
**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
(a)(2) Construction, Renovation, and Real Property Projects
Prior Approval Request**

Instructions

Introduction

This document provides instructions to institutions of higher education submitting prior approval requests for HEERF (a)(2) Construction, Renovation, and Real Property Projects.

To prepare the construction, renovation, and/or real property prior approval request, institutions are strongly encouraged to review the HEERF (a)(2) Construction, Renovation and Real Projects FAQs.

Prior Approval Requests

Prior approval requests must include the following documents:

1. HEERF (a)(2) Construction, Renovation, & Real Property Projects Prior Approval Request Form (below)
2. [ED 524 Form](#)
3. [OMB Standard Form \(SF\) 424D Form](#)

To submit your construction, renovation, or real property request, email these as attachments to your assigned HEERF program specialist.

Detailed budget costs (contractor, labor, material, other), matching funds information and/or previously spent (a)(2) funds for (a)(1) institutional purposes, should be included in Block 3 on the Prior Approval Request Form. If additional space is required, use the Comments/Information section on the form.

4. Comply with the Cost Principles in 2 CFR part 200 Subpart E; and the Department's construction regulations in 34 CFR §§ 75.600-75.618.
5. Review the HEERF (a)(2) Construction, Renovation, and Real Property Projects FAQs.

Contact your institution's assigned HEERF program specialist identified on the most recent Grant Award Notification (GAN) if you have questions about construction, renovations and/or the purchase of real property or any concern regarding the HEERF grant award.

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Institution Name and Address:		Date:
HEERF (a)(2) Award Number: P425	Please select the Project Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of Real Property	
Available Balance:		
Grant Award Total:		
State Director:	Authorizing Official:	
Institution Type: <input type="checkbox"/> 2-year <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private-Non-profit	Check to Confirm Required Forms are Attached:¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ED 524 Form <input type="checkbox"/> SF 424D Form	
Proposed Project Title:	Proposed Project Timeline (<i>start and end dates</i>):	

PRIOR APPROVAL INFORMATION

1. Provide a brief description of proposed project (*as applicable, include type of space, square footage, etc.*):

2. Describe how the project is directly related to preventing, preparing for, or responding to the coronavirus (*ED may request additional documentation*):

¹ Request will be rejected if "no" is checked or required forms are not included.

3. Provide a brief budget narrative to clarify financials noted on the 524 Form (Please note any funds used from HEA Title III and/or Title V grant awards or any additional sources):

ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES	Y / N	NOTES
4. The proposed construction or renovation is necessary and reasonable under the Cost Principles of the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR part 200 subpart E .	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
5. The construction or renovation of facilities is functional, economical, and not elaborate in design or extravagant compared with facilities of a similar type constructed in the State or other applicable geographic area (34 CFR § 75.607).	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
6. The construction or renovation will NOT support capital outlays associated with athletics, sectarian instruction, religious worship, or marketing activities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
7. The construction or renovation will comply with safety and health standards, including those under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 or State and local codes to the extent they are more stringent (34 CFR § 75.609).	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
8. This prior approval request is not for a recently constructed or renovated building, or for a project that has already begun contractual bidding or actual construction or renovation (34 CFR § 75.605).	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / INFORMATION

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PROJECT STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	PROJECT NO:
JUSTIFICATION (Briefly state the rationale for the determination rendered):	HEERF PROGRAM SPECIALIST INITIALS:

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