



**Montana**

**Office of Public Instruction**

**ESSER Guidance Sessions**  
**ESSER III Close-Out**

*Prepare, Prevent, and Respond*

May 14, 2024

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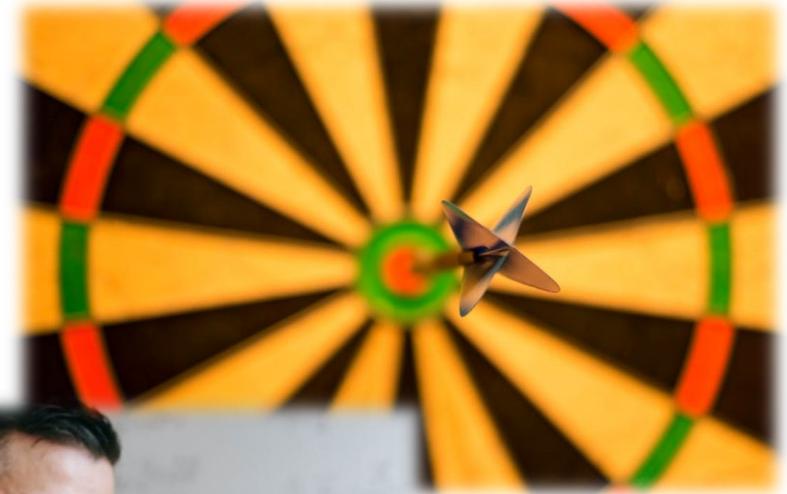
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# Goals For This Session

- ESSER III Timeline
- Final Expenditure Report
- Finding Feedback in E-Grants
- ESSER Close-Out
- Wrap-Up and OPI Resources



# ESSER III Timeline



ESSER III obligation deadline is **September 30, 2024**

- Amendments due by September 30, 2024
- Final Cash Requests due by October 25, 2024
- Final Expense Reports (FERs) due by November 10, 2024

If you haven't yet,  
you need to spend  
down the remaining  
ESSER III funds!

E-Grants Access Select

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Select Fiscal Year:  [Click to view Funding Summary](#)

Formula Grant						
	Application Name	Revision	Status	Date	Actions	
	IDEA Consolidated Application	Amendment 1	Final Approved <small><a href="#">View GAN</a></small>	3/19/2021	<a href="#">OPEN</a>	<a href="#">PAYMENTS</a> <a href="#">REVIEW SUMMARY</a>
	ESEA Consolidated Application	Amendment 2	Final Approved <small><a href="#">View GAN</a></small>	8/30/2021	<a href="#">OPEN</a>	<a href="#">PAYMENTS</a> <a href="#">REVIEW SUMMARY</a>
	ESSER Consolidated	Original Application	Final Approved <small><a href="#">View GAN</a></small>	9/27/2022	<a href="#">OPEN</a>	<a href="#">PAYMENTS</a> <a href="#">REVIEW SUMMARY</a>
	<b>ESSER III Consolidated</b>	Original Application	Final Approved <small><a href="#">View GAN</a></small>	3/16/2023	<a href="#">OPEN</a>	<a href="#">PAYMENTS</a> <a href="#">REVIEW SUMMARY</a>
	ARP – Homeless Children and Youth Grant	Amendment 3	Not Submitted <small><a href="#">View GAN</a></small>		<a href="#">OPEN</a>	<a href="#">PAYMENTS</a> <a href="#">REVIEW SUMMARY</a>
	ARP II Homeless Children and Youth Grant	Amendment 2	Final Approved <small><a href="#">View GAN</a></small>	6/29/2022	<a href="#">OPEN</a>	<a href="#">PAYMENTS</a> <a href="#">REVIEW SUMMARY</a>
	ARP Afterschool Program Grant					
	ESSER Extended Expanded Learning Opportunity	Amendment 1	Final Approved <small><a href="#">View GAN</a></small>	3/16/2023	<a href="#">OPEN</a>	<a href="#">PAYMENTS</a> <a href="#">REVIEW SUMMARY</a>



# What is the Final Expenditure Report (FER)?

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- The Final Expenditure Report (FER) is the **last step** necessary to **close out** a grant in E-Grants.
- It gets submitted at the end of the grant:
  - When all grant funds have been spent down, OR
  - When the grant period is ending.
- For some grants, the FER ends one fiscal year and rolls remaining funds over to the next fiscal year.
- **For ESSER grants** specifically, the FER closes out the grant so that no further amendments or cash requests can be submitted.



