

auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5)

Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

William Burrow,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Department of Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Even Start Family Literacy Program for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 30. Burden Hours: 450.

Abstract: The Even Start Family Literacy program for federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations is designed to help break the cycle of poverty by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basis education, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program for families with young children (ages 0 through seven) most-in-need of family literacy services. Program funds are awarded through competitive grant process. The agency needs the information in the application to determine which projects should be funded. Respondents are federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346.

Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at (202) 708-9346 (fax). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information

Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Dated: March 17, 2000.

William Burrow,

*Leader, Information Management
Group/Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office Of Student Financial Assistance Programs.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart K—Cash Management.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 6,576. Burden Hours: 1,214,241.

Abstract: These regulations comprise the existing provisions of the Student Assistance General Provisions guidance regarding cash management.

Information collection under these regulations relates to cash management requirements and practices for institutions participating in the Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) programs.

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Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe_Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.069]

Office of Student Financial Assistance; Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program and Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for receipt of State applications for fiscal year 2000.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education (Secretary) gives notice of the closing date for receipt of State applications for fiscal year 2000 funds under the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) and Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) programs. The LEAP Program, through matching formula grants to States, provides grant aid to students with substantial financial need to help them pay for their postsecondary education costs.

The SLEAP Program, through matching formula grants to States: (1) Provides aid to students with financial need to help them pay for their postsecondary education costs; or (2) helps the State to carry out service programs to strengthen the opportunities for elementary and secondary students with financial need to enter postsecondary education. Both the LEAP and SLEAP programs support Goals 2000, the President's strategy for moving the Nation toward the National Education Goals, by enhancing opportunities for postsecondary education. The National Education Goals call for increasing the rate at which students graduate from high school and pursue high quality postsecondary education.

Under section 415C(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), a State must submit an application to participate in the LEAP and SLEAP programs through the State agency that administered its LEAP Program as of July 1, 1985, unless the Governor of the State has subsequently designated, and the Secretary has approved, a different State agency to administer the LEAP Program.

The Secretary is authorized to accept applications from the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

Authority for the LEAP and SLEAP programs is contained in sections 415A through 415F of the HEA.

Closing Date for Transmittal of Applications: Applications for fiscal year 2000 LEAP and SLEAP funds must be mailed or hand-delivered by May 15, 2000.

Application Forms: The Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs mails the required application forms for receiving LEAP and SLEAP funds to officials of the appropriate State agency in each State or territory at least 30 days before the closing date.

Applications Delivered by Mail: An application sent by mail must be addressed to: Mr. Greg Gerrans,

Financial Partners, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, 7th and D Streets, S.W., ROB-3, Room 4616, Washington, DC 20202.

The Secretary accepts the following proof of mailing

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark;

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service;

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier; or (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of Education.

If an application is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark; or

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

The Department of Education encourages applicants to use certified or at least first-class mail.

A late applicant cannot be assured that its application will be considered for fiscal year 2000 funding.

Applications Delivered By Hand: Applications that are hand-delivered must be taken to Mr. Greg Gerrans, Financial Partners, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, 7th and D Streets, S.W., ROB-3, Room 4616, Washington, DC. Hand-delivered applications will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily (Eastern time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Applications that are hand-delivered will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date and cannot be assured of consideration.

Program Information: Section 415C(a) of the HEA requires that an annual application be submitted for a State or territory to receive LEAP and SLEAP funds. In preparing the application, each State agency should be guided by the table of allotments provided in the application package. State allotments are determined according to the statutorily mandated formula under section 415B of the HEA and are not negotiable. A State may also request its share of reallocation, in addition to its basic allotment, which is contingent upon the availability of such additional funds.

In fiscal year 1999, 47 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory (Palau), and the Virgin Islands received funds under the LEAP Program.

Applicable Regulations: The following regulations are applicable to the LEAP Program: