DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I–687; Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Application for Status as Temporary Resident under Section 245A of the INA, Form I–687.

The Department Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until July 9, 2012.

During this 60-day period, USCIS will be evaluating whether to revise the Form I–687. Should USCIS decide to revise Form I–687, we will advise the public when we publish the 30-day notice in the Federal Register in accordance with the PRA. The public will then have 30 days to comment on any revisions to the Form I–687.

We invite comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time. Should USCIS decide to revise Form I–687, we will advise the public when we publish the 30-day notice in the Federal Register in accordance with the PRA.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 278 responses filing Form I–924 at 40 hours per response; and 192 responses filing Form I–924A at 3 hours.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 11,696 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit: http://www.regulations.gov.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2210. Telephone number 202–272–8377.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form N–648, Revision of an Existing Information Collection Request; Comment Request


The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until July 9, 2012.

During this 60-day period, USCIS will be evaluating whether to revise the Form N–648. Should USCIS decide to revise Form N–648, we will advise the public when we publish the 30-day notice in the Federal Register in accordance with the PRA.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy...
and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202–272–8518, or via email at USCISFRComment@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by email, please make sure to add the OMB Control Number 1615–0060 in the subject box.

Note: The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning this information collection. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check “My Case Status” online at: https://egov.uscis.gov/crisis/Dashboard.do, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1–800–375–5283.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the 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 collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions.


(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. USCIS uses Form N–648 to substantiate an applicant’s claim for an exception to the requirements of section 312 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 13,801 responses at 2 hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 27,602 annual burden hours.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT


Announcement of Funding Awards; Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program for Fiscal Years (FY) 2010 and 2011

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the FY2010 and FY2011 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program. This announcement contains the consolidated names and addresses of award recipients under the Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caroline Clayton, Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC 20410, telephone 202–401–8812. Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Building upon the successes achieved and the lessons learned from the HOPE VI program, the Choice Neighborhoods Program employs a comprehensive approach to community development centered on housing transformation. The program aims to transform neighborhoods of poverty into viable mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities by revitalizing severely distressed public and assisted housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, effective schools and education programs, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. Choice Neighborhoods grants primarily funds the transformation of public and/or HUD-assisted housing developments through preservation, rehabilitation, and management improvements as well as demolition and new construction. In addition, these funds can be used on a limited basis (and combined with other funding) for improvements to the surrounding community, public services, facilities, assets and supportive services. Choice Neighborhoods grant funds are intended to catalyze other investments that will be directed toward necessary community improvements. For FY2010 and FY2011, HUD awarded two types of grants for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: Planning Grants and Implementation Grants.

(1) Planning Grants enable those communities that are not yet able to fully undertake a successful neighborhood transformation to build the capacity to do so, with the Federal government supporting their endeavors and incentivizing local support. The Planning Grants enable more communities to create a rigorously-developed plan and build support necessary for neighborhood transformation to be successful.

(2) Implementation Grants provide a significant amount of Federal support to those communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are now moving forward with their “Transformation Plan” to redevelop the neighborhood. The FY2010 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant awards totaled $4,000,000, and 17 applicants were selected for funding in a competition, the results of which were announced on March 18, 2011. At that time, and in addition to the applicant and Congressional notification processes, the grantees were posted to the HUD Web site at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2011/HUD No.11–032 and http://portal.hud.gov/