

## ARPA Round 1 & Round 2 Expenditure Survey Update

Dear Owners & Directors,

Thank you all for completing and submitting your ARPA Round 2 Expenditure Surveys so quickly! We only have a handful of providers left to be approved. The deadline has been extended to **November 30, 2023**, if you need additional time.

I have started to receive phone calls regarding the ARPA Round 1 Survey popup appearing again. This is because the Division of Early Learning (DEL) realized that the formatting of the ARPA Round 1 Survey allowed for the overall amounts listed to exceed the total Round 1 amount awarded (in three equal installments). To correct this, an update was made to the system Monday night.

So even though you may have completed the survey previously, you may need to open the survey to correct errors. Unfortunately, some of you are receiving errors when trying to click on this survey. The DEL team is aware of this issue and are working on a resolution as quickly as possible. I will also communicate with all of you when I am made aware this has been fixed.

While we are waiting for the resolution, you may want to go ahead and review your ARPA Round 1 expenditures and determine how much of the grant funds you spent in each category to equal the total award amount received. You can locate your total award amount in your Round 1 Application. For example, if you received \$30,000, in three installments of \$10,000, DEL would want the updated survey amount to equal the total amount received for Round 1. In this example, this would be \$30,000.

Please also keep in mind if you checked 'yes' for the Workforce Investment, 25% of your total Round 1 award should at least be spent in this category. Using the \$30,000 example again, at least \$7,500 should be listed as spent in this category (Workforce Investment).

Once confirmed that the Round 1 Expenditure Survey has been updated and ready to be revised, another email will be sent out with any additional instructions. Thank you all for your patience and I will be reaching out again soon.

Take care,

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