

can also call 1-800-333-0505 to apply. Applications that do not include a DUNS number are incomplete and cannot be considered for award. If applying using the online system, this field will be a mandatory entry and your application cannot be completed without it. If applying on paper, use the box entitled "Federal Identifier" on the SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance, to enter the DUNS number.

Completed applications must be received online or postmarked by 5 p.m. EST November 14, 2003. Paper applications are required to include a narrative addressing items D.1-8 above, and all of the following FEMA forms: 20-16 Assurances and Certifications, 20-20 Budget Information-Nonconstruction Programs, and SF 424 Request for Federal Assistance. These forms are available online at [www.fema.gov/ofm/grants2.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/ofm/grants2.shtm) or can be requested by calling 1-866-274-0960. Failure to submit all of the required forms will result in a disqualification of the paper application. The paper application should be mailed to AFG Program Office, 500 C Street, SW., Room 330, Washington, DC 20472. If an online application is submitted, applicants should not submit a supplemental paper application.

#### E. Eligible Activities

Fire prevention and safety projects are the only eligible activities under the Program. Installation of sprinkler systems and fire alarm systems into existing structures shall be eligible for funding. Renovations to an existing facility are allowable only if the costs are not construction costs as defined in 44 CFR 152.2. This section was amended by the publication of a final rule on March 14, 2003 at 68 FR 12544. In order to be eligible, renovations must be essential to the successful completion of the grant scope of work. Construction projects are not eligible under the program. Changes or renovations to an existing structure that do not change the footprint or profile of the structure but exceed either \$10,000 or 50 percent of the value of the structure, are also considered construction for the purposes of this grant program.

The following list includes examples of eligible initiatives under this program:

1. Projects that focus on distributing and installing smoke alarms and checking to ensure smoke alarms are operational.
2. Projects that focus on planning and practicing escape routes, or conducting home fire safety walkthroughs;

3. Fire prevention projects targeting high-risk audiences, including those:

- a. Enhancing national, State, or local efforts to reduce fires and burn injuries affecting children under 14 or seniors over 65;
- b. Targeting geographical areas with a higher incidence of fire-related deaths and injuries;
- c. Implementing projects that mitigate risk in urban cities or high-risk groups to include addressing culturally-sensitive materials or socio-economic challenges;
4. Projects that affect the entire community such as educating the public about residential sprinklers, promoting residential sprinklers, and demonstrating working models of residential sprinklers;
5. Projects that promote the adoption or awareness of building codes and enforcement, improve engineering or enact fire-related ordinances for new construction;
6. Projects that develop and implement national prevention initiatives;
7. Local or regional projects that address training personnel in the area of public education, code enforcement, and arson prevention.

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#### F. Evaluation Criteria

FEMA will give priority to projects that focus on the prevention of injury to children from fire. Additionally, successful projects will have a high potential for achieving the overall goals of USFA, listed below. It is unlikely that projects that do not address these goals will be funded.

USFA Goals:

- To reduce the overall loss of life from fire by three percent per year.
- To establish comprehensive multi-hazard risk reduction plans led by or including the local fire service in 2,500 communities.
- To create the ability for communities to respond appropriately to emergent issues in a timely manner.

FEMA will use the below criteria in making funding decisions. Applications that closely meet all of the listed evaluation criteria will be more likely to receive favorable consideration. Federal and non-Federal experts will assist with the preliminary review of proposals and analysis as part of the funding decisions. Regardless of the proposed project, all applications will be evaluated on the degree to which they meet the criteria below. This list is not in order of priority.

- Use of an innovative project to address an identified risk or enhance traditional methodologies;
- Incorporation of partnerships that are established with public or private groups/agencies whose mission serves the population identified by the project;
- Targeting of geographical areas with a higher incidence of fire-related deaths and injuries;
- Presentation of a high benefit for the cost incurred and maximizing the level of funding that goes directly into the delivery of the project; *i.e.*, projects that include little or no overhead and administrative costs;
- Inclusion of sound reasoning regarding the determination of the target audience, measurable goals and project evaluation;
- Proposing a project that will be sustained beyond the grant performance period and has a greater potential for long-term benefits; and
- Illustration that the applicant has a successful record for timely project completion and performance in similar projects.

