It is IHS policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the ADDRESSES section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0917–0037.

Title: Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Contracts, 25 CFR part 900.

Brief Description of Collection: An Indian Tribe or Tribal organization is required to submit this information each time that it proposes to contract with the IHS under the ISDEAA. Each response may vary in its length. In addition, each Subpart of 25 CFR part 900 concerns different parts of the contracting process. For example, Subpart C relates to provisions of the contents for the initial contract proposal. The respondents do not incur the burden associated with Subpart C when contracts are renewed. Subpart F describes minimum standards for management systems used by Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations under these contracts. Subpart G addresses the negotiability of all reporting and data requirements in the contracts. Responses are required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.

Number of Respondents: 566.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,510.

Estimated Time per Response: Varies from 1 to 1,004 hours, with an average of 15.968 hours per response.

Frequency of Response: Each time programs, functions, services or activities are contracted from the IHS under the ISDEAA.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 24,112.

Dated: June 1, 2016.

Elizabeth A. Fowler,
Deputy Director for Management Operation, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5946–N–01]

Notice of Regulatory Waiver Requests Granted for the First Quarter of Calendar Year 2016

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 106 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (the HUD Reform Act) requires HUD to publish quarterly Federal Register notices of all regulatory waivers that HUD has approved. Each notice covers the quarterly period since the previous Federal Register notice. The purpose of this notice is to comply with the requirements of section 106 of the HUD Reform Act. This notice contains a list of regulatory waivers granted by HUD during the period beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on March 31, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about this notice, contact Aaron Santa Anna, Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500, telephone 202–708–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this toll-free number by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

For information concerning a particular waiver that was granted and for which public notice is provided in this document, contact the person whose name and address follow the description of the waiver granted in the accompanying list of waivers that have been granted in the first quarter of calendar year 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 106 of the HUD Reform Act added a new section 7(q) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(q)), which provides that:

1. Any waiver of a regulation must be in writing and must specify the grounds for approving the waiver;

2. Authority to approve a waiver of a regulation may be delegated by the Secretary only to an individual of Assistant Secretary or equivalent rank, and the person to whom authority to waive is delegated must also have authority to issue the particular regulation to be waived;

3. Not less than quarterly, the Secretary must notify the public of all waivers of regulations that HUD has approved, by publishing a notice in the Federal Register. These notices (each covering the period since the most recent previous notification) shall:

a. Identify the project, activity, or undertaking involved;

b. Describe the nature of the provision waived and the designation of the provision;

c. Indicate the name and title of the person who granted the waiver request;

d. Describe briefly the grounds for approval of the request; and

e. State how additional information about a particular waiver may be obtained.

Section 106 of the HUD Reform Act also contains requirements applicable to waivers of HUD handbook provisions that are not relevant to the purpose of this notice.

This notice follows procedures provided in HUD’s Statement of Policy on Waiver of Regulations and Directives issued on April 22, 1991 (56 FR 16337). In accordance with those procedures and with the requirements of section 106 of the HUD Reform Act, waivers of regulations are granted by the Assistant Secretary with jurisdiction over the regulations for which a waiver was requested. In those cases in which a General Deputy Assistant Secretary granted the waiver, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary was serving in the absence of the Assistant Secretary in accordance with the office’s Order of Succession.

This notice covers waivers of regulations granted by HUD from January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016. For ease of reference, the waivers granted by HUD are listed by HUD program office (for example, the Office of Community Planning and Development, the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, the Office of Housing, and the Office of Public and Indian Housing, etc.). Within each program office grouping, the waivers are listed sequentially by the regulatory section of title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that is being waived. For example, a waiver of a provision in 24 CFR part 58 would be listed before a waiver of a provision in 24 CFR part 570.

Where more than one regulatory provision is involved in the grant of a particular waiver request, the action is listed under the section number of the first regulatory requirement that appears in 24 CFR and that is being waived. For example, a waiver of both § 58.73 and § 58.74 would appear sequentially in the listing under § 58.73.

Waiver of regulations that involve the same initial regulatory citation are in
time sequence beginning with the earliest-dated regulatory waiver.

Should HUD receive additional information about waivers granted during the period covered by this report (the first quarter of calendar year 2016) before the next report is published (the second quarter of calendar year 2016), HUD will include any additional waivers granted for the first quarter in the next report.

