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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Generic Clearance for Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB Control Number: 3045–0137.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 10,000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,667.

Abstract: The proposed information collection activity provides a means to obtain qualitative feedback from customers and stakeholders in an efficient, timely manner to improve service delivery. By qualitative feedback, we mean information that provides useful perceptions and opinions (but not statistical surveys yielding quantitative results that could be generalized to the population of study). This feedback provides insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences, and expectations; provides an early warning of issues with service; or focuses attention on areas where communication, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. The collection allows for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communication between AmeriCorps and its customers and stakeholders and contributes directly to the improvement of program management. AmeriCorps will solicit feedback on target areas such as timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. We use the responses to inform our efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders about the Agency's services will be unavailable. AmeriCorps will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collection is voluntary;
- The collection is low-burden for respondents (based on consideration of

total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and is low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;

- The collection is noncontroversial and does not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- The information gathered will be used only internally, for general service improvement and program management purposes, and is not intended for release outside of AmeriCorps;
- The information gathered will not be used to substantially inform policy decisions;
- The information gathered will be qualitative, not quantitative; and
- The collection will not be designed to yield statistically reliable results, nor will the results be used as though they are generalizable to the population.

Generic clearances for qualitative collections will not be used to gather data that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Using data for those purposes requires more rigorous designs that address a range of complete factors.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information. They will not ask questions of a sensitive nature such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. Generic qualitative information collections will be used in the same manner as current generic qualitative information collections. AmeriCorps also seeks to continue using the currently approved generic information collection until the revised information collection is approved by OMB. The currently approved information collection is due to expire on May 31, 2026. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments are invited on:

- (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. All written comments will be available for public inspection on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD–2026–OS–0232]

Request for Information for 2028 Department of War (DoW) State Priorities Impacting Service Members and Their Families

AGENCY: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: This request for information provides an opportunity for the public to submit issues that have an impact on Service members and their families where State governments are the primary agents for making positive change. Each year, the DoW selects State policy priorities for States to consider that represent barriers resulting from the transience and uncertainty of military life. For example, DoW has asked States to consider remedies to improve school transitions for children in active duty

military families to overcome problems with records transfer, class and course placement, qualifying for extra-curricular activities, and fulfilling graduation requirements. The DoW will consider the public submissions in setting those priorities.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all submissions received by April 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit information in response to this request, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of War, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current DoW State policy priorities may be found at the official Defense-State Liaison Office website: <https://statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil>.

Issues represent potential State priorities the public believes should be considered by the Department. The proposed solution should positively impact the quality of life of Service members and their families, positively contribute to readiness, or both. Inputs include the following information in order to be considered:

A. Issue title.

B. Description of the issue to include a problem statement and who is impacted by this issue.

C. Description of a potential solution to this issue, including whether the issue can be improved through a change in State procedures, State regulations, or State statutes.

D. Description of the current status of the issue and a description of the policies or practices enacted by one or more State governments, if known.

E. Your contact information so that we can follow up if we need any clarification.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Eligibility Designations; Programs Under Section 312 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended (HEA)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) announces the process for the designation of eligible institutions for fiscal year (FY) 2026.

DATES:

Applications Available: March 24, 2026.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 23, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department announces the process for the designation of eligible institutions under section 312 of the HEA for FY 2026.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Programs: Under certain HEA programs, including the Strengthening Institutions Program, institutions are eligible to apply for grants if they meet specific statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements.

Section 312 of the HEA, 34 CFR 607.2-607.5, includes many of the basic eligibility requirements for its grant programs. Section 312(b)(1)(B) of the HEA provides that, to be eligible for these programs, an institution of higher education's average "educational and general expenditures" (E&G) per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student must be less than the average E&G expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction (public 2-year, public 4-year, private 2-year, and private 4-year) in that year.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) calculates Core Expenses per FTE of institutions, a statistic like E&G per FTE. Both E&G per FTE and Core Expenses per FTE are based on regular operational expenditures of institutions (excluding auxiliary enterprises, independent operations, and hospital expenses). They differ only in that E&G per FTE is based on fall undergraduate enrollment, while Core Expenses per FTE is based on 12-month undergraduate enrollment for the academic year.

To avoid inconsistency in the data submitted to, and produced by, the Department, for the purpose of section 312(b)(1)(B) of the HEA, E&G per FTE is calculated using the same methodology as Core Expenses per FTE. Accordingly, the Department will apply the NCES methodology for calculating Core Expenses per FTE. Institutions requesting an eligibility exemption determination must use the Core Expenses per FTE data reported to NCES' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) for the most currently available academic year, in this case academic year 2023-2024.

Special Note: The most recent data available in IPEDS for Core Expenses per FTE are for base year 2023-2024. To award FY 2026 grants in a timely manner, we will use these data to evaluate eligibility.

Each institution interested in applying for a grant program for which eligibility under section 312 of the HEA is required must be designated as an eligible institution in FY 2026. See 34 CFR 607.5.

Eligible Applicants: The eligibility requirements for the authorized programs are in section 312 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1058) and in 34 CFR 607.2-607.5.

The Department has instituted a process known as the Eligibility Matrix (EM), under which we use information institutions submitted to IPEDS to determine which institutions meet the basic eligibility requirements under section 312 of the HEA. The data are utilized in the Department's eligibility system to calculate and determine which institutions meet the eligibility requirements. To make eligibility determinations for FY 2026, we use an institution's 2023-2024 enrollment and fiscal data. Beginning March 24, 2026, an institution will be able to review the Department's eligibility decision by checking the eligibility system linked through the Department's Institutional Service Eligibility website: <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-higher-education/eligibility-designations-higher-education->