#### G. Funding Limitations

Grant recipients or parties entering into cooperative agreements through the program may receive no more than \$750,000 in any Federal fiscal year. Fire Departments that receive funding under the Assistance to Firefighters—competitive grant must consider this limitation, because the combined total for the grants is capped at \$750,000.

#### H. Contracts

FEMA may, in its discretion, enter into contracts for fire prevention activities in order to achieve overall program goals. These contracts may not be subject to the limitations and requirements set forth in this notice.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

#### R. David Paulson,

*Director of the Preparedness Division,  
Emergency Preparedness and Response,  
Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Loan Guaranty, Insurance and Interest Subsidy, 25 CFR Part 103

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission of information collection to the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting the information collection titled 25 CFR part 103, Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy, OMB Control Number 1076-0020, for renewal. We are renewing the collection for Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy whose clearance expires October 31, 2003. Otherwise, the collection of this information would be prohibited.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior at OMB, either by facsimile at (202) 395-6566, or you may send an e-mail to: *OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*.

Please send a copy of your comments to Ray Brown, Chief, Division of Financial Assistance, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 2412-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request further information or obtain copies of the information collection request submission from David Johnson, Solicitor, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240 or by telefacsimile at (202) 208-7419.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program, 25 U.S.C. 1481 *et seq.* and 25 U.S.C. 1511 *et seq.*, is to encourage private lending to individual Indians and organizations of Indians, by providing lenders with loan guaranties or loan insurance to reduce their potential risk. Lenders, borrowers, and the loan purpose all must qualify under Program terms. In addition, the Secretary of the Interior must be satisfied that there is a reasonable prospect that the loan will be repaid. BIA collects information under the proposed regulations to assure compliance with Program requirements. A request for comments on this information collection request appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 10, 2003 (68 FR 34640). No comments were received.

*Request for Comments:* The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests you to send your comments on this collection to the locations listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the Bureau of Indian Affairs location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 2412, during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

*OMB Approval Number:* 1076-0020.

*Title:* 25 CFR 103, Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy.

*Brief Description of collection:* The Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (Program) was established by the Act of April 12, 1974, as amended, 88 Stat. 79, 25 U.S.C. 1481 *et seq.* and 25 U.S.C. 1511 *et seq.* The Program has existed since 1974 and the regulations implementing it have existed since 1975, with significant revision in 2001. It is necessary to collect information from users of this program in order to determine eligibility and credit worthiness of Indian applicants for loans. Submission of this information is mandatory for respondent to receive or maintain a benefit.

*Type of review:* Renewal.

*Respondents:* Commercial banks.

*Number of Respondents:* 84.

*Estimated Time per Response:* ¼ hour to 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* As needed.

*Total Annual Responses:* 852.

*Total Annual Burden to Respondents:* 519 hours.

Dated: September 29, 2003.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held November 18, 2003, beginning 9 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District Office Sage Brush Conference Room, located at 3948 Development Ave, Boise, Idaho 83705. Public comment periods will be held after topics on the agenda. The meeting will adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following topics will be discussed:

- Overview of American Indian statutes, regulations, and treaties, trust relationship, tribal resource rights, tribal sovereignty and governmental authority, Native American consultation and coordination—Douglas McConaughy, Facilitator, Mediator, and Arbitrator;
- Subcommittee Reports
- Grouse Habitat Management, Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) and Transportation Management, River Recreation and Resource Management Plans, and Fire and Fuels Management;
- Two Resource Management Plans under development in the District—update on progress during workshops for Alternatives development;
- OHV Update—
- Status of BLM Idaho's Strategic Plan—Terry Heslin
- Progress in OHV trails mapping and public outreach—Lower Snake