
ESSER III Consolidated	Original Application	Final Approved View GAN	9/10/2021	OPEN	AMEND	PAYMENTS	REVIEW SUMMARY	Delete Application

2. Unlock Page

- Click on the “Page_Lock Control” tab at the top of the screen
- Select “Expand All” to see every page in the grant
- Select “Select All” to unlock all pages
- Select “Save” at bottom of the screen

A screenshot of the ARP Afterschool application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with several tabs: 'ARP AFTERSCHOOL INFORMATION', 'CONTACT INFORMATION', 'ALLOCATIONS', 'PROGRAM DETAIL', 'BUDGET PAGES', 'ASSURANCES, COMMON AND PROGRAM', 'AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION', and 'PAGE_LOCK CONTROL'. A yellow arrow points to the 'PAGE_LOCK CONTROL' tab. Below the navigation bar, there is a message: 'This application has been approved. You must create an amendment in order to make updates.' Below this message, there is a section titled 'Page Review Status' with a link 'Click for Instructions'. Below this, there are two checkboxes: 'Expand All' (checked) and 'Select All' (unchecked). A red circle highlights these checkboxes. Below the checkboxes, there is a table with the following columns: 'ARP Afterschool Program', 'Page Name', 'Status', and 'Lock Control'. The table contains the following rows:

ARP Afterschool Program	Page Name	Status	Lock Control
ARP Afterschool Program	ARP Afterschool Information		
	Contact Information		
	Allocations		
	Program Detail		
	Site Information	LOCKED	<input type="checkbox"/>
Program Detail	Program Abstract	LOCKED	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Performance Goal 1	LOCKED	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Performance Goal 2	LOCKED	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Pages	Budget Detail	OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assurances, Common and Program	Common Assurances	FINAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ARP Afterschool Assurances	FINAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Final Assurances Agreement	FINAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
Page_Lock Control			

A blue button with the word 'SAVE' in white capital letters. A yellow arrow points to it from the left.

3. Update Budget Pages – ESSER II and III

- Different Budget Page for each Program
- In the top right-hand side of the application page, there is a drop-down menu where you can find your different budget pages

Click dropdown to access program specific pages:

ESSER Consolidated
ESSER Consolidated
ESSER Base
School District Supplemental
Other Educational Institutions
Special Needs
School District Targeted
Supplemental Targeted

CONTROL APPLICATION PRINT

3. Update Budget Pages – ESSER I, ARP Summer, ARP Afterschool

In these grants, there is a blue tab at the top named “Budget Pages”

ARP AFTERSCHOOL INFORMATION	CONTACT INFORMATION	ALLOCATIONS	PROGRAM DETAIL	BUDGET PAGES
BUDGET DETAIL	BUDGET SUMMARY			
Budget Detail BUDGET BREAKDOWN (Use whole dollars only. Omit Decimal Places, e.g., \$				

4. Amendment Description

- Click the “Amendment Description” tab
- Type in description of what was changed
 - Use Amendment Template! (*See next slide*)
 - You only get 500 characters, so you must keep it short and succinct

AM DETAIL	BUDGET PAGES	ASSURANCES, COMMON AND PROGRAM	AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT	APPLIC

In the box provided indicate the specific sections/pages that were changed within the application and provide details about what fields were modified. (0 of 500 maximum characters used)

4. Amendment Description – E-Grants Amendment Template

- ✓ From [category] / [\$\$amount]
- ✓ To [category] / [\$\$amount]
- ✓ For the purpose of/to purchase [xx]
- ✓ In response to [xx related to covid]
- ✓ To prevent [xx related to covid]
- ✓ To prepare for [xx related to covid]
- ✓ Specifically, how does it relate to **student gains**?

Cash Requests will need to use the same language as your Budget / Amendments, so make sure you are consistent!

For Capital Expenditure projects we recommend using a Project Scope/Word Document to keep all your information in, and then copy-and-paste from that into your Budget/Amendment/Cash Requests.

From category/\$amount to category/\$amount for the purpose of/to purchase xxx in response to/to prevent/to prepare for (how does it relate to student gains).

4. Amendment Description – E-Grants Amendment Template

A good Amendment example could look like this:

“From 100/Salaries/\$10k and 200/Benefits/\$2k to 600/\$12k to purchase laptops for students, **responding** to the need for online learning to **prevent** further loss of learning/attendance due to covid-19”



4. Amendment Description – E-Grants Amendment Template

If you are moving to/from **more than one** budget category, you can use this “and” format:

From category/\$amount and category/\$amount
to category/\$amount and category/\$amount
for the purpose of... etc



5. Submit

Select the “Submit” tab at the top of the application

- Run a Consistency Check – *look for error messages*
- Submit to AR (Submitted for Local Review)
- AR Submits to OPI



Submit

[Click for Instructions](#)

The Consistency Check must be successfully processed before the application can be submitted to the Authorized Representative for review and final submission.

CONSISTENCY CHECK

LOCK APPLICATION

UNLOCK APPLICATION



Where is My Amendment in the Workflow?

