

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4541-N-04]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Revision: Comment Request, FHIP SuperNOFA Application Kit

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement concerning the *Fair Housing Initiatives 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: February 12, 2001.

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 Myron Newry, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 5228, Washington, DC

20410. Telephone number (202) 708-0800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Myron Newry, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0050. (This is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this TTY number by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399.

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

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to certify: (1) That recipients of FHIP funds will not use FHIP funds to settle a claim, satisfy a judgment, or fulfill a court order in any defensive litigation or (2) whether key project personnel have a prior felony conviction or been convicted of a crime or crimes involving fraud or perjury.

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection Revision to OMB

Title: Fair Housing Initiatives Program SuperNOFA Application Kit and Reporting/Recordkeeping Requirements Revision.

OMB Approval Number: 2529-0033.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: The information required by this certification will enable the Department to determine that selected agencies are using FHIP funds as intended (to prevent and eliminate discriminatory housing practices). These grants are authorized under Section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3616 note, established the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) and the implementing regulations are found at 24 CFR Part 125.

Agency form numbers: SF-269A, SF-424/A/B/M; SF-LLL, HUD 2880, HUD 2992, HUD50070, HUD-50071:

Members of Affected Public: 400.

Reporting Burden: The Department estimates that the application kit, Certificate, quarterly report, final report, and enforcement log, will have the following reporting burdens:

Application	Number of respondents	Frequency	Hours per response	Burden hours
Development	400	1	53	21,200

The number of respondents is based on the total number of applications received under all initiatives. The number of hours per response is an average based on grantee estimates of time to review instructions, search existing data sources, prepare required responses to the application kit, and assemble exhibits.

Certification	70	2	4	560
Quarterly Report	70	4	12	3,360
Enforcement Log	35	4	7	980
Final Report	70	1	20	1,400

Estimates are based on 70 of 400 applications funded, thus, 70 respondents will file a Certification for Recipients of FHIP Funds, at least twice. In addition, respondents will report 4 times annually on program performance and financial status. Approximately one-half of the funded recipients will be requested to complete the enforcement log. Hours per response are averages based on grantee estimates of time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the needed data, and complete or respond to the requested information. Actual time may vary because of differences in grant activities, size, or complexity, and depending on whether the grantee automates the format.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: December 5, 2000.

Pamela Walsh,

Director, Program Standards Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4572-D-15]

Order of Succession for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Order of Succession.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

designates the Order of Succession for the position of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345-3349d. This publication supersedes the Order of Succession notice on December 11, 1989 at 54 FR 50823.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Virginia Kelly Ackerman, Senior Attorney, Procurement and Administrative Law Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410. Telephone: 202-708-0622. (This is not a toll-free number.) This telephone number may be accessed via TTY by

calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Secretary is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Secretary, the following are hereby designated to exercise all powers, functions and duties assigned to or vested in the Secretary. However, no official shall act as Secretary until all of the appointees listed before such official's title in this designation are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office:

- (1) Deputy Secretary
- (2) General Counsel
- (3) Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner
- (4) Assistant Secretary for Community, Planning and Development
- (5) Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing
- (6) Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research
- (7) Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
- (8) Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
- (9) Assistant Secretary for Administration
- (10) Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

In the event of a national security or other emergency and none of the officials named above is able to act, appointees to the positions listed below are authorized to exercise all powers, functions, and duties assigned to or vested in the Secretary. Executive Order No. 12656, 53 FR 47491 (published November 23, 1988), as amended at 63 FR 7277 (February 12, 1998). However, no official shall act as Secretary until, all of the appointees listed before such official's title in this designation are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office:

1. President, Government National Mortgage Association
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Director, Office of Federal Enterprise Oversight
4. Secretary's Representative, New England (Boston)
5. Secretary's Representative, New York/New Jersey (New York)
6. Secretary's Representative, Mid-Atlantic (Philadelphia)
7. Secretary's Representative, Southeast/Caribbean (Atlantic)
8. Secretary's Representative, Midwest (Chicago)
9. Secretary's Representative, Southwest (Fort Worth)

10. Secretary's Representative, Great Plains (Kansas City)
11. Secretary's Representative, Rocky Mountains (Denver)
12. Secretary's Representative, Pacific/Hawaii (San Francisco)
13. Secretary's Representative, Northwest/Alaska (Seattle)

Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, published at 54 FR 50823 (December 11, 1989).

Authority: Executive Order 11274, 5 U.S.C. 3347; sec. 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)); Executive Order 12656, 53 FR 47491 (November 23, 1988), as amended at 63 FR 7277 (February 12, 1998); Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345-3349d.

Dated: November 30, 2000.

Andrew Cuomo,

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: New information collection—NEPA compliance checklist.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has submitted the collection of information requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for 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: Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before January 11, 2001. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove an information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by the above referenced date.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should send comments and suggestions on the requirement to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Interior Desk Officer (1018-XXXX), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 and they should send a copy of the comments 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: The OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public have the opportunity to comment on information and record keeping activities.

On September 1, 2000 the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service signed Director's Order No. 127 establishing policy and procedures for the preparation of an administrative record for complying with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by Service personnel who administer Federal financial assistance programs. This record was developed in the form 3-2185 adopted by the Service as the NEPA Compliance Checklist.

On September 12, 2000 the Service published in the **Federal Register** (FR Vol. 65, No. 177, p55032) a 60 day notice and request for public comment on this information collection. That comment period ended on November 13, 2000. We received the following comments from this earlier notice.

1. One private individual E-mailed asking where she could get copies of the form and supporting information.

Response: She was referred by return E-mail to the Service's Home Page with directions for navigation to the Director's Order. A sample of the new form was attached to the E-mail response.

2. A State employee E-mailed the following comments.

A. The wording on Item 6 is so broad that almost anything could be categorically excluded (2 examples were included with the comment), please remove this Item.

B. Categorical exclusions are classes of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. The wording for Item 6 carries this to a new level that