# What is the Final Expenditure Report (FER)?

## Purpose of the FER & Why It's Necessary



Steve says...

- FERs disclose how Montana and its school districts and agency recipients utilized the awarded funds during the performance period.
- Submission of a completed FER demonstrates **fiscal accountability** to the district's taxpayers, students, school boards, and school staff in response to the COVID Prevent, Prepare, & Respond plans created in cooperation with the district's learning community.



# Important FER Information



Steve says...

- FERs for ESSER III (“ESSER III Consolidated” in E-Grants) must be submitted by **October 25, 2024**.
- **All payments must be completed via cash request **before** submitting the FERs!**
  - **No embedded payments will be processed in ESSER III FERs.**
- If you haven’t yet, submit your cash requests in preparation for the FERs for your ESSER III grant budget pages!
- A Cash Request and an FER **cannot** be processed within the same month.
  - This is why all Cash Requests must be submitted by September 25, 2024 - so that FERs can be processed in October 2024.



# Important FER Information



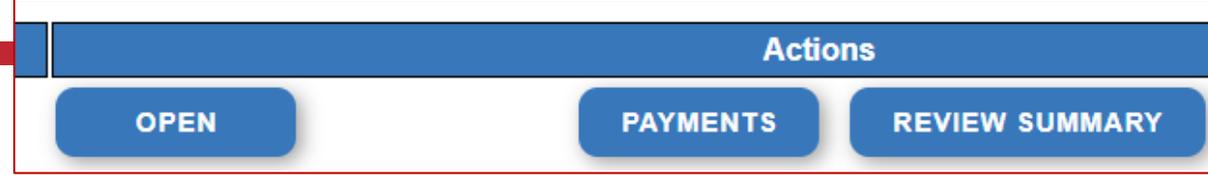
Steve says...

- NO surrendered allocated grant funds (returned or declining of grant allocation funds) will be permitted in ESSER III **Lost Instructional Time**.
- NO embedded payments will be processed in any of the 4 ESSER III grant programs (*Payment Due LEA*).
  - These types of requests will cause the FER to be **declined** and not processed.
  - NO EXCEPTIONS!
- School districts and agencies should be aware of [ESSER Grant news releases](#) containing information like this in the [OPI Compass](#) monthly bulletins.



# Where do I find the FER?

On the E-Grants Access Select page...



- Click “Payments” button next to desired grant to see the Payment Summary
- *(Notice you have multiple budget pages showing in the Summary)*

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[VIEW CASH REQUESTS/EXPENDITURE REPORTS](#)

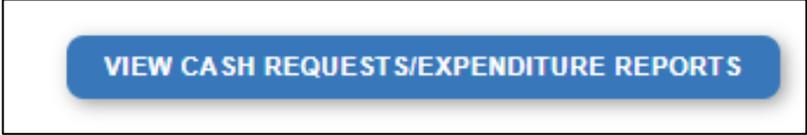
Payment Summary as of 5/10/2024

	ESSER_III_Base	ESSER_IIISchDistSupplmntl	ESSER_III_OtherEdInst	ESSER_III_LostInstrTime
<b>Current Grant Year Allocation</b>	\$282,053	\$9,594	\$0	\$70,513
(+/-) Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(+/-) Consortiums	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(+/-) Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funds Available	\$282,053	\$9,594	\$0	\$70,513
<b>Approved Budget --Amendment 2</b>	\$282,053	\$9,594	\$0	\$70,513
<b>Anticipated Payments</b>				
Auto-Scheduled	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cash Requests	\$282,053	\$9,594	\$0	\$70,513
Total	\$282,053	\$9,594	\$0	\$70,513
<b>Pending Payments</b>				
Auto-Scheduled	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Approved Cash Requests	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Completed Payments</b>				

You will need to create and submit an FER for EVERY budget page where you received funds!

