DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0156]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Generic Application Package for Departmental Generic Grant Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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 Alfreida Pettiford, 202-245-6110.

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:* Generic Application Package for Departmental Generic Grant

*Programs*

*OMB Control Number:* 1894-0006

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved information collection

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 9,861

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 447,089

*Abstract:* The Department is requesting an extension of the approval for the Generic
Application Package that numerous ED discretionary grant programs use to provide to
applicants the forms and information needed to apply for new grants under those grant
program competitions. The Department will use this Generic Application package for
discretionary grant programs that: (1) Use the standard ED or Federal-wide grant
applications forms that have been cleared separately through OMB under the terms of
this generic clearance as approved by OMB and (2) use selection criteria from the
Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR); selection criteria
that reflect statutory or regulatory provisions that have been developed under 34 CFR
75.209, or a combination of EDGAR, statutory or regulatory criteria or other provisions, as authorized under 34 CFR 75.200 and 75.209. The use of the standard ED grant application forms and the use of EDGAR and/or criteria developed under §§75.200 and 75.209 promotes the standardization and streamlining of ED discretionary grant application packages.


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