Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; CARES Act 18004(a)(3) Budget and Expenditure Reporting

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change to a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 30th day after date of publication of this notice].

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 Gaby Watts, 202-453-7195.

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:** CARES Act 18004(a)(3) Budget and Expenditure Reporting

**OMB Control Number:** 1840-0846

**Type of Review:** An extension without change to a currently approved information collection.

**Respondents / Affected Public:** State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 538

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 1,076

**Abstract:** Section 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act authorizes the Secretary to allocate funds for part B of Title VII of the HEA, for institutions of higher education that the Secretary determines have the greatest unmet needs related to coronavirus. This collection includes a budget and expenditure reporting form for institutions potentially eligible for funds under this section.


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