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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Notice of Proposed Information for Public Comments on Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below, regarding the competitive components of the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, 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 Date:* June 30, 2000.

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 & Urban Development, 451-7th Street, SW, Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Priscilla Poindexter (202) 708-1934 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents:

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.

The HOPWA program is authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901) as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992). The program is governed by the HOPWA Final Rule, 24 CFR Part 574, as amended, and the Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs, Final Rule, 24 CFR Part 91, as amended. This paper work submission extends the current collection of information that is used by the Department in conducting an annual competition to award program funds and in reviewing grant performance reported in annual progress reports and through the use of the Department's Information Technology Reporting Systems. The information collected is essential in order to implement statutory requirements and ensure that funds are used within the public trust for their intended purposes.

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their

families. Ten percent of the appropriated funds are awarded by competition as grants under two categories of assistance as: (1) Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) which, due to their innovative nature or their potential for replication, are likely to serve as effective models in addressing the needs of eligible persons; Applications for this category can be submitted by States, local governments and non-profit organizations; and (2) Projects which are part of Long-term Comprehensive Strategies for providing housing and services for eligible persons in non-formula areas. Applications for this category can be submitted by States and local governments to undertake activities in areas that did not qualify for formula allocations during the fiscal year. Funds may be used over a three year operating period. Grantees report to the Department on program accomplishments in annual progress reports and through the use of the Department's Information Technology Reporting Systems.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2506-0133.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information to be collected is provided in applications for competitively-awarded funds and in annual progress reports through the use of the Department's Information Technology Reporting Systems for grantees who receive these awards.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-40110-B and HUD-40110-C

Members of affected public: States, units of general local government, and non-profit organizations.

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

| Activity | Number of respondents | Frequency of response | Hours of response |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Application | 150 | 1 | 60 |
| Annual Progress Reports/IT Reports | 90 | 1 | 120 |

The total annual estimated burden hours for these optional activities are 20,775 hours, including 975 hours that are estimated for miscellaneous activities such as grant signing,

amendments, environmental, and relocation activities.

Status of the proposed information collection: Public comment requested by HUD.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Vos, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, Room 7212, U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20410, and telephone number (202) 708-1934 (this is not a toll-free number) and TTY 1-800-877-8339 for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

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Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Renewal Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)

AGENCY: Information Collection Renewal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) plans to submit the collection of information requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). You may obtain copies of the collection requirement and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. The Service is soliciting comment and suggestions on the requirement as described below.

DATES: Interested parties must submit comments on or before June 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should send comments and suggestions on the requirement to Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 222, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 358-2278 or *Rebecca.Mullin@fws.gov* E-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Hicks, (703) 358-1851, fax (703) 358-1837, or *Jack.Hicks@fws.gov* E-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Forms: Grant Agreement and Amendment to Grant Agreement.

OMB Approval Number: 1018-0049 expires 8/31/2000. The Service may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Description and Use: The Service administers several grant programs authorized by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Vessel Act, the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act, and the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act. The Service uses the information collected to make awards within these grant programs. This includes determining if the estimated cost is reasonable, the cost sharing is consistent with the applicable program statutes, and whether sufficient Federal funds are available for obligation. The State or other grantee uses the form to request funds and identify proposed cost sharing. Grantees initiate an Amendment to Grant Agreement to request a change to a previously approved Grant Agreement. The Service

uses the Amendment to Grant Agreement to revise a previous funding obligation or otherwise document the approval of a revision.

These forms were previously approved under the referenced OMB control number. The new forms are modified slightly to lessen the burden on the public, and these changes also make them easier for the Service to use.

Service Form Numbers: 3-1552 (Grant Agreement) and 3-1591 (Amendment to Grant Agreement).

Supplemental Information: The service plans to submit the following information collection requirements to OMB for review and extension approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are invited on (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and, (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Frequency: Generally annually.

Description of Respondents: State, territorial (the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa), local governments, and others receiving grant funds.

COMPLETION TIME AND ANNUAL RESPONSE AND BURDEN ESTIMATE

| Form name | Completion time per form (hours) | Annual response (forms) | Annual burden hours |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Grant Agreement | 1 | 3500 | 3500 |
| Amendment to Grant Agreement | 1 | 1750 | 1750 |
| Totals | | 5250 | 5250 |

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