

## Additional Details Regarding Reopening of HEERF Application Period Posted September 9, 2020

The deadline to apply for HEERF funds has been extended to **September 30, 2020**. The Department published a notice in the *Federal Register* establishing the new deadline, which was effective upon the notice's publication in the *Federal Register* on Friday, September 4, 2020. The Department reopened access on grants.gov for institutions to submit applications on that date. For more information about this reopening, [a link to the Federal Register notice is available here](#).

The Department is reopening the application period to allow eligible applicants additional time to apply for the following HEERF programs:

- 84.425E—Student Aid portion of section 18004(a)(1).
- 84.425F—Institutional portion of section 18004(a)(1).
- 84.425J—Historically Black Colleges 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) formula awards under section 18004(a)(3).
- 18004(a)(1) reserve applications for IHEs that were not included in the initial (a)(1) allocation table (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/reserveappfinal7202020.pdf>).
- 18004(a)(2) applications for eligible branch campuses whose main campuses did not receive an award and who did not initially apply for the (a)(2) reserve funds.
- 18004(a)(3) applications for grantees with identified risk factors that are required to submit Budget and Expenditure Reporting in order to demonstrate their proposed use of funds (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/budgetandexpenditurereportingsec18004a3.pdf>).

It is imperative that any institution seeking funding under any of these programs submit an application, including the correct certification and agreement, in grants.gov by the new established deadline date. *Please ensure that you have successfully submitted your application in grants.gov.* Failure to do so means that your application will not be transmitted to or processed by the Department. If your application was submitted successfully, it will be assigned an agency tracking number that begins with P425. If you did not receive an agency tracking number, your application has not been received by the Department.

If you wish to apply for funds under more than one HEERF program, you must submit a separate application in grants.gov for each program. ***Please ensure that you apply to the correct funding opportunity number in grants.gov and that you include the certification and agreement that corresponds to that program. We have described each funding opportunity and provided the funding opportunity number in the chart below.*** If you have submitted an application under the wrong opportunity number, it will not be processed. You may submit a new application under the correct opportunity number during the reopening period.

For section 18004(a)(1) reserve applications and 18004(a)(3) applications for grantees with identified risk factors that are required to submit Budget and Expenditure Reporting, there are two parts to each application: 1) certification and agreement(s), to be submitted via grants.gov and 2) program-specific application form, linked above for each program, to be submitted via email to [HEERF@ed.gov](mailto:HEERF@ed.gov). For section 18004 (a)(1) reserve applications, you must submit two certifications in grants.gov, one under the student aid opportunity (84.425E) and one under the institutional aid opportunity (84.425F). For (a)(3) applications for grantees with identified risk factors, you must submit one certification in grants.gov (84.425N). *Please ensure that you have successfully submitted all required parts of your application according to the instructions provided.* Incomplete applications may not be processed.

Please note that this reopening does not modify the deadline for the Department's recently-announced Institutional Resilience and Expanded Postsecondary Opportunity (IREPO) competitive grant program under CFDA number 84.425P.

The reopening notice published in the *Federal Register* is the official document regarding application deadlines for all HEERF programs. Do not rely upon any information that is inconsistent with that notice. No exceptions to application deadlines or processes will be made unless consistent with the terms of that notice.

The Department received many applications from IHEs on grants.gov for various HEERF grant programs from August 2, 2020 through August 17, 2020. Previously, those applications were not processed because the deadline for submission had passed. Considering the new grant application deadlines announced in the September 4, 2020 *Federal Register* notice for such programs, the Department is currently processing those applications to make awards. We expect to make all awards for applications previously submitted during that time frame by Friday, September 11, 2020.

In the event that an institutional application is deficient, Department staff will reach out directly to the staff point of contact from the institution listed on the application to provide instructions on how to correct the application. We expect to contact all institutions with deficient applications by Friday, September 11, 2020.

For additional information about HEERF programs, please visit our [website](#). If you have any questions regarding this reopening, please contact the Department of Education's HEERF Call Center at (202) 377-3711 or [HEERF@ed.gov](mailto:HEERF@ed.gov).