

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR 4263-N-76]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments due:* March 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Shelia E. Jones, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451—7th Street, SW, Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Webster at (202) 708-1871 ext. 4563 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: The Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Grants Program.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2506-1053.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information collection is required to assist HUD in selecting applicants to receive EDI grant funds and to document program compliance. Information to be collected for application submission is specified in the NOFA. The information collected is essential in order to rate and rank proposals, in keeping with the statutory

provisions, and in order to determine the eligibility of applicants and proposed activities. The selection criteria are as required by the Act, and may include additional criteria if the Secretary deems necessary. After the Congressional notification of grant awards are made, recipients are required to follow applicable Federal CDBG (see OMB No. 2506-0077) and Section 108 loan guarantee requirements (see OMB No. 2506-0123). Information which is required to satisfy the record keeping requirements of these programs will be collected and maintained. Information collected will be used to drawdown funds and prepare annual performance reports. HUD may monitor grantee records to periodically verify compliance.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: SF424.

Members of affected public: Eligible applicants are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement units of general local government, and non-entitlement units of general local government which are eligible to receive Section 108 loan guarantees under 24 CFR 570.702. Eligible expenses are those authorized under 24 CFR 570.703 of the Community Development Block Grant program.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

Collection requirement	Annual frequency	Number of respondents	Burden hours per respondent	Total burden hours
Application	One-time	150	40	6,000
LOCCS Access	Each week (52)	60	1	3,120
Record keeping and reporting	Each week (52)	60	1	3,120
Total Burden	12,240

Status of the proposed information collection: Current approval expired on December 21, 1996.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

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Assistant Secretary of Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-77]

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410,