These are **Status** options you may see when in the E-Grants Access Select page:

- **Not Submitted** – you haven't submitted it yet
- **Submitted for Local Review** – Application has been submitted to AR
- **Submitted to OPI** – OPI is reviewing
- **Final Approved** – OPI has approved and returned
- **Returned for Changes** – OPI has returned for you to edit and resubmit

Application Name	Revision	Status	
IDEA Consolidated Application	Original Application	Final Approved	9/3/2020
ESEA Consolidated Application	Original Application	Submitted for Local Review	8/2/2022
ESSER Consolidated	Amendment 1	Not Submitted	
ESSER Consolidated	Amendment 1	Submitted To OPI	7/26/2022
ESSER III Consolidated	Original Application	Returned for Changes	9/10/2021

View Previous and Current Amendments

- In the “E-Grants Access Select” page, you can see all grants within the fiscal year
- Click on the box next to desired grant
 - This is a drop-down menu which shows all amendments
- Select desired amendment
- Select “Open” button to view amendment

Select Fiscal Year:

Created

Application Name	Revision	Status	Date	Actions				
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Discretionary Grant

Amendment 3

Amendment 3

Amendment 2

Amendment 1

Original Application

View the History Within an Amendment

- In the “E-Grants Access Select” page, select either Original Application or the correct Amendment in the drop-down
- Click on “Review Summary” next to the grant
- This will open the “Review Summary” page where you can see who has interacted with the grant

Select Fiscal Year:

Created

Formula Grant

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Discretionary Grant

Review Summary					
Click for Instructions Latest submission to OPI occurred on: 7/18/2022					
Round 1					
Select	Stop	Group	Staff	Status	Status Date
	1	LEA Data Entry	<input type="text"/>	Submitted	7/18/2022
	2	LEA Authorized Representative	<input type="text"/>	Submitted	7/18/2022
<input type="radio"/>	3	State Agency Final Review	Rebecca Brown	Accepted	7/29/2022
<div> REVIEW CHECKLIST REQUEST CHECKLIST PRINT </div>					

Finding the Feedback from OPI

- In the “Review Summary” page, select the circle next to the SEA Review
- Then select the blue “Review Checklist” button below
- E-Grants will open a **second tab** in your browser – this only works if your pop-up blocker is turned off
- Within the “Review Checklist” page that opens, you will be able to see our comments in the text box

Review Summary

[Click for Instructions](#)
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REVIEW CHECKLIST
REQUEST CHECKLIST PRINT

Grant Application
Review Checklist

egran.mt.gov/OPIGMSWeb/ApplicationSummary.aspx

Intranet
OPICConnect
SABHRS
OPI
EGrants
EG TEST
TLHub
GovDelivery


E-Grants System

Applicant: 6900 Montana Science Center
Application Cycle: 2020-2021 ARP Afterschool - A0-Montana Science Center Original Application

1. Is the ESSER Base Budget Detail page reasonable?

Yes

Comment (53 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Amendment 3: OK RB
Amendment 2: OK WF
Amendment 1: OK



Amendment Timeline

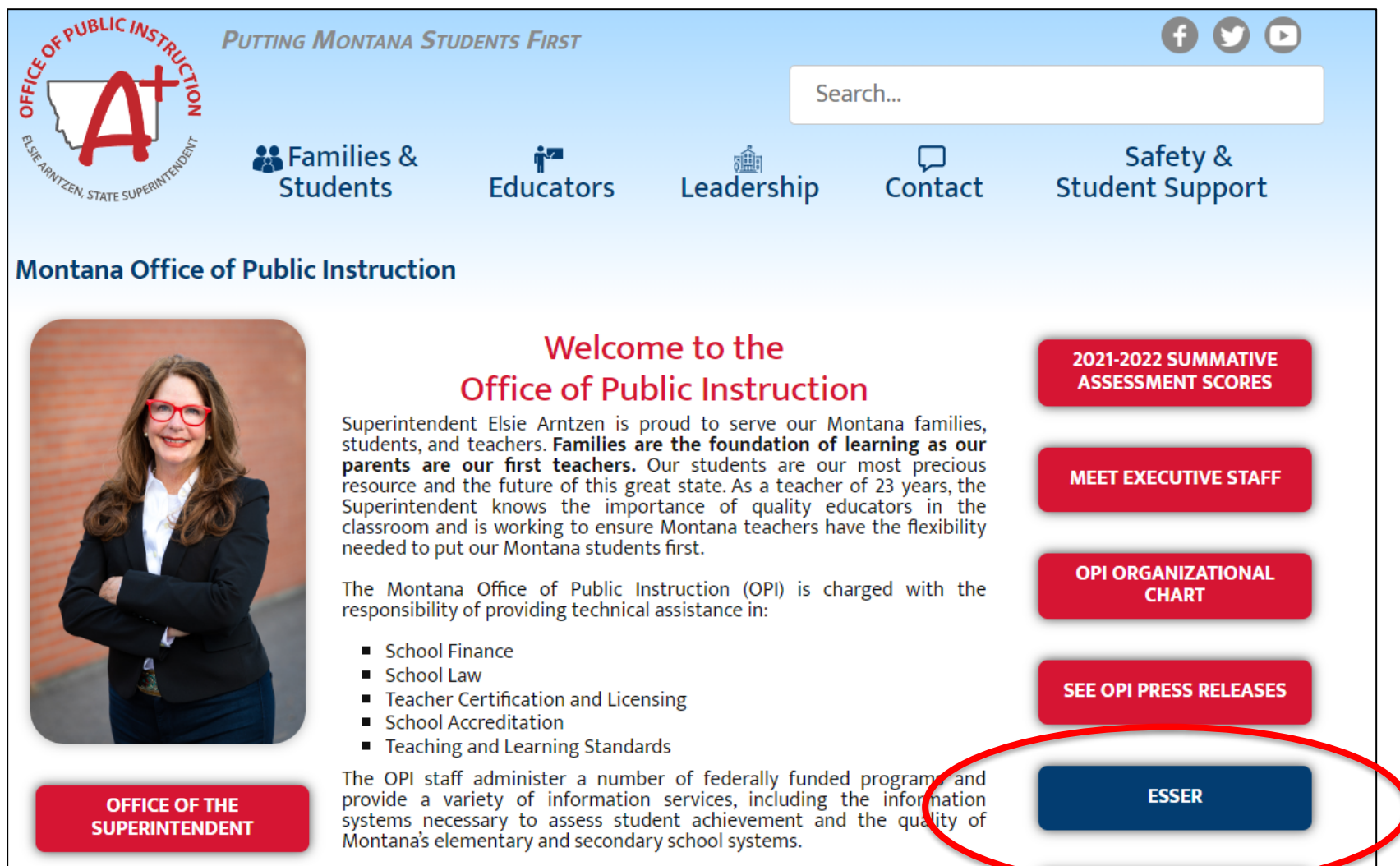
- Desired fast turn around – approval
- If it is easy to ‘fully’ understand the desired change, the approval will be easier/quicker
 - Using the **template** makes it much simpler to approve
 - Points of confusion or needed clarification are likely to result in a “returned for changes”
 - See feedback on the amendment – call us if you need help/clarification
- After amendment is approved, Cash Requests can be submitted for those items
 - Cash Requests must be submitted **by the 25th of each month**, in order to be **paid by the 10th** of the next month.
 - If you miss the 25th deadline, the Cash Request will be processed during the next month
 - Submit CR on Sept 15th fastest turn around Oct 10th
 - Submit CR on Sept 24th fastest turn around Oct 10th
 - Submit CR on Sept 25th fastest turn around Oct 10th
 - Submit CR on Sept 27th fastest turn around Nov 10th
 - Submit CR on Sept 31st fastest turn around Nov 10th

Deleting an Amendment

- Only amendments which are in progress, not yet submitted to OPI, can be deleted
- Why would you delete an Amendment?
 - Created by accident
 - No longer want/need to make those changes
- How do you Delete it?
 - Select Amendment to be deleted in the dropdown menu
 - Select the blue “Delete Application” button
 - This button will be grayed out if the Amendment has already been submitted

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Resources at OPI.MT.GOV

A screenshot of the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) website. The header is light blue and contains the OPI logo on the left, the tagline 'PUTTING MONTANA STUDENTS FIRST' in the center, and social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Families & Students', 'Educators', 'Leadership', 'Contact', and 'Safety & Student Support'. The main content area has a light blue background. On the left, there is a portrait of Superintendent Elsie Arntzen. To her right is a 'Welcome to the Office of Public Instruction' section with a paragraph about her role and a list of services. On the right side of the main content area, there are five red buttons: '2021-2022 SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT SCORES', 'MEET EXECUTIVE STAFF', 'OPI ORGANIZATIONAL CHART', 'SEE OPI PRESS RELEASES', and 'ESSER'. The 'ESSER' button is circled in red. At the bottom left, there is a red button labeled 'OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'.

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Montana Office of Public Instruction

Welcome to the Office of Public Instruction

Superintendent Elsie Arntzen is proud to serve our Montana families, students, and teachers. **Families are the foundation of learning as our parents are our first teachers.** Our students are our most precious resource and the future of this great state. As a teacher of 23 years, the Superintendent knows the importance of quality educators in the classroom and is working to ensure Montana teachers have the flexibility needed to put our Montana students first.

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is charged with the responsibility of providing technical assistance in:

- School Finance
- School Law
- Teacher Certification and Licensing
- School Accreditation
- Teaching and Learning Standards

The OPI staff administer a number of federally funded programs and provide a variety of information services, including the information systems necessary to assess student achievement and the quality of Montana's elementary and secondary school systems.

2021-2022 SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT SCORES

MEET EXECUTIVE STAFF

OPI ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

SEE OPI PRESS RELEASES

ESSER

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Q & A

Feel free to ask questions!

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