

Topical Heading

Relief for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Program Title

Aid for Institutions of Higher Education Affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.938D; 84.938E; 84.938F; 84.938H

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Individuals, Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Other Organizations and/or Agencies

Who May Apply (specifically)**Current Competitions**

None; no funding in FY 2008.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants, Formula Grants, Cooperative Agreements

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006	\$250,000,000
Fiscal Year 2007	\$30,000,000
Fiscal Year 2008	\$0

Note: There is no funding for these programs in FY 2008; # 84.938D, # 84.938E, and # 84.938F were authorized and funded for FY 2006 only, and # 84.938H received funding for FY 2006 and FY 2007 only.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 0

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

Legislative Citation

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and Pandemic Influenza, Division B, Title I, Chapter 6 (P.L. 109-148); Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Hurricane Recovery, 2006, Title II (P.L. 109-234); U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, Chapter 7 (P.L. 110-28)

Program Description

In 2006, Aid to Institutions of Higher Education provided hurricane-related assistance to students and postsecondary institutions under the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG; # 84.007), Leveraging Education Assistance Partnerships (LEAP; see # 84.069A, under topical heading Federal Student Aid), and Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE; see # 84.116, under topical heading Postsecondary Improvement) programs. Funding provided: (a) assistance to students who attended IHEs located in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita and who qualified for aid under the FSEOG, LEAP, and Federal Work-Study programs (see #84.033, under topical heading Federal Student Aid); (b) emergency assistance based on demonstrated need to institutions forced to close, relocate, or significantly curtail their activities as a result of the hurricanes; and (c) assistance to institutions to help defray the cost of enrolling displaced students from schools at which operations were disrupted by the hurricanes.

In FY 2007, additional funding for # 84.938H provided grants to IHEs located in Louisiana, Mississippi, and certain counties in Alabama, Florida, and Texas to defray expenses, including expenses that would have been covered by revenue lost as a result of hurricanes Katrina or Rita, expenses already incurred, and construction expenses directly related to damage resulting from the hurricanes and for payments to enable affected institutions to provide grants to students who attend such institutions for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2006.

Types of Projects

Of the available funding in FY 2006, \$95,000,000 was for the Louisiana Board of Regents (# 84.938D) to provide assistance, based on demonstrated need, through the FIPSE program to institutions in areas affected by the hurricanes. This assistance was permitted to be used for student financial assistance, faculty and staff salaries, equipment and instruments, or any other purpose authorized under the *Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)*.

An additional \$95,000,000 was for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (# 84.938F) to provide assistance under FSEOG and LEAP. All program matching, federal share, reservation of funds, and maintenance of effort requirements normally in effect were waived in relation to these funds.

The amount of \$10,000,000 was available to the secretary of education (# 84.938E) for payments to institutions to help defray unexpected expenses associated with enrolling students displaced by the hurricanes. The U.S. Department of Education established eligibility procedures and identified 99 institutions nationally to receive awards.

An additional \$50,000,000 for aid for recovering institutions (# 84.938H) was provided to schools forced to close, relocate, or significantly curtail their activities as a result of damage directly caused by the hurricanes. Funds could be used only to defray expenses, including expenses that would have been covered by revenue lost as a result of a hurricane, expenses already incurred, and construction expenses directly related to damage resulting from the hurricanes.

In FY 2007, additional funding was provided for # 84.938H which, in addition to the activities allowed in FY 2006, could also be used for payments to enable affected institutions to provide grants to students who attend such institutions for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2006.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

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Links to Related Web Sites

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/hera-ope/index.html>

<http://ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/katrina.html>

<http://hurricanehelpforschools.gov/index.html>