

whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 Request:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* Form I-698; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. The data collected on this form is used by USCIS to determine eligibility to adjust an applicant's residence status.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 165 responses at 1 hour per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 165 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument with supplementary documents, or need additional information, please visit <http://www.regulations.gov>. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140; Telephone 202-272-8377.

Dated: December 11, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Implementation of Immigrant Visa DHS Domestic Processing Fee

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announces that as of February 1, 2013, USCIS will begin to collect a \$165 Immigrant Visa DHS Domestic Processing Fee (USCIS Immigrant Fee) from individuals who have been issued immigrant visas by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and are applying for admission to the United States. Prospective adoptive parents whose child(ren) is/are seeking admission to the United States under the Orphan or Hague Process will be exempt from the USCIS Immigrant Fee. The USCIS Immigrant Fee covers the cost of processing that is performed in the United States after immigrant visa holders receive their visa packages from DOS and are admitted to the United States. This notice provides instructions on how individuals who have been issued immigrant visas from DOS can pay the fee.

DATES: On February 1, 2013, USCIS will begin collecting the USCIS Immigrant Fee from individuals who have been issued immigrant visas by DOS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lyndon Lewis, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Financial Management Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2060; or by phone at (202) 272-9675 (this is not a toll-free number). You may also visit www.USCIS.gov/immigrantfee where a news release and a detailed payment Web page, including a set of questions and answers about the USCIS Immigrant Fee, are available.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on Fee

On September 24, 2010, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published the final rule titled, *U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule*. 75 FR 58962. That final rule became effective on Nov. 23, 2010. The final rule, among other things, established the USCIS Immigrant

Fee at \$165 to recover the cost of processing that is performed in the United States after immigrant visa holders receive their immigrant visa packages from DOS at overseas consulates and are admitted to the United States. *See* 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1)(i)(D); *see also* 75 FR at 58979 (public comments on the Immigrant Visa DHS Domestic Processing Fee and DHS response). USCIS established this fee to recover its costs associated with processing, filing and maintaining the immigrant visa package, and producing and mailing required documents. USCIS has not collected the fee from immigrant visa holders applying for admission to the United States because implementing procedures have only recently been developed in conjunction with DOS. Since the fee has not been collected since it was established, USCIS is publishing this Notice to announce that the USCIS Immigrant Fee collection process is now in place and that USCIS will begin collecting the fee in accordance with this Notice and the USCIS fee regulation at 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1)(i)(D).

The USCIS Director, however, is exempting from this USCIS Immigrant Fee prospective adoptive parents whose child(ren) is/are seeking admission to the United States under the Orphan or Hague Process. In addition, the Director has determined that the public interest of encouraging adoption of international orphans is served by exempting these new adoptive parents from this fee. USCIS will include the cost of processing immigrant visas for overseas adoptees in the next fee study conducted for adjustment of the USCIS fee schedule.

II. Fee Collection Process

To simplify and centralize the new fee collection process, immigrant visa holders applying for admission to the United States must pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee online at Pay.gov. Immigrant visa holders can electronically submit the fee by answering the questions on the USCIS intake page on Pay.gov and providing their checking account, debit or credit card information. Check payments must be drawn on a U.S. bank. If the immigrant visa holder is unable to make this payment, another person can make this payment on the immigrant visa holder's behalf.

Immigrant visa holders must submit payments online after they receive their immigrant visa package from DOS. DOS will issue the applicant:

- A USCIS handout which will include the immigrant visa holder's Alien number and Case ID number; and

• Instructions on how to submit payment.

Payment should be made before traveling to the United States. Immigrant visa holders should keep a copy of their receipt for their records. More details are available at www.USCIS.gov/immigrantfee.

Failure to pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee will not directly result in denial of admission to the United States as an immigrant or the loss of status as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence. However, USCIS will not issue a Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) to an individual who is subject to the USCIS Immigrant Fee until the individual has remitted the fee. Failure to obtain the Form I-551 will make it difficult for the individual to show that he or she has complied with the alien registration requirements in sections 261-266 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1301-1306. It may also make it difficult for the individual to show that he or she is authorized to accept employment in the United States or to return to the United States from temporary foreign travel.

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Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR 5604-N-15]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

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: *Comments Due Date:* February 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and

Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4160, Washington, DC 20410; telephone: 202-708-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Pollard for a copy of the proposed form and other available information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Johnson, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1577 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting 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: Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2506-0184.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This request identifies the estimated reporting burden associated with the reporting of CDBG-R assisted activities as they are completed and closing out the CDBG-R program. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) appropriated \$1 Billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to states and local governments that received CDBG funding in Fiscal Year 2008 to carry out, on an expedited basis, eligible activities under the CDBG program. The purpose of the CDBG-R funding was to stimulate the economy through measures that modernized the Nation's infrastructure, improved energy efficiency, and expanded educational opportunities and access to health care. All CDBG-R funds

were required to be expended by September 30, 2012. Any CDBG-R funds remaining after that date were recaptured by HUD and returned to Treasury.

The Recovery Act did not specify a requirement regarding the date for completion of CDBG-R assisted activities, although grantees were required to give preference to activities that could be started and completed expeditiously. While the CDBG-R expenditure deadline has passed, all CDBG-R assisted activities have not been completed. New activities were added over time when grantees amended their 2008 substantial amendments to add such activities because previously identified activities came in under budget, were identified as imprudent, or did not meet the purposes of the Recovery Act. Once CDBG-R assisted activities meet a national objective and are physically complete, grantees may proceed in closing out their CDBG-R programs. Grantees must complete their final reports in federalreporting.gov before closing out their CDBG-R grants. HUD expects grantees to be ready to begin closing out their grants by March 31, 2013.

Once final reports are completed in federalreporting.gov, grantees may begin the process of closing out their CDBG-R grants. This process requires grantees to submit their final federalreporting.gov report and prepare and submit a CDBG-R Program Grantee Closeout Certification, a CDBG-R closeout checklist, Grant Closeout Agreement, and a Federal Financial Report (SF 425) to local HUD Field Offices.

The Recovery Act requires that not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each recipient that received recovery funds from a federal agency shall submit a report to that agency that contains: (1) The total amount of recovery funds received from that agency; (2) the amount of recovery funds received that were expended or obligated to projects or activities; and (3) a detailed list of all projects or activities for which recovery funds were expended or obligated, including (A) the name of the project or activity; (B) a description of the project or activity; (C) an evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity; (D) an estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity; and (E) for infrastructure investments made by State and local governments, the purpose, total cost, and rationale of the agency for funding the infrastructure investment with funds made available under the Recovery Act