

TO: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs  
Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)  
U.S. Department of Education

RE: Nonmaterial and Nonsubstantive Edits to 1830-0850

ICR 1830-0850 addresses annual performance reporting for higher education grants implemented under the COVID-19 virus under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), and the American Rescue Plan (ARP). In each of these statutes, targeted relief to institutions of higher education (IHEs) was made available under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). OPE recommends several technical edits to this ICR that do NOT have an impact on respondent burden. These technical edits include:

- Clarification for respondents and what funding codes are included in the reporting, in particular, emphasizing that activities supported by Supplemental Support under American Rescue Plan SSARP need to be captured in the reporting (these funds should not be subtracted out of any of the activities).
- Streamlining question 3; instead of asking for student and institution related URLs separately, combining into one question.
- In question 8, allowing institutions to categorize students as “other” if the students do not fit into undergraduate or graduate student categories (e.g. noncredit students). In addition, text changes and footnotes to further clarify what is meant by using grant funds to cover outstanding student balances.
- In question 9, changing the expenditure category of “Campus Safety and Operations” to “Construction, Renovation, and Real Estate projects” and provided footnotes to further explain the categories. In addition, for future spending years, using “20XX” notation, instead of specific years to clarify that this is ongoing.