Current Actions: This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with no changes to the burden hours or to CBP Form 3299.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses and Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150,000.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 150,000.

Summary: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Request for Information (CBP Form 28). CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours or to the information collected. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 14, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

Addresses: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via facsimile to (202) 395-5806.

For Further Information Contact: Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, Agency Clearance Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, [FR Doc. 2016–14001 Filed 6–13–16; 8:45 am]
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Neighborhood Stabilization Program; Changes to Closeout Requirements Related to Program Income

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice describes changes to closeout requirements applied to and additional regulations waived for grantees receiving grants under the three rounds of funding under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program who are also grantees under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

DATES: Effective Date: June 14, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stanley Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202–708–3587 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) was established by Division B, Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) (Pub. L. 110–289, approved July 30, 2008), for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. As established by HERA, NSP provided grants to all states and selected local governments on a formula basis. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) (Pub. L. 111–5, approved February 17, 2009) authorized additional NSP grants to be awarded to states, local governments, nonprofits and a consortium of nonprofit entities, but on a competitive basis. The Recovery Act also authorized funding for national and local technical assistance providers to support NSP grantees. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) (Pub. L. 111–203, approved July 21, 2010) authorized a third round of Neighborhood Stabilization grants to all states and select local governments on a formula basis.

The purpose of the funds awarded under the three rounds of NSP is to target the stabilization of neighborhoods negatively affected by properties that have been foreclosed upon and abandoned. The notice, Notice of Formula Allocations and Program Requirements for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Formula Grants, published October 19, 2010 (75 FR 64322) (“Unified NSP Notice”), provides further background for these programs, the program principles, and the objectives and outcomes of the NSP program. The Notice of Neighborhood Stabilization Program; Closeout Requirements and Recapture (Closeout Notice), published November 27, 2012 (77 FR 70799), amended the Unified Notice by adding grant closeout and related provisions. In addition, the Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009, 74 FR 21377 (May 7, 2009), as amended by subsequent NSP NOFA’s, includes requirements specific to the competitive round of funding under the Recovery Act.

II. This Notice

The primary purpose of this notice is to revise requirements set forth in the amended Unified NSP Notice and the Closeout Notice to revise the treatment of program income for all three rounds of NSP by allowing NSP program income received by a CDBG recipient to be transferred by the recipient from the NSP program to the CDBG program. After the transfer is carried out, any transferred program income will be subject to the CDBG program income regulations. Following publication of this notice, HUD will update the issued NSP closeout instructions (Notice CPD 14–02) to conform the instructions for consideration of program income during and after closeout of NSP grants. The Closeout Notice generally required that with the exception of de minimis amounts received after grant closeout, program income generated by NSP-assisted activities must continue to be used for NSP uses. In attempting to implement this requirement, HUD has become aware that it is, in many instances, administratively unworkable for NSP grantees and difficult for HUD to oversee effectively. For NSP grantees that are generating a substantial amount of program income, the requirement to use this program income prior to drawing additional funds from the grant’s line of credit is also impeding their ability to completely expend their NSP grant funds. Further, some grantees no longer have an adequate pool of NSP-eligible foreclosed or abandoned properties in their target areas although they do have other needs that CDBG funding could be used to address. On HUD’s part, with dwindling administrative resources remaining from those provided for the NSP program, the inability to achieve the criteria for grant closeout for these grantees creates a looming oversight issue.

Several NSP grantees have asked that HUD reconsider the NSP program income requirements and allow the same flexibility for the NSP program income as is currently allowed for the CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG–DR) grants under Public Law 113–2. These requirements allow a grantee to transfer CDBG–DR program income received prior to grant closeout to the recipient’s