

recruitment of participants in all NIMH-sponsored clinical trials, regardless of size, and other clinical research studies that plan to enroll 150 or more human subjects in a single study. Clinical studies can have difficulty recruiting, and accurate and timely reporting is the best way to ensure recruitment goals are met within the expected timeframe. Investigators develop a recruitment plan that includes tri-yearly milestones for recruitment of the total study population, and for recruitment of racial and ethnic minority participants. Once

recruitment is scheduled to begin, investigators report actual progress on recruitment milestones three times per year, by April 1, August 1, and December 1. Investigators who fail to meet their milestones may be requested to submit interim monthly reports. The primary use of this information is to ensure that realistic recruitment milestones are established from the onset of a project, and that these milestones are met throughout the course of the research. By ensuring timely recruitment into clinical research

studies, NIMH can reduce the need to extend timelines or supplement funds in order to complete the research project, potentially increasing efficiency in the funding process and expediting the availability of treatments for mental illness.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 2,295.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Form name | Type of respondent | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total annual burden hours |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Tri-yearly NIMH Recruitment Milestone Reporting (RMR). | NIMH Principal Investigators. | 900 | 3 | 45/60 | 2,025 |
| Monthly NIMH Recruitment Milestone Reporting (RMR). | NIMH Principal Investigators. | 40 | 9 | 45/60 | 270 |
| Total | | 940 | 3,060 | 45/60 | 2,295 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; 30-Day Comment Request: International HIV/AIDS Research Fellowship Award Program (NIDA)

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 8, 2014, page 60895, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health, may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented

on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov* or by fax to 202-395-6974, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH.

Comment Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments or request more information on the proposed project contact: Steve W. Gust, Ph.D., Director, NIDA International Program, NIDA, NIH, 6001 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, Maryland 20892-0234; or call non-toll-free number (301) 443-6480; or Email: your request, including your address to: *sgust@nida.nih.gov*. Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

Proposed Collection: International HIV/AIDS Research Fellowship Award Program, 0925-New, National Institute

on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: Initially this collection was part of a clearance request for the application forms for two programs, and due to protracted delays in the readiness of one of the programs it became necessary to create a stand-alone request for this program. This request is for the Application Form for this international training program. The program will recruit post-doctoral researchers into a new fellowship research training program for HIV and drug use. The program will train new researchers in research to advance the science of HIV and drug use and foster multinational research in this disease area. The program is open to all foreign nationals. The Application Form will collect necessary information for determining the most meritorious applicants. NIDA is requesting approval from OMB for this application form to be used by the Institute's fellowship program to train new researchers and fund experienced scientists, of other nations, in research to advance the science of HIV and drug use while fostering multinational research in this disease area. The application form will be web-based.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total annual estimated burden hours are 83.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Form name | Type of respondent | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total annual burden hours |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| A. Application | Applicant Scientists | 45 | 1 | 60/60 | 45 |
| B. Consent Information | Applicant Scientists | 45 | 1 | 30/60 | 23 |
| C. Mentor Information and Agreement | Scientists | 45 | 1 | 20/60 | 15 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5883-N-01]

Notice of Certain Operating Cost Adjustment Factors for 2016

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes operating cost adjustment factors (OCAFs) for project based assistance contracts for eligible multifamily housing projects having an anniversary date on or after February 11, 2016. OCAFs are annual factors used to adjust Section 8 rents in Housing Assistance Payments contracts renewed under section 515 and section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (MAHRA).

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 11, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Houle, Program Analyst, Office of Asset Management and Portfolio Oversight, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-402-2572 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. OCAFs

Section 514(e)(2) of MAHRA (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) requires HUD to establish guidelines for rent adjustments based on an OCAF. The statute requiring HUD to establish OCAFs for Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act

(LIHPRHA) (12 U.S.C. 4101, *et seq.*) projects and projects with contract renewals or adjustments under section 524(b)(1)(A) of MAHRA is similar in wording and intent. HUD has therefore developed a single factor to be applied uniformly to all projects utilizing OCAFs as the method by which renewal rents are established or adjusted.

LIHPRHA projects are low-income housing projects insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). LIHPRHA projects are primarily low-income housing projects insured under section 221(d)(3) below-market interest rate (BMIR) and section 236 of the National Housing Act, respectively. Both categories of projects have low-income use restrictions that have been extended beyond the 20-year period specified in the original documents, and both categories of projects also receive assistance under section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 to support the continued low-income use.

MAHRA gives HUD broad discretion in setting OCAFs, referring, for example, in sections 524(a)(4)(C)(i), 524(b)(1)(A), 524(b)(3)(A) and 524(c)(1) simply to “an operating cost adjustment factor established by the Secretary.” The sole limitation to this grant of authority is a specific requirement in each of the foregoing provisions that application of an OCAF “shall not result in a negative adjustment.” Contract rents are adjusted by applying the OCAF to that portion of the rent attributable to operating expenses exclusive of debt service.

The OCAFs provided in this notice and applicable to eligible projects having a project based assistance contracts anniversary date of on or after February 11, 2016, are calculated using the same method as those published in HUD’s 2015 OCAF notice published on October 2, 2014 (79 FR 59502). Specifically, OCAFs are calculated as the sum of weighted average cost changes for wages, employee benefits, property taxes, insurance, supplies and equipment, fuel oil, electricity, natural gas, and water/sewer/trash using publicly available indices. The weights used in the OCAF calculations for each of the nine cost component groupings are set using current percentages

attributable to each of the nine expense categories. These weights are calculated in the same manner as in the October 2, 2014, notice. Average expense proportions were calculated using three years of audited Annual Financial Statements from projects covered by OCAFs. The expenditure percentages for these nine categories have been found to be very stable over time, but using three years of data increases their stability. The nine cost component weights were calculated at the state level, which is the lowest level of geographical aggregation with enough projects to permit statistical analysis. These data were not available for the Western Pacific Islands, so data for Hawaii were used as the best available indicator of OCAFs for these areas.

The best current price data sources for the nine cost categories were used in calculating annual change factors. State-level data for fuel oil, electricity, and natural gas from Department of Energy surveys are relatively current and continue to be used. Data on changes in employee benefits, insurance, property taxes, and water/sewer/trash costs are only available at the national level. The data sources for the nine cost indicators selected used were as follows:

- **Labor Costs:** First quarter, 2015 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) ECI, Private Industry Wages and Salaries, All Workers (Series ID CIU202000000000I) at the national level and Private Industry Benefits, All Workers (Series ID CIU203000000000I) at the national level.

- **Property Taxes:** Census Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue—Table 1 <http://www2.census.gov/govs/qtax/2015/q1t1.xls>. 12-month property taxes are computed as the total of four quarters of tax receipts for the period from April through March. Total 12-month taxes are then divided by the number of occupied housing units to arrive at average 12-month tax per housing unit. The number of occupied housing units is taken from the estimates program at the Bureau of the Census. <http://www.census.gov/housing/hvs/data/histtab8.xls>.