



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

February 13, 2025

Charlene Russell-Tucker
Commissioner
Connecticut State Department of Education
450 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, Connecticut 06103-1841

Dear Commissioner Russell-Tucker:

I write in response to Connecticut's request for additional time to liquidate obligations for the American Rescue Plan Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) program, Grant Award S425U210030. Specifically, Connecticut's January 7, 2025, liquidation extension request specifies the need for additional time to liquidate \$25,150,711.67 of ARP ESSER funds after the period of liquidation under 2 CFR § 200.344(b) expired. After careful review, I have determined that Connecticut's request provides sufficient justification and documentation for an extension to the period of liquidation for ARP ESSER funds and approve the extension through March 28, 2026.

This request is approved with the condition that the funds drawn down in the G6 system from Grant Award S425U210030 be used only to liquidate obligations incurred by September 30, 2024, and support costs that were allowable under laws and regulations in effect during the program period. Any drawdowns during this extension period require approval from the U.S. Department of Education's (Department's) program office. Connecticut must email the Department's Office of State and Grantee Relations through the State's mailbox (Connecticut.OESE@ed.gov), detailing the amount of funds approved for liquidation extension that the State requests to draw down.

Thank you for your work to implement the ARP ESSER program, including this request to help ensure that all possible resources are available to meet the academic and mental health needs of Connecticut's students and educators. If you have any questions about this approval, please contact the Department at Connecticut.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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c: Ajit Gopalakrishnan, State Director, Connecticut Department of Education

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