

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****[Docket No. ED-2021-SCC-0065]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Federal Student Loan Program: Internship/Residency and Loan Debt Burden Forbearance Forms****AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved collection.**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 1, 2021.**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](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. Comments may also be sent to [ICDocketmgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketmgr@ed.gov).**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.**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 the 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:* Federal Student Loan Program: Internship/Residency and Loan Debt Burden Forbearance Forms.*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0018.*Type of Review:* An extension without change of a currently approved collection.*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 27,042.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 6,393.*Abstract:* These forms serve as the means by which borrowers in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan), Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Programs may request forbearance of repayment on their loans if they meet certain conditions. The U.S. Department of Education and other loan holders uses the information collected on these forms to determine whether a borrower meets the eligibility requirements for the specific type of forbearance.

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**BILLING CODE 4000-01-P****DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Notice Inviting Applications for Funds Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) That Meet the Criteria as a Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)****AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** The Secretary is announcing the availability of new HEERF funding for the ARP (a)(2) grant program authorized under ARP section 2003(2) and inviting applications under Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.425M from eligible public and private nonprofit IHEs to address needs directly related to the coronavirus.

These awards are in addition to the ARP (a)(1) grant funds and have been allocated by the Secretary proportionally based on the relative share of funding appropriated to SIP in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. The IHEs eligible for this funding include institutions eligible for SIP that did not receive funding under section 314(a)(2) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and that are included in the ARP (a)(2) allocation table.

This notice relates to the approved information collections under OMB control numbers 1801-0005 and 1840-0842.

**DATES:***Applications Available:* August 2, 2021.*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until October 1, 2021.**ADDRESSES:** For the addresses to obtain and submit an application, please refer to the Common Instructions for Applicants to the Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768) and available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/13/2019-02206/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs>.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Epps, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, room 250-64, Washington, DC 20202. Department of Education HEERF Customer Care Center, *Phone:* (202) 377-3711. *Email:* [HEERF@ed.gov](mailto:HEERF@ed.gov). Please also visit the HEERF website at: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arp.html>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Full Text of Announcement***Background:* On March 11, 2021, the President signed the ARP into law (Pub. L. 117-2). This law makes available approximately \$39.6 billion for IHEs under HEERF, with funding appropriated through existing programs previously authorized under the CRRSAA.

With this notice, the Secretary is announcing the availability of HEERF grant funds under the ARP (a)(2) SIP program (ALN 84.425M).