Accordingly, information about approved waiver requests pertaining to HUD regulations is provided in the Appendix that follows this notice.

Dated: June 2, 2016.

Helen R. Kanovsky,
General Counsel.

Appendix

Listing of Waivers of Regulatory Requirements Granted by Offices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development January 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016

Note to Reader: More information about the granting of these waivers, including a copy of the waiver request and approval, may be obtained by contacting the person whose name is listed as the contact person directly after each set of regulatory waivers granted.

The regulatory waivers granted appear in the following order:
I. Regulatory waivers granted by the Office of Community Planning and Development.
II. Regulatory waivers granted by the Office of Housing.
III. Regulatory waivers granted by the Office of Public and Indian Housing.

I. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Community Planning and Development

For further information about the following regulatory waivers, please see the name of the contact person that immediately follows the description of the waiver granted.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2).
  Project/Activity: Clackamas County, OR requested a waiver of 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) in order to shorten its citizen comment period for a Consolidated Plan amendment in order to provide emergency relocation assistance to qualified displaced low- and moderate-income residents of two apartment complexes that required an emergency evacuation in the storm affected area that experienced prolonged periods of heavy rainfall resulting in flooding, electrical outages, and significant landslides.

  Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) requires that citizens be provided with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on substantial amendments to its consolidated plan. The citizen participation plan requires that citizens be given no less than 30 days to comment on substantial amendments before they are implemented. The city asked to shorten its citizen comment period to seven days so that it may quickly reallocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on the effects of the extreme winter storms.

  Granted By: Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.
  Date Granted: January 11, 2016.
  Reason Waived: The county was allowed to shorten its comment period from 30 days to 7 days so it could provide emergency relocation assistance more quickly to qualified displaced low- and moderate-income residents displaced by an evacuation order.

  Contact: Steve Johnson, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–4548.

  • Regulation: 24 CFR 92.214(a)(6).
  Project/Activity: The City of Salem, OR, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 92.214(a)(6), which prohibits additional assistance under HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) to a project previously assisted with HOME funds during the period of affordability. The City requested this waiver to enable it to reobligate $210,330 of HOME funds into three HOME rental projects—Chemawa Village, Marilyn Townhomes, and Renaissance Place.

  Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 92.214(a)(6) prohibits, except for one year after project completion, HOME assistance from being provided to a project that was previously assisted with HOME funds during the period of affordability.

  Granted By: Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.
  Date Granted: March 11, 2016.
  Reason Waived: In 2013, HUD was notified that Salem Kaiser Community Development Corporation (SKCDC), responsible for 148 HOME-assisted rental units in 10 properties, was experiencing financial and operational issues. HUD provided extensive technical assistance and in 2014 ownership of SKCDC’s portfolio was transferred to Catholic Community Service Foundation (CCSF). A portfolio analysis indicated that each of the three projects—Chemawa Village, Marilyn Townhomes, and Renaissance Place—had negative net operating income, was unable to service debt flow, had significant deferred maintenance, and had no replacement reserve. The City sought this waiver to assist CCSF in preserving the affordable HOME-assisted units, by investing $210,330 of HOME funds, and an additional $251,808 of CDBG funds, to rehabilitate 21 HOME units. The investment of additional HOME funds is still within the HOME maximum per-unit subsidy limits at 24 CFR 92.205(a). In addition, as a condition of the waiver, HUD is requiring that the City extend the periods of affordability for each of the three projects for an additional five years.

  Contact: Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–2684.

  • Regulation: 24 CFR 92.214(a)(6).
  Project/Activity: On January 28, 2016, HUD issued a CPD Notice CPD–16–01 implementing procedures to govern the submission and review of consolidated plans and action plans for FY 2016 funding prior to the enactment of a FY 2016 HUD appropriation bill. These procedures apply to any Entitlement, Insular or Hawaiian nonentitlement grantee with a program year start date prior to, or up to 60 days after, HUD’s announcement of the FY 2016 formula program funding allocations for CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA formula funding. Any grantee with an FY 2016 program year start date during the period starting October 1, 2015, and ending August 16, 2016 or 60 days after HUD announcement of FY 2016 allocation amounts (whichever comes first), is advised not to submit its consolidated plan/action plan until the FY 2016 formula allocations have been announced.