# Where do I find the FER?

- Click the “View Cash Requests/Expenditure Reports” button.
- Select which Program/Budget Page you are looking for.



You will need to create and submit an FER for EVERY budget page where you received funds!

## Cash Request/Expenditure Report Menu

[Click for Instructions](#)

Program

Cash Req

- Select program...
- ESSER\_III\_Base
- ESSER\_IIISchDistSupplmntl
- ESSER\_III\_OtherEdInst
- ESSER\_III\_LostInstrTime

and press one of the following buttons:



Select	Cash Request	Created	Date Submitted	Final Approval Date	Status	Status Date	Amount
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 16	6/16/2023	6/16/2023	6/21/2023	Approved	6/21/2023	\$8,744.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 15	5/24/2023	6/5/2023	6/8/2023	Approved	6/8/2023	\$20,972.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 14	4/24/2023	4/24/2023	5/5/2023	Approved	5/5/2023	\$2,141.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 13	3/27/2023	3/27/2023	4/7/2023	Approved	4/7/2023	\$10,832.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 12	12/1/2022	12/1/2022	1/10/2023	Approved	1/10/2023	\$4,945.00



# Where do I find the FER?

- After selecting the desired Budget Page...
- Expenditure Reports are in this menu below all your Cash Requests.

<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 3	2/15/2022	2/17/2022	2/23/2022	Approved	2/23/2022	\$4,644.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 2	11/10/2021	11/10/2021	12/7/2021	Approved	12/7/2021	\$35,180.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 1	9/24/2021	11/10/2021	12/7/2021	Approved	12/7/2021	\$780.00
							\$161,624.00

## Expenditure Reports:

Select an Expenditure Report from the list(s) below and press one of the following buttons:

**OPEN EXPENSE REP**

**REVIEW SUMMARY**

Select	Expenditure Report	Final	Date Created	Date Submitted	Final Approval Date	Status	Status Date
<input type="radio"/>	Expenditure Report 1		2/28/2023			Not Submitted	



# How do I create a new FER?

- Select “Create” button (not shown in this screenshot)

	Cash Request #	Created	Submitted	Final Approval	Approval Status	Final Approval Date	Total Amount
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 10	10/20/2022	10/20/2022	11/4/2022	Approved	11/4/2022	\$12,922.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 9	6/17/2022	6/17/2022	6/22/2022	Approved	6/22/2022	\$394.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 8	5/24/2022	5/24/2022	6/3/2022	Approved	6/3/2022	\$46,866.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 7	5/24/2022	5/24/2022	6/3/2022	Approved	6/3/2022	\$813.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 6	4/22/2022	4/22/2022	5/2/2022	Approved	5/2/2022	\$5,976.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 5	3/29/2022	3/29/2022	4/6/2022	Approved	4/6/2022	\$1,349.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 4	3/22/2022	3/22/2022	4/6/2022	Approved	4/6/2022	\$1,337.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 3	2/15/2022	2/17/2022	2/23/2022	Approved	2/23/2022	\$4,644.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 2	11/10/2021	11/10/2021	12/7/2021	Approved	12/7/2021	\$35,180.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 1	9/24/2021	11/10/2021	12/7/2021	Approved	12/7/2021	\$780.00
							\$161,624.00

### Expenditure Reports:

Select an Expenditure Report from the list(s) below and press one of the following buttons:



It will be here with these buttons

Select	Expenditure Report	Final	Date Created	Date Submitted	Final Approval Date	Status	Status Date
<input type="radio"/>	Expenditure Report 1		2/28/2023			Not Submitted	



