DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION [Docket No.: ED–2020–SCC–0074]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund Application

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 5, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Andrew Brake, 202–453–6136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund Application.

OMB Control Number: 1810–0741.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 52.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 130.

Abstract: The Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund awards grants to Governors (states) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), institutions of higher education (IHEs), and other education related entities with emergency assistance as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The Department will award these grants—to States (governor’s offices) based on a formula stipulated in the legislation. (1) 60% on the basis of the State’s relative population of individuals aged 5 through 24. (2) 40% on the basis of the State’s relative number of children counted under section 1124(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).


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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Reopening the Application Period; Applications for Funding under Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), Sections 18004(a)(1), 18004(a)(2), and 18004(a)(3); Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary is reopening the application period for institutions of higher education (IHEs) intending to apply for HEERF, CARES Act funds. The Secretary takes this action to allow eligible applicants additional time to submit their Certifications and Agreements (applications), and associated data submissions for approved information collections under OMB control numbers 1801–0005, 1840–0842, and 1840–0843.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beatriz Ceja, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 260–04, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: The Department of Education HEERF Call Center at (202) 377–3711 or by email at HEERF@ed.gov. Please also visit our HEERF website: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text phone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 24, 2020, we published in the Federal Register a notice establishing an August 1, 2020 deadline date for IHEs that did not initially apply to receive allocations to transmit their Certification and Agreements (applications) for funds from the HEERF under sections 18004(a)(1), 18004(a)(2), and 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act (85 FR 37923) (June 24, 2020 notice).

The June 24, 2020 notice applied to applications under the following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers:

• 84.425E—Student Aid portion of section 18004(a)(1).
• 84.425F—Institutional portion of section 18004(a)(1).
• 84.425G—Historically Black College and Universities under section 18004(a)(2).
• 84.425K—Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities under section 18004(a)(2).
• 84.425L—Minority Serving Institutions under section 18004(a)(2).
• 84.425M—Strengthening Institutions Program under section 18004(a)(2).
• 84.425N—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) under section 18004(a)(3).

This notice reopens the period for transmittal of applications for all eligible applicants until September 30, 2020.