  Nature of Requirement: The Entitlement CDBG program regulations provide for

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situations in which a grantee may incur costs against its CDBG grant prior to the award of its grant from HUD. Under the regulations at 24 CFR 570.200(b), the effective date of a grantee’s grant agreement is either the grantee’s program year start date or the date that HUD action plan is received by HUD, whichever is later. This waiver would allow grantees to treat the effective date of the FY 2016 program year as the grantee’s program year start date or date or the date that the grantee’s annual action plan is received by HUD, whichever is earlier.

Granted By: Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.
Date Granted: January 6, 2016, for effect on October 21, 2015.

Reason Waived: Under the provisions of the Notice, a grantee’s action plan may not be submitted to (and thus received by) HUD until several months after the grantee’s program year start date. Lengthy delays in the receipt of annual appropriations by HUD, and implementation of the policy to delay submission of FY 2016 Action Plans, may have negative consequences for CDBG grantees that incur eligible costs prior to the award of FY 2016 funding. Some activities might otherwise be interrupted while implementing these revised procedures. In addition, grantees might not otherwise be able to use CDBG funds for planning and administrative costs of administering their programs. In order to address communities’ needs and to ensure that programs can continue without disturbance, this waiver will allow grantees to incur pre-award costs on a timetable comparable to that under which grantees have operated in past years. This waiver is available for use by any applicable CDBG grantee whose action plan submission is delayed past the normal submission date because of delayed enactment of FY 2016 appropriations for the Department. This waiver authority is only in effect until August 16, 2016.

Contact: Steve Johnson, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–4548.

Regulation: 24 CFR 822.806(a)[2][ii]. Project/Activity: The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles requested a waiver of 24 CFR 822.806(a)[2][ii] to allow more time to complete the rehabilitation of the Single Room Occupancy Marion Hotel located at 642 Crocker Street.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 822.806(a)[2][ii] provides that the owner must complete the rehabilitation of the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy (SRO) project and the contract executed within 12 months of the execution of the Annual Contributions Contract.

Granted By: Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.
Date Granted: February 19, 2016.

Reason Waived: The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles had two potential developers that backed out of the project for financial and other reasons. HUD determined that the new developer has a financially feasible project that would require at least 7 months to complete the project, which is beyond the time limitation of the execution of the Annual Contributions Contract.

Contact: Norman Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–5015.


Project/Activity: Saginaw, MI requested a waiver of the 10 percent demolition cap under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) which restricts grantees from spending more than 10 percent of total grant funds on demolition activities. The demolition waiver request combined Richland County’s program income ($50,062.41) with an earlier approved demolition waiver of $420,050, that total $470,112.41.

These funds will be used to demolish blighted and vacant structures that are becoming prevalent in Richland County, specifically in the City of Mansfield. The use of these funds in target areas will allow the county to remove hazards and the destabilizing influence of blighted properties, while adding value to the neighborhood stabilization strategy the county has undertaken. The ability to use program income for demolition activities will allow the county to close-out their NSP3 grant once these funds are exhausted.

Nature of Requirement: The Section II.H.3.F of the NSP3 Notice provides that a grantee may not use more than ten percent of its grant for demolition activities.

Granted By: Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.
Date Granted: February 24, 2016.

Reason Waived: The market conditions in the Saginaw metro area require a mix of demolition of unsafe structures coupled with the preservation of housing units to stabilize communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. The housing vacancy rate in the NSP target area fluctuates between eighteen to 35 percent as of early 2016, despite the fact that the unemployment rate in the immediate area has steadily improved. The use of the final $97,614 is the most effective means to meet the needs of the Saginaw community.

Contact: Jessie Handforth Kome, Deputy Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–5539.

II. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Housing—Federal Housing Administration (FHA)

For further information about the following regulatory waivers, please see the name of the contact person that immediately follows the description of the waiver granted.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 219.220(b).
Project/Activity: Woodland Christian Towers, FHA Project Number 114–44801T, Houston, Texas. Woodland Christian Towers, Incorporated (Owner) seeks approval to defer repayment of the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan on the subject project.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 219.220(b) (1995), which governs the repayment of operating assistance provided under the Flexible Subsidy Program for Troubled Properties, states “Assistance that has been paid to a project owner under this subpart must be repaid at the earlier of the expiration of the term of the mortgage, termination of mortgage insurance, prepayment of the mortgage, or a sale of the project.”