# Important Parts Of The FER

- **Object Code & each Use of Funds** within the Object Code(s) – all possible categories within the budget
- **Expenditure Description and Itemization** – description of the Object Code
- **OPI Final Approved Budget** – pulled directly from your Grant application
- **Funds Released** – what OPI has already paid out for that line item
- **Accumulated Expenditures to Date** – where schools fill in what was actually spent out of the grant

Object Code	Use of Funds	Expenditure Description and Itemization	OPI Final Approved Budget	Funds Released	Previously Reported Expended	Accumulated Expenditures to Date
100	Technology	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Dedicated Learning Devices for Students	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Home Internet for Students	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Supplemental Learning	Salaries	\$8,627	\$7,454	\$0	7454
100	Address Learning Loss	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Supplemental Services	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Minimize Spread of Infection	Salaries	\$17,571	\$18,925	\$0	18925
100	Mental Health	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Other	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Technology	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Dedicated Learning Devices for Students	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Home Internet for Students	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Supplemental Learning	Employee Benefits	\$3,880	\$3,335	\$0	3335
200	Address Learning Loss	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0



# Filling Out The FER

- You will only be filling out the **Accumulated Expenditures to Date**
- Different line item for each Use of Funds within each Object Code
  - If you haven't budgeted anything within that Use of Funds, enter "0"
- Select "Save Page" periodically

Object Code	Use of Funds	Expenditure Description and Itemization	OPI Final Approved Budget	Funds Released	Previously Reported Expended	Accumulated Expenditures to Date
100	Technology	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Dedicated Learning Devices for Students	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Home Internet for Students	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Supplemental Learning	Salaries	\$8,627	\$7,454	\$0	7454
100	Address Learning Loss	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Supplemental Services	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Minimize Spread of Infection	Salaries	\$17,571	\$18,925	\$0	18925
100	Mental Health	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Other	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Technology	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Dedicated Learning Devices for Students	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Home Internet for Students	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Supplemental Learning	Employee Benefits	\$3,880	\$3,335	\$0	3335
200	Address Learning Loss	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0



# Filling Out The FER – “Balancing the Checkbook”

- While filling out the **Accumulated Expenditures to Date** column, you should be comparing to the E-Grants Budget Pages as well as your district’s internal accounting system.
  - Black Mountain, Foxy Lady, etc.
- Think of this process like “Balancing the Checkbook”
- The FER is your **last chance** to make E-Grants match your internal accounting!



OPI Final Approved Budget	Funds Released	Previously Reported Expended	Accumulated Expenditures to Date
\$9,712	\$9,712	\$0	9977
\$3,068	\$3,068	\$0	2803
\$0	\$0	\$0	0
\$0	\$0	\$0	0
\$0	\$0	\$0	0
\$0	\$0	\$0	0
\$0	\$0	\$0	0





# Filling Out The FER

- If you did not use all funds from your grant, the **Accumulated Expenditures to Date** will not match the **OPI Final Approved Budget**.
- Effectively, this means you are **refusing** the remainder of the grant funds.
  - Grant Accountants may contact you to verify this is accurate.
  - If submitted before September 30<sup>th</sup>, your FER might be returned to confirm you're refusing funds.

Object Code	Expenditure Description and Itemization	OPI Final Approved Budget	Funds Released	Previously Reported Expended	Accumulated Expenditures to Date
100	Salaries	\$66,174	\$60,958	\$0	60958
200	Employee Benefits	\$22,180	\$21,208	\$0	21208
300	Purchased Professional and Technical	\$3,095	\$3,692	\$0	3692
400	Purchased Property Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
450	Infrastructure	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
500	Other Purchased Services	\$7,199	\$5,879	\$0	5879
600	Supplies	\$14,464	\$17,266	\$0	17266
700	Property & Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
800	Other Objects	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
<b>Totals:</b>		\$113,112	\$109,003	\$0	\$109,003
	Indirect Cost Approved Rate 5.0000 % Derived Rate 5.0000 %	\$5,639	\$5,312	\$0	\$5,312
<b>Totals:</b>		\$118,751	\$114,315	\$0	\$114,315



# Filling Out The FER

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- In the “Expenditure Period End Date” box, select the date
  - This is a drop-down menu
  - For ESSER III, the End Date is 11/30/2024
- Select “Save Page”

Expenditure Period End Date

11/30/2024

# Filling Out The FER

- Double-check the “Recap” section toward the bottom of your FER.

