

Period of Allowable Expenses for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant programs

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This document provides notice that the U.S. Department of Education is changing the period of allowable expenses of the HEERF grant programs¹ Student Aid Portion (assistance listing number (ALN) 84.425E), Institutional Portion (ALN 84.425F), and the (a)(2) and (a)(3) programs (ALNs 84.425J, K, L, M, and N) back to the date of the Declaration of the National Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning March 13, 2020 ([85 FR 15337](#)).

Specifically:

- Grant Award Notification (GAN) update:
 - The provision in box 10 of your GAN for supplemental funds awarded under CRRSAA that reads:
 - “PREVIOUS CARES ACT FUNDS: Unliquidated (unspent) grant funds awarded previously pursuant to Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. 116-136, pursuant to CRRSAA Section 314(d)(2), may be used consistent with the provisions of CRRSAA Section 314(c) for obligations incurred on or after December 27, 2020, subject to the requirements in CRRSAA Section 314(d)(5). All other grant terms, conditions, and requirements from the Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Portion under the CARES Act, Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, and the GAN issued pursuant to that award remain in force.”
 - Is modified to read:
 - “PREVIOUS CARES ACT FUNDS: Unliquidated (unspent) grant funds awarded previously pursuant to Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. 116-136, pursuant to CRRSAA Section 314(d)(2), may be used consistent with the provisions of CRRSAA Section 314(c) for obligations incurred on or after March 13, 2020, subject to the requirements in CRRSAA Section 314(d)(5). All other grant terms, conditions, and requirements from the Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Portion under the CARES Act, Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, and the GAN issued pursuant to that award remain in force.”
- CRRSAA Student Aid Portion Funds (ALN 84.425E) Supplemental Agreement update:
 - Paragraph 11 that reads:

¹ This is applicable to all HEERF grant programs: (1) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (HEERF I), (2) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (HEERF II), and (3) the American Rescue Plan (ARP) (HEERF III).

- “Recipient acknowledges that any obligation under this grant (pre-award costs pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.458) must have been incurred on or after December 27, 2020, the date of the enactment of the CRRSAA.”
 - Is modified to read:
 - “Recipient acknowledges that any obligation under this grant (pre-award costs pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.458) must have been incurred on or after March 13, 2020, the date of the declaration of the national emergency.”
- CRRSAA Institutional Portion Funds (ALN 84.425F) Supplemental Agreement update:
 - Paragraph 8 that reads:
 - “Recipient acknowledges that any obligation under this grant (pre-award costs pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.458) must have been incurred on or after December 27, 2020, the date of the enactment of the CRRSAA.”
 - Is modified to read:
 - “Recipient acknowledges that any obligation under this grant (pre-award costs pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.458) must have been incurred on or after March 13, 2020, the date of the declaration of the national emergency.”
- CRRSAA (a)(2) and (a)(3) programs (ALNs 84.425J, K, L, M, and N) Supplemental Agreement update:
 - Paragraph 9 that reads:
 - “Recipient acknowledges that any obligation under this grant (pre-award costs pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.458) must have been incurred on or after December 27, 2020, the date of the enactment of the CRRSAA.”
 - Is modified to read:
 - “Recipient acknowledges that any obligation under this grant (pre-award costs pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.458) must have been incurred on or after March 13, 2020, the date of the declaration of the national emergency.”

Please retain a copy of this update notification in your HEERF program grant files to support this expanded period of allowable expenses.