Granted By: Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
Date Granted: February 1, 2016.
Reason Waived: The owner requested and was granted waiver of the requirement to repay the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan in full when it became due. Deferring the loan payment will preserve this affordable housing resource for an additional 30 years through the execution and recodification of a Rental Use Agreement.

Contact: James Wyatt, Account Executive, Field Asset Management and Program Administration Division, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6172, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–2519.

Project/Activity: Properties eligible for FHA-insured mortgages.

Nature of Requirement: The Amended and Restated Condominium Bylaws of the Waterway Pines condominium project contains restrictions on conveyance rendering this project, as provided in 24 CFR 203.43, ineligible for FHA approval. Additionally, any Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) secured by a dwelling subject to the covenants is ineligible, a provided in 24 CFR 206.45, for FHA insurance as HECM properties are required to be freely marketable and only permits a property to have a restriction on conveyance when permitted. The waiver is applicable to issuance of a case number for the property located at 367 Timberlake Drive E, Unit #125, Holland, Michigan 49424 only.

Granted By: Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

Date Granted: February 29, 2016.

Reason Waived: Due to extenuating circumstances, this waiver was issued so that the purchaser did not lose the opportunity to purchase an affordable housing unit based on the Association Board’s reluctance to amend the legal documents to obtain FHA condominium project approval.

Contact: Elissa O. Saunders, Director, Office of Single Family Program Development, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9278, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–2121.

Regulation: 24 CFR 232.7.

Project/Activity: Les Mason is a memory care facility. The facility does not meet the requirements of 24 CFR 232.7 “Bathroom” of FHA’s regulations. The project is located in Creve Coeur, MO.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 232.7 mandates in a board and care home or assisted living facility that less than one full bathroom must be provided for every four residents. Also, the bathroom cannot be accessed from a public corridor or area.

Granted By: Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

Date Granted: February 29, 2016.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the office to review the initial closing package.

Contact: Alicia Anderson, Branch Chief, Grants and New Funding, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6138, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–5787.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Project/Activity: VOA Living Center at Lake City, Lake City, FL. Project Number: 063–HD030/PL29–Q16–02.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18-months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 36 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted By: Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

Date Granted: February 28, 2016.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the office to review the initial closing package.

Contact: Alicia Anderson, Branch Chief, Grants and New Funding, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6138, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–5787.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.


Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18-months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 36 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted By: Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

Date Granted: March 31, 2016.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed to meet other requirements of the State of California and the tax credit investor for receipt of their loans and capital contributions.

Contact: Alicia Anderson, Branch Chief, Grants and New Funding, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6138, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–5787.


Project/Activity: Properties eligible for FHA-insured mortgages.
Nature of Requirement: FHA’s current insurance requirement is that a HOA maintain master blanket/hazard and liability property insurance for the replacement cost of the entire project, including the structures.

Reason Waived: By Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

Date Granted: January 5, 2016.

Reason Waived: In some circumstances, HOA legal governing documents assign the responsibility to the individual unit owner to obtain and maintain insurance coverage for certain condominium project types; Manufactured Housing Condominium Project (MHCP), Detached Condominium Housing Project (DCHP), and Common Interest Housing Development (CIHD). To assist in ensuring the continued availability of affordable housing, a waiver of the current condominium unit insurance requirements that allow the individual unit owner to obtain and maintain their own insurance coverage for the issuance of the waiver is consistent with the Department’s objectives to expand access to mortgage credit, while providing appropriate safeguards to waive the insurance requirements.

Contact: Elissa O. Saunders, Director, Office of Single Family Program Development, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9278, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–2121.

III. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Public and Indian Housing

For further information about the following regulatory waivers, please see the name of the contact person that immediately follows the description of the waiver granted.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 5.801(c)(1) and (d)(1).

Project/Activity: Haverhill Housing Authority (MA087).

Nature of Requirement: The regulations establish certain reporting compliance dates. The audited financial statements are required to be submitted to the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) no later than nine months after the housing authority’s (HA) fiscal year end (FYE), in accordance with the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A–133.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: February 23, 2016.

Reason Waived: The HA is a Section 8 only entity with the Housing Choice Program, requesting additional time to submit its audited financial data for fiscal year end (FYE), in accordance with the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A–133.

Contact: Dee Ann R. Walker, Acting Program Manager, NASS, Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street SW., Room 100, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 5.801(c)(1) and (d)(1).

Project/Activity: Tallahassee Housing Authority (FL073).