RECAP	Amount	Amount Paid to Date by Fund Source	
Grant Award (Allocation)	\$15,622		
Approved Budget	\$15,622	School_Dist_Supplemental	\$15,622
Amount Paid To Date	\$15,622		
Expenses To Date	\$15,622	Total	\$15,622
<b>Balance Due LEA</b>	<b>\$0</b>		
Funds on Hand	\$0		
Final Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Carryover Amount			

**Balance Due LEA must show \$0 for all ESSER III FERs!**

By submitting this [expenditure report/reimbursement request], I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information contained here is true, complete and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious or fraudulent information or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).



# Filling Out The FER

- Check the “Final Expenditure” box.
  - If this is not selected, then it will not close your grant.
- Select “Save Page”

NOTE: Data displayed on this page was effective as of 10/31/2022

RECAP	Amount
Grant Award (Allocation)	\$118,751
Approved Budget	\$118,751
Amount Paid To Date	\$114,315
Expenses To Date	\$114,315
Balance Due LEA	\$0
Funds on Hand	\$0
Final Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



# Audit Trail – Upload Documentation

- An auditor needs to be able to see direct connections from Budget → Amendments → Cash Requests → Expenditure Report
- If there are any differences between Budget/Cash Requests and the FER, please upload documentation (receipts/invoices).

Please upload supporting information files. File names should not include special characters (i.e. #, \$, % etc.)  No file chosen

Uploaded Files:

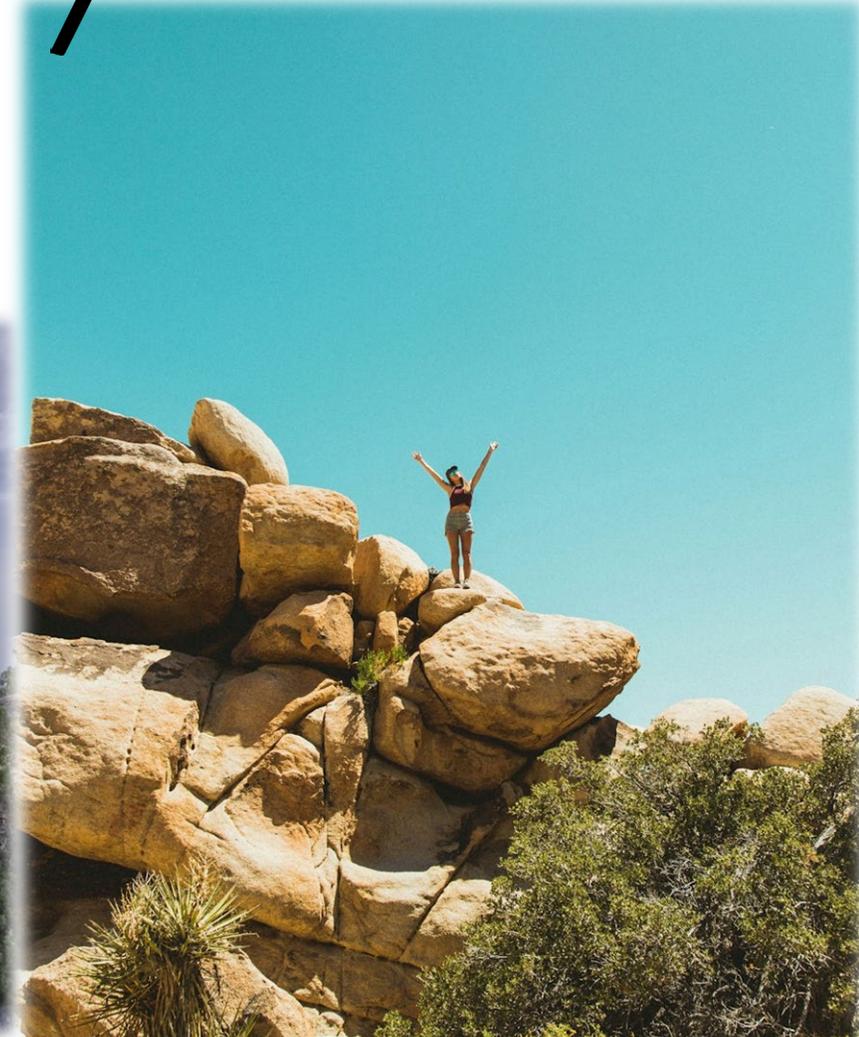
The upload folder is empty. Please upload a file if required by the system to submit or if you have been notified by OPI that this is required.



