

number and should be sent to: William Kelleher, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of Community Planning & Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7233, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie D. Hovden, Office of Community Planning and Development, telephone (202) 402-4496 (this is not a toll-free number).

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). This 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 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Pub. L. 112-55), provided \$5 million for national organizations to develop the ability and capacity of rural communities to undertake community development and affordable housing projects and programs in rural areas. The national organizations must have expertise in rural housing, including experience working with rural housing organizations, local governments, and Indian tribes. Awardees will be selected through a competitive process, announced through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that announces the amount of Rural Capacity Building grant funds and the application criteria, including the rating and ranking system HUD will use to select grantees.

Title of Proposal: FY 2012 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Rural Capacity Building Program.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The Narratives associated with Rural Capacity Building program will allow CPD to accurately assess the experience, expertise, and overall capacity of national organizations with expertise in rural housing, including experience working with rural housing organizations, local governments, and Indian tribes. HUD requires information in order to ensure the eligibility of Rural Capacity Building program applicants and proposals, to rate and rank applications, and to select applicants for grant awards. The Rural Capacity Building NOFA requires applicants to submit specific forms and narrative responses.

OMB Control Number: 2506-Pending.

Agency Form Numbers: SF-424, HUD 424-CB, HUD 424-CBW, SF LLL,

Members of Affected Public: National not-for-profit organizations with expertise in rural housing, including experience working with rural housing organizations, local governments, and Indian tribes; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	Hours per response	Burden hours
Application	30	1	40	1200

Status: New collection.

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

Dated: April 17, 2012.

Frances Bush,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations, Office of Community Planning & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5604-N-02]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance—Technical Submission

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

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below 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: *Comment Due Date:* June 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4160, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone (202) 402-3400, (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Pollard at *Colette.Pollard@hud.gov* for a copy of proposed forms, or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Marie Oliva, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, Office of

Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1590 (This is not a toll-free number).

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). This 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.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance—Technical Submission.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Information to be used to obtain more detailed technical information not contained in the original Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Application.

Agency form number: HUD-40090-3a.

Members of affected public: Applicants that are successful in the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant competition.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: 500 responses, per annum (500 x 1 form), nine hours to prepare HUD-20090-3a, 4,500 hours total reporting.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of currently approved package 2506-0183.

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

Dated: April 17, 2012.

Yolanda Chávez,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5618-N-01]

Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program—Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Inflation Factors for Public Housing Agency (PHA) Renewal Funding

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FY 2012 HUD Appropriations Act requires that HUD apply “an inflation factor as established by the Secretary, by notice published in the **Federal Register**” to adjust FY 2012 renewal funding for the tenant-based rental assistance voucher program or housing choice voucher (HCV) program of each PHA. For FY 2011 and FY 2010,

renewal funding was based on annual adjustment factors (AAFs) and HUD published separate Renewal Funding AAFs for this purpose. The Renewal Funding AAFs, based only on Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for rents and utilities, have been replaced by inflation factors that incorporate additional economic indices to measure the expected change in the per unit cost (PUC) for the HCV program.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 23, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael S. Dennis, Director, Housing Voucher Programs, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, telephone number 202-708-1380; or Geoffrey Newton, Economist, Economic and Market Analysis Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, telephone number 202-402-6058, for technical information regarding the development of the schedules for specific areas or the methods used for calculating the inflation factors, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410. Hearing- or speech-impaired persons may contact the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 (TTY). (Other than the “800” TTY number, the above-listed telephone numbers are not toll free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Tables showing Renewal Funding Inflation Factors will be available electronically from the HUD data information page at: http://www.huduser.org/huduser/datasets/rfif/FY2012/FY2012_IF_Table.pdf.

In prior years, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has been using Renewal Funding AAFs based on Consumer Price Index data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on “rent of primary residence” and “fuels and utilities” as the inflation factor to calculate the renewal funding for each PHA. During this period, HUD has undertaken several projects to better understand the drivers of the annual change in housing subsidy costs for the tenant-based voucher program. The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Title II, of Division C, Public Law 112-55, approved November 18, 2011) provides that the HUD Secretary shall, for the calendar year 2012 funding cycle, provide renewal funding for each public housing agency (PHA) based on validated voucher management system (VMS) leasing and cost data for the prior calendar year and by applying an inflation factor as established by the

Secretary, by notice published in the **Federal Register**. This Notice provides the inflation factors (that were announced to PHAs on March, 1, 2012) and describes the methodology for calculating them.

II. Methodology

The Department has focused on measuring the change in average PUC as captured in HUD’s administrative data in VMS. In order to predict the likely path of PUC over time, HUD has implemented a model that uses several economic indices that capture key components of the economic climate and assist in explaining the changes in PUC. These economic components are the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate (lagged twelve months) and the Consumer Price Index from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the “wages and salaries” component of personal income from the National Income and Product Accounts from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. This model subsequently forecasts the expected annual change in average PUC from FY 2011 to FY 2012 for the voucher program on a national basis by incorporating comparable economic variables from the Administration’s economic assumptions. For reference, these economic assumptions are described in the FY 2012 Mid-Session Review.

The inflation factor for an individual geographic area is based on the change in the area’s Fair Market Rent (FMR) between FY 2011 and FY 2012. These changes in FMR are then scaled such that the voucher-weighted average of all individual area inflation factors is equal to the expected annual change in national PUC from FY 2011 to FY 2012, and also such that no area has a negative factor. HUD subsequently applies these calculated individual area inflation factors to eligible renewal funding for each PHA based on VMS leasing and cost data for the prior calendar year. For the CY 2012 PHA HCV allocation that was announced on March, 1, 2012, HUD used 1.71 percent as the annual change in PUC. When calculated using more recent VMS data through December of 2011 and actual performance of economic indices through the December of 2011, HUD expects this annual change in PUC to be lower.

III. The Use of Inflation Factors

The inflation factors have been developed to account for relative differences in the PUC of vouchers so that HCV funds can be allocated among PHAs. HUD will continue to update the current model with available data in order to assess the expected annual change in PUC and intends to update