

## Governors Emergency Education Relief - Institutions of Higher Education Component 1 Application

As announced by Governor Kim Reynolds on August 7, 2020, \$6.9 million from the Governors Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund has been reserved for institutions of higher education (IHE) to improve connectivity for students or provide professional development for faculty in online instruction. Of the \$6.9 million, \$4.4 million will be allocated towards component 1 that is made up of grants to be used to eliminate barriers to online and remote learning opportunities, specifically for students with the greatest need, in order to ensure equitable access to technology.

This is a one-time application for funds from the GEER fund created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. All regionally accredited, undergraduate public and private not-for-profit colleges and universities eligible for title IV funding and domiciled in Iowa are eligible to apply. Those that apply will be eligible to receive a minimum award amount [spreadsheet on Department's website] based on the number of enrolled Pell recipients (source: IPEDS).

Funds from this program can be spent to cover expenses between March 13, 2020 and June 30, 2021 on a reimbursement basis. Institutional applications that are approved will receive further instruction on how to submit for reimbursement through the Iowa Grants system.

Applications are due no later than 4:30 PM on September 30, 2020.

- Q1. Institution name
- Q2. Name of primary contact
- Q3. Phone number for primary contact
- Q4. Email address for primary contact
- [Assurance statement]

## Technology Needs and Funding

Funds reserved for institutions of higher education (IHE) out of the Governors Emergency Education Relief fund are to be used to improve connectivity for students and eliminate barriers to online and remote learning opportunities, specifically for students with the greatest need. Allowable uses include:

- Devices such as computers, tablets, remote learning software and applications etc. to facilitate online learning;
- Hardware such as modems and/or routers, hot spots, etc. that can be deployed to provide students with access to the internet;
- Internet subscriptions, data plans, etc.

- Q5. Indicate the technology areas you will use GEER funds to support. (Devices, internet services, hot spots, other)
- Q6. If other, please describe intended expenditures.
- Q7. Provide a narrative describing how the funds will be used to increase access and connectivity.
- Q8. Provide the criteria to be used to determine the students with greatest need.