# Submitting the FER



- Select “Save Page”
- **Submit to OPI**





# Most Common FER Mistakes



Steve says...

1. Leaving unprocessed cash requests in your district's queue, leaving an inaccurate payment balance.

Cash Requests:

Select an Cash Request from the list(s) below and press one of the following buttons:

OPEN REQUEST

REVIEW SUMMARY

Select	Cash Request	Date Created	Date Submitted	Final Approval Date	Status	Status Date	Amount
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 13	6/21/2023	6/28/2023	8/9/2023	Approved	8/9/2023	\$443.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 12	5/4/2023	5/4/2023	5/9/2023	Approved	5/9/2023	\$25,172.00
<input type="radio"/>	Cash Request 11	2/22/2023	3/22/2023		Returned for Changes	3/22/2023	\$5,450.00

# Most Common FER Mistakes



Steve says...

2. Forgetting to complete the **Accumulated Expenditures to Date** column where payments have been received.

Object Code	Use of Funds	Expenditure Description and Itemization	OPI Final Approved Budget	Funds Released	Previously Reported Expended	Accumulated Expenditures to Date
100	Technology	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Dedicated Learning Devices for Students	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Home Internet for Students	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Supplemental Learning	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Address Learning Loss	Salaries	\$97,341	\$58,585	\$0	0
100	Supplemental Services	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Minimize Spread of Infection	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Mental Health	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
100	Other	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Technology	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Dedicated Learning Devices for Students	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Home Internet for Students	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Supplemental Learning	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
200	Address Learning Loss	Employee Benefits	\$27,992	\$12,787	\$0	0

# Most Common FER Mistakes



Steve says...

## 3. Submitting an FER with an embedded payment in the *Balance Due LEA*.

Program: ESSER\_III\_Base

Object Code	Use of Funds	Expenditure Description and Itemization	OPI Final Approved Budget	Funds Released	Previously Reported Expended	Accumulated Expenditures to Date
300	Other	Other Objects	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
<b>Totals:</b>			\$32,744	\$32,288	\$0	\$32,744
		Indirect Cost Approved Rate 1.4000 % Derived Rate 0.0000 %	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
<b>Totals:</b>			\$32,744	\$32,288	\$0	\$32,744

Expenditure Period End Date

RECAP	Amount	Amount Paid to Date by Fund Source	
Grant Award (Allocation)	\$32,744		
Approved Budget	\$32,744	ESSER_III_Base	\$32,288
Amount Paid To Date	\$32,288	Total	\$32,288
Expenses To Date	\$32,744		
Balance Due LEA	\$456		
Funds on Hand	(\$456)		
Final Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

# Finding the Feedback

Expenditure Reports:

Select an Expenditure Report from the list(s) below and press one of the following buttons:

[OPEN EXPENSE REP](#) [REVIEW SUMMARY](#)

Select	Expenditure Report	Final	Date Created	Date Submitted	Final Approval Date	Status	Status Date
<input type="radio"/>	Expenditure Report 1	Y	3/1/2023	3/1/2023	4/3/2023	Approved	4/3/2023

## How do you see the Feedback on your Expenditure Report once it's returned?

- When in the “Cash Request/Expenditure Report Menu”, select the Expenditure Report, then select the “Review Summary” button
- Then select the step you wish to view and select the “Review Checklist” button
- E-Grants will open a second tab in your browser – **pop-up blocker must be turned off**
- Within the “Review Checklist” page that opens, you will be able to see OPI comments in the text box

You can view "Turning Off Pop-up Blockers.pdf" [HERE](#) or [HERE](#)

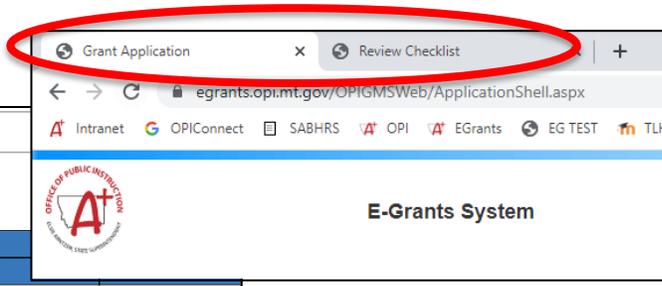
Review Summary

[Click for Instructions](#)

Latest submission to OPI occurred on: 6/21/2022

Select	Stop	Group	Staff	Status	
	1	LEA Financial Data Entry	LEA Finan Data Entry Users	Skipped	
	2	LEA Financial Business Manager	Craig Van Nice	Submitted	11/10/2022
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	3	SEA Accountant	Steve Morgan	Accepted	11/14/2022

[REVIEW CHECKLIST](#) [REQUEST CHECKLIST PRINT](#)



REVIEWCHECKLIST

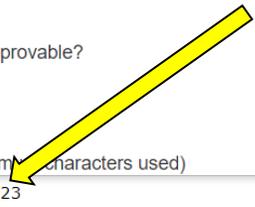
Expenditure Report Review Checklist

[Click for Instructions](#)

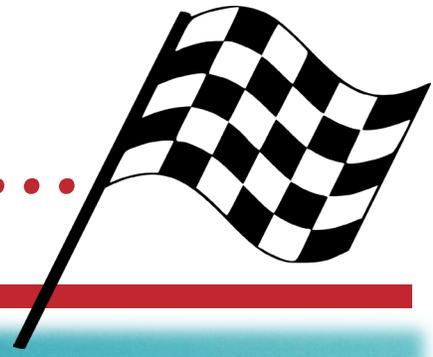
1. Is the expenditure report approvable?

Comment (24 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Reviewed by SMM 4-3-2023



# Okay, so you've submitted the FER...



- **ESSER Data Collection** will continue.
  - Spring 2025 FY24 reporting
  - Spring 2026 FY25 reporting
- **Keep ESSER Documentation** handy for data reporting as well as audits.
- **Tell the Story** of how ESSER has helped your district's students, families, and community!





# ESSER Close-Out Exit Interview

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The OPI ESSER Team will be contacting districts to conduct a final ESSER Review, to ensure all documentation and compliances have been met.

If you would like to schedule your “Exit Interview” now, feel free to contact the ESSER Team.



# Resources at OPI.MT.GOV

E-Grants Login Page:  
<https://egrants.opi.mt.gov/opigmsweb/logon.aspx>

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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.

- › School Trustee Repository
- › Parent Resources
- › School Leadership Support
- › Enrichment Courses for Educators and Support Staff
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### Welcome to the Emergency American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) webpage for the Office of Public Instruction

Superintendent Elsie Arntzen is proud to serve our Montana families, students, and teachers through the administration of the ESSER education funding of just over \$605 million. [Each district was awarded](#) ESSER funding based on Title I student count. Across the state, Districts are using ESSER funding in innovative, valuable ways, enabling schools and their partners to implement highly effective and beneficial programs. The countdown is here with ESSER I (CARES) expiring 2022, ESSER II (CRRSA) expiring 2023, and ESSER III (ARP) expiring 2024 ([comparison chart p.4](#)). OPI has established a system of support to ensure grant funding compliance and provide advocacy in use of funds.

ESSER III FY24 Recommended Cash Request Submission Before June 30th, 2024

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