Nature of Requirement: The regulation establishes certain reporting compliance dates. The audited financial statements are required to be submitted to the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) no later than nine months after the housing authority’s (HA) fiscal year end (FYE), in accordance with the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A–133.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: February 23, 2016.

Reason Waived: The HA is a Section 8 only entity with the Housing Choice Program, requesting additional time to submit its audited financial data for fiscal year end (FYE) March 31, 2015. The agency’s fee accountant was unable to complete a scheduled merger with an auditing firm in time enough to perform and submit the audited information. The HA has until March 31, 2016, to complete and submit its audited financial data to the Department. The additional time would allow the auditor necessary time to compile and complete the agency’s audited financial data report.

This FASS audited financial submission waiver (extension) does not apply to Single Audit submissions to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse and the HA is required to meet the Single Audit due dates.

Contact: Dee Ann R. Walker, Acting Program Manager, NASS, Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street SW., Room 100, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 475–7908.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.503(a)(3) and (c)(2).

Project/Activity: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) in Los Angeles, California, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.503(a)(3) and 982.503(c)(2) so that it could establish different payment standard amounts for its HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) participants.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 982.503(a)(3) states that the public housing agency’s (PHA) voucher payment standard schedule shall establish a single payment standard amount for each unit size. For each unit size, the PHA may establish a single payment standard amount for the whole fair market rent (FMR) area, or may establish a separate payment standard amount for each designated part of the FMR area. The regulation at 24 CFR 982.503(c)(2) states that the HUD Field Office may approve an exception payment standard amount from 110 percent of the published FMR to 120 percent of the published FMR if the Field Office determines that approval is justified by either the median rent method or the 40th or 50th percentile rent method and that such approval is also supported by an appropriate program justification.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: January 28, 2016.

Reason Waived: HACLA wished to establish a different payment standard schedule for participants in its HUD–VASH program because these families are traditionally more difficult to house when affordable housing is in short supply.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.503(a)(3) and (c)(2).

Project/Activity: Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) in...
Alhambra, California, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.503(a)(3) and 982.503(c)(2) so that it could establish different payment standard amounts for its HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) participants.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 982.503(a)(3) states that the public housing agency’s (PHA) voucher payment standard schedule shall establish a single payment standard amount for each unit size. For each unit size, the PHA may establish a single payment standard amount for the whole fair market rent (FMR) area, or may establish a separate payment standard amount for each designated part of the FMR area. The regulation at 24 CFR 982.503(c)(2) states that the HUD Field Office may approve an exception payment standard amount from 110 percent of the published FMR to 120 percent of the published FMR if the Field Office determines that approval is justified by either the median rent method or the 40th or 50th percentile rent method and that such approval is also supported by an appropriate program justification.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: February 5, 2016.
Reason Waived: HACoLA wished to establish a different payment standard schedule for participants in its HUD–VASH program because these families are traditionally more difficult to house when affordable housing is in short supply.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.503(a)(3) and (c)(2).
• Project/Activity: Housing Authority of the County of the City of Santa Rosa in Santa Rosa (HACSR), California, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.503(a)(3) and 982.503(c)(2) so that it could establish different payment standard amounts for its HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) participants.

Date Granted: February 6, 2016.
Reason Waived: These waivers were granted because of increased economic activity and large scale housing due to natural resource exploration.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Director, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.503(d).
• Project/Activity: Housing Authority of the County of Alameda (HACA) in Hayward California, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the FMR as a reasonable accommodation.

Date Granted: February 3, 2016.
Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
• Project/Activity: Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW,
Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).

Project/Activity: Howard County Housing (HCH) in Columbia, Maryland, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve a higher payment standard amount above 120 percent of the FMR as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) for the unit size.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: February 26, 2016.

Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).

Project/Activity: Dedham Housing Authority (DHA) in Dedham, Massachusetts, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the FMR as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) for the unit size.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: February 5, 2016.

Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).

Project/Activity: Medford Housing Authority (MHA) in Medford, Massachusetts, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the FMR as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) for the unit size.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: March 23, 2016.

Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).

Project/Activity: Colorado Division of Housing (CDH) in Denver, Colorado, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the FMR as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) for the unit size.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: March 3, 2016.

Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 985.101(a).

