

CDBG–DR funds to support tourism promotion activities, increasing the amount covered by the waiver from \$500,000 to \$1,268,300. In addition, this revised waiver permits the State to support its tourism industry and promote travel to the most impacted and distressed counties that had a declared major disaster in 2011, 2012, or 2013, including those impacted by disasters other than flooding.

Using the funds provided under the initial waiver, the State established its first CDBG–DR Tourism Marketing Grant Program and received applications requesting a total of \$787,927. Through this program, the State awarded eight grants totaling \$500,000 in CDBG–DR funding to support a variety of activities such as advertising, marketing campaigns, promotion of community and spectator events, and Web site improvements in targeted areas that had experienced a reduction in tourism revenues following the 2013 floods in Colorado. This funding fell short of meeting the tourism promotion priorities identified through the initial round of State funding by \$287,927. The State has also subsequently identified \$480,373 in additional funding opportunities for the original applicants who were constrained by the initial grant size limitation, as well as for potential new applicants made eligible through the inclusion of areas impacted by disasters other than flooding.

In support of this request, the State has conducted an analysis of retail sales that indicates that the flooding and wildfire disasters continue to negatively affect local tourism revenues. Tourism is the primary economic contributor to the State of Colorado's economy and provides a valuable source of business revenue, taxes, and employment. According to analyses provided by the State, businesses supported by tourism, including hotels, lodges, restaurants, and grocery stores, are still experiencing weakened sales revenue. Tax revenue from these businesses benefits the State's economy and provides funding for other State activities and services. In addition, this industry employs many individuals who are of low- and moderate-income; thus, this population has been inordinately affected by the decrease in tourism revenue. Some of these jobs have been lost as a result of the disasters.

Because communities are diverting disposable tax revenue to physical recovery projects, funding for tourism marketing is scarce and communities face a worsening economic cycle from which the areas cannot recover without the injection of supplemental assistance.

Therefore, the State has requested that an additional \$768,300 of its total CDBG–DR award be made eligible for such tourism promotion activities. HUD continues to support the use of CDBG–DR funds in this scenario as a recovery tool in a damaged regional economy that depends on tourism for many of its jobs and tax revenue.

As the State of Colorado is proposing to use these additional funds for advertising and marketing activities that broadly support its tourism industry, rather than direct assistance to tourism-dependent businesses, and because long-term benefit from the proposed activities must be derived using indirect means, 42 U.S.C. 5305(a) is waived only to the extent necessary to make eligible an additional \$768,300 to support tourism promotion activities. The State must award the additional \$768,300 in CDBG–DR funds competitively through its existing CDBG–DR Tourism Marketing Grant Program to public or nonprofit entities that promote travel to or within a community or communities in general, provided the assisted activities are designed to support tourism to areas most impacted and distressed by a major disaster declared in 2011, 2012, or 2013.

As an additional condition of expanding this waiver, the State must demonstrate that funds will supplement and not replace State and local funding sources for this purpose. In its request for this waiver, the State indicated that entities selected for an award also pledged nearly a one-for-one match for their projects. The State may demonstrate that CDBG–DR funds will supplement, but not replace, local funding by requiring a match, including provision for in-kind contributions, similar to the existing competitive grant program offered by the Colorado Tourism Office. However, if the State does not require a match, the State must identify another means to adequately demonstrate that funds will supplement, but not supplant, State and local resources typically dedicated to promote tourism in these impacted areas.

The additional funds provided through this waiver for the State's CDBG–DR Tourism Marketing Grant Program are subject to all requirements in the notice published on June 3, 2014 (79 FR 31964), unless otherwise modified through this notice. The funds permitted under this waiver are subject to the same obligation and expenditure deadline applicable to all funds under the Appropriations Act. Therefore, this waiver remains in effect until 2 years following HUD's obligation of the funds permitted under this waiver.

The State is reminded that this expanded waiver will allow them to add new beneficiaries described within their CDBG–DR action plans for disaster recovery. These changes would constitute substantial amendments as described in the March 5, 2013 notice (78 FR 14329), at paragraph VI.A.3.a. If applicable, the State must submit a Substantial Action Plan Amendment revising its description of its CDBG–DR Tourism Marketing Grant Program to include potential beneficiaries, and this amendment will be subject to the citizen participation requirements of the March 5, 2013, notice at VI.A.3, which requires no less than 7 calendar days to solicit public comment.

III. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for the disaster recovery grants under this notice is 14.269.

IV. Finding of No Significant Impact

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the environment has been made in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)). The FONSI is available for public inspection between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays in the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the docket file must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202–708–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service, toll-free, at 800–877–8339.

Dated: November 10, 2015.

Nani Coloretti,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5832–N–12]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Indian Community Capital Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 19, 2016.

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, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thann Young, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7240, Washington, DC 20410; email Thann Young at Thann.Young@hud.gov or telephone 202–708–2290. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Indian Community Capital Initiative.

OMB Approval Number: 2506—New. *Type of Request:* New Collection.

Form Numbers: SF 424; HUD 424CB; HUD 424–CBW; SF–LLL; HUD 2880; HUD 2990; HUD 2991; HUD 2993; HUD 2994A; HUD 27061; and HUD 27300.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Indian Community Capital Initiative

(ICCI) is a collaborative effort among three federal agencies—the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of the Treasury—Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund), and the Department of Agriculture—Rural Development (USDA–RD). The ICCI’s goal is to increase access to capital for business lending and economic development and entrepreneurship for Federally recognized Indian tribes.

Federally recognized Indian tribe means any tribal entity eligible to apply for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs by virtue of its status as an Indian tribe. The list of Federally recognized Indian tribes can be found in the notice published by the Department of the Interior on January 14, 2015 (Federal Register/Vol. 80, No. 9/Wednesday, January 14, 2015/ Notices).

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Public.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 566.

Estimated Number of Responses: 566.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 7211.

Total Estimated Burdens:

	Respondents	Annual responses	Total responses	Burden per response	Total annual hours	Burden cost per instrument
HUD–424CB	566	1	566	3.12	1,766	44,150
HUD–424CBW	566	1	566	3.12	1,766	44,150
HUD–2880	566	1	566	2.0	1,132	28,300
HUD–2990	566	1	566	0	0	0
HUD–2991	566	1	566	0	0	0
HUD–2993	566	1	566	0	0	0
HUD–2994A	566	1	566	.5	283	7,075
HUD–27061	566	1	566	1.0	566	14,150
HUD–27300	566	1	566	3.0	1,698	42,450
Total	5,094	5,094	7,211	180,275

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: November 4, 2015.

Harriet Tregoning,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5886–N–01]

Annual Indexing of Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing Programs

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 206A of the National Housing Act, HUD has adjusted the Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing Programs for Calendar Year 2015.

DATES: Effective date: January 1, 2015.