

In addition to program specific changes to the sub-grant application for PDM and FMA eGrants, the information collection requests have been revised to include as part of the eGrant quarterly and final reporting requirement, the financial and performance status reports, outlay reports, property management reports, and closeout reports required of each grant awarded. FEMA encourages the use of the PDM and FMA eGrants application described in this notice; however, applicants may also use the Agency's grant administration paper-based forms currently under OMB control number 1660-0025 to apply.

Information Collection Requests

1. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Title: Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program eGrants.

OMB Number: 1660-0071.

Abstract: FEMA uses the PDM program eGrant application, evaluation, and award process to provide Federal grant assistance to grantees (State and federally recognized tribal government) who administer grant awards for sub-grantee applicants (State-level agencies, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, local governments, public colleges and universities, tribal colleges and universities, and regional planning districts and councils of governments). Private-non-profit (PNP) organizations and private colleges and universities are not eligible sub-applicants; however, a relevant State agency or local government may apply to the grant applicant for assistance on their behalf. The grant assistance must be used to develop mitigation plans in accordance with section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to implement pre-disaster mitigation projects that reduce the risks of natural and technological hazards on life and property, and to provide information and technical assistance on cost-effective mitigation activities.

Affected Public: The category of affected public includes State, local and tribal governments.

Number of Responses: 1,176 (Grantees (applicants)—56 States and territories and sub-grantees (sub-applicants)—20 per State or territory.) Sub-applicants submit their eGrant applications to the States to review, coordinate and forward PDM grant applications to FEMA for approval.

Estimated Time per Respondent: FEMA has estimated the burden associated with this information collection request as follows:

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program eGrants—Grant Supplemental Information—Sub-grant applications.

- Benefit Cost Determination—5 hours per response.
- Environmental Review—7.5 hours per response.
- Project Narrative (including PDM Evaluation Information Questions)—12 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50,887.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and quarterly.

2. Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

Title: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program eGrants.

OMB Number: 1660-0072.

Abstract: FEMA uses the FMA program eGrant application, evaluation, and award process to provide Federal grant assistance to grantees for three types of grants—Planning, Project, and Technical Assistance. FMA Planning Grants are available to States, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participating communities, and Indian tribal governments to prepare Flood Mitigation Plans. FMA Project Grants are available to States, NFIP participating communities, and Indian tribal governments to implement measures to reduce flood losses. Ten percent of the Project Grant is made available to States, NFIP participating communities, Indian tribal governments, and communities in non-participating States as a Technical Assistance Grant. The National Flood Insurance Reform Act (42 U.S.C. 1366), as amended by the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, (Pub. L. 108-264) authorizes the Flood Mitigation Assistance program. The FMA program is designed to award grants to States, NFIP participating communities, and Indian tribal governments so that measures can be taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program.

FEMA encourages the use of the PDM and FMA eGrants application described in this notice; however, applicants may also use the Agency's grant administration paper-based forms currently under OMB control number 1660-0025 to apply.

Affected Public: The category of affected public includes State, local and tribal governments and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Responses: 280.

Estimated Time per Respondent: FEMA has estimated the burden

associated with this information collection request as follows:

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program eGrants—Grant Supplemental Information—Sub-grant applications.

- Benefit Cost Determination—5 hours per response.
- Environmental Review—7.5 hours per response.
- Project Narrative—12 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,088.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and quarterly.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA at the following e-mail address

Michael_A._Sauers@omb.eop.gov or facsimile number (202) 395-7285. We ask that you submit comments not later than December 1, 2004, to ensure consideration of your comments before OMB evaluates and acts on these requests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection requests should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, Section Chief, Records Management, FEMA at 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address *FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov*.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1564-DR]

New York; Amendment No. 3 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the

State of New York (FEMA-1564-DR), dated October 1, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of New York is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of October 1, 2004: Chautauqua County for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1568-DR]

Tennessee; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Tennessee (FEMA-1568-DR), dated October 7, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the

State of Tennessee is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of October 7, 2004:

Giles County for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2273-03]

Direct Mail Program for Submitting Form I-485, Application To Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status; Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and Form I-131, Application for Travel Document

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is expanding its Direct Mail Program to provide that certain filings of Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status; Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, be filed at a designated Chicago, Illinois lockbox facility for initial processing. The Direct Mail Program allows USCIS to more efficiently process applications through standardization, by eliminating duplicative work, maximizing staff productivity, and introducing better information management tools. USCIS intends for this Direct Mail rollout to be completed in a two-phased approach. Phase One will begin on December 1, 2004 and will affect certain aliens filing

Form I-485, Form I-765, and Form I-131 who live in the states of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States. Phase Two will begin on April 1, 2005 and will affect certain aliens filing Form I-485, Form I-765, and Form I-131 residing in: Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

DATES: This notice is effective December 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Rebecca Watson, Lockbox Project Manager, U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 1000, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone (202) 272-1001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

What is the Direct Mail program?

The purpose and strategy of the Direct Mail program have been discussed in detail in previous rulemaking and notices (*see* 59 FR 33903, 59 FR 33985, 60 FR 22408, 61 FR 2266, 61 FR 56060, 62 FR 16607, 63 FR 891, 63 FR 892, 63 FR 13434, 63 FR 13878, 63 FR 16828, 63 FR 50584, 63 FR 8688, 63 FR 8689, 64 FR 67323, 69 FR 3380, and 69 FR 4210).

Explanation of Changes

Does this notice make any changes relating to an alien's eligibility for adjustment of status, related employment authorization, or related travel authorization?

No. This notice affects only the address location where certain filings involving an adjustment of status application, employment authorization and travel authorization requests are to be mailed. These forms, previously filed at several locations nation-wide, will now be filed under the Direct Mail Program at one specific address in Chicago, IL.