Project/Activity: Deerfield Beach Housing Authority (DBHA) in Deerfield Beach, Florida, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 985.101(a) so that it could submit its Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification after the deadline.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 985.101(a) states a PHA must submit the HUD-required SEMAP certification form within 60 calendar days after the end of its fiscal year.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: February 24, 2016.

Reason Waived: This waiver was granted because for the DBHA’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, the waiver was approved because of circumstances beyond the PHA’s control and to prevent additional administrative burdens for the PHA and field office.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 985.101(a).

Project/Activity: Lake County Housing Authority (LCHA) in Grayslake, Illinois, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 985.101(a) so that it could submit its Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification after the deadline.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 985.101(a) states a PHA must submit the HUD-required SEMAP certification form within 60 calendar days after the end of its fiscal year.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: March 3, 2016.

Reason Waived: This waiver was granted because for the LCHA’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. The waiver was approved because of circumstances beyond the PHA’s control and to prevent additional administrative burdens for the PHA and field office.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 985.101(a).

Project/Activity: Housing and Community Services Agency of Lane County (HCS/ALC) in Eugene, Oregon, requested a waiver of 24 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.
CFR 985.101(a) so that it could submit its Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification after the deadline.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 985.101(a) states a PHA must submit the HUD required SEMAP certification form within 60 calendar days after the end of its fiscal year.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing
Date Granted: March 7, 2016.
Reason Waived: This waiver was granted for the HCSALC’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. The waiver was approved because of circumstances beyond the PHA’s control and to prevent additional administrative burdens for the PHA and field office.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.
• Regulation: 24 CFR 985.101(a).
• Project/Activity: Sedalia Housing Authority (SHA) in Sedalia, Missouri, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 985.101(a) so that it could submit its Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification after the deadline.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation at 24 CFR 985.101(a) states a PHA must submit the HUD required SEMAP certification form within 60 calendar days after the end of its fiscal year.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing
Date Granted: May 29, 2016.
Reason Waived: WCHA’s letter of March 6, 2016 included all the information provided by the Capital Fund Processing Guidance to make a good cause determination. Specifically, CHA requested $628,435.00 to be transferred to Budget Line Item 1406 for Operations. CHA provided recent crime data at the developments and indicated the specific activities that it plans to use the funds for.

Contact: Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–4181.
• Regulation: 24 CFR 905.314.
• Project/Activity: The Westmoreland County Housing Authority (WCHA) requested a good cause waiver to transfer 27 percent of its 2016 Capital Fund Formula Grant into BLI 1406-Operations, in part to fund certain anticrime measures.

Nature of Requirement: In accordance 24 CFR 905.314, PHAs may use Operating Funds for anticrime and antidrug activities, including costs of providing adequate security for public housing residents, including above-baseline service agreements.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing
Date Granted: March 7, 2016.
Reason Waived: WCHA’s letter of March 6, 2016 included all the information provided by the Capital Fund Processing Guidance to make a good cause determination. Specifically, WCHA requested $550,086 to be transferred to Budget Line Item 1406 for Operations. WCHA provided recent crime data at the developments and indicated the specific activities that it plans to use the funds for.

Contact: Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–4181.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Proposed Information Collection; Import of Sport-Hunted African Elephant Trophies

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service. ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2016. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by August 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803 (mail); or hope.grey@fws.gov (email). Please include “1018–0164” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at hope.grey@fws.gov (email) or 703–358–2482 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

On June 6, 2016, we published a final rule (81 FR 36388), Revision of the Section 4(d) Rule for the African Elephant (Loxodonta africana) (4(d) rule). The rule will be effective on July 6, 2016. After that date, permits will be required to import all African elephant trophies (i.e., from both Appendix-I and Appendix-II populations).

When a species is listed as threatened, section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) gives discretion to the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations that he or she “deems necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of such species.” In response to an unprecedented increase in poaching of elephants across Africa and the escalation of the illegal trade in ivory, we reevaluated the provisions of the existing ESA 4(d) rule for the African elephant. We revised the 4(d) rule by adopting measures that are necessary and advisable for the current conservation needs of the species, based on our evaluation of the current threats to the African elephant and the comments received from the public. The poaching crisis is driven by demand for elephant ivory. The final rule allows us to more strictly regulate trade in African elephant ivory and to help ensure that the U.S. ivory market is not contributing to the poaching of elephants in Africa.

Currently, import of sport-hunted African elephant trophies, as authorized by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and