

its principal officers (including immediate family) hold no legal or financial interest or influence in the ultimate recipient, and the ultimate recipient and its principal officers (including immediate family) hold no legal or financial interest or influence in the intermediary.

(b) Copies of sufficient material from the ultimate recipient's application and the intermediary's related files, to allow the Agency to determine the:

- (i) Name and address of the ultimate recipient;
- (ii) Loan purposes;
- (iii) Interest rate and term;
- (iv) Location, nature, and scope of the project being financed;
- (v) Other funding included in the project; and
- (vi) Nature and lien priority of the collateral.

(c) Such other information as the Agency may request on specific cases.

(6) Upon receipt of a request for concurrence in a loan to an ultimate recipient the Agency will provide the necessary materials as authorized by the Housing Act of 1949. The Agency will also issue a letter concurring in the loan when all requirements have been met or notify the intermediary in writing of the reasons for denial when the Agency determines it is unable to concur in the loan.

#### Funding Restrictions

Loans made to the CIRF intermediary under this demonstration program may not exceed \$990,000 and may be limited by geographic area so that multiple loan recipients are not providing similar services to the same service areas.

Loans made to the CIRF ultimate recipient must meet the intent of providing decent, safe, and sanitary rural housing and be consistent with the requirements of title V of the Housing Act of 1949.

#### VII. Appeal Process

All adverse determination regarding applicant eligibility and the awarding of points as part of the selection process are appealable. Instructions on the appeal process will be provided at the time the applicant is notified of the decision.

Dated: March 16, 2006.

**Russell T. Davis,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service, an agency delivering the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 22, 2006.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele Brooks, Deputy Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5159 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that will be submitted to OMB for approval.

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michele Brooks, Deputy Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave.,

SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

*Title:* Water and Waste Loan and Grant Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0121.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* USDA Rural Development, through the Rural Utilities Service, is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes to fund water and waste disposal projects serving the most financially needy rural communities through the Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant program. Financial assistance should result in reasonable user costs for rural residents, rural businesses, and other rural users. The program is limited to rural areas and small towns with a population of 10,000 or less. The Water and Waste loan and grant program is administered through 7 CFR part 1780. The items covered by this collection include forms and related documentation to support a loan application.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 8.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 132, 069 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Michele Brooks, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-4120

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 8, 2006.

**James M. Andrew,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Hawai'i Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Hawai'i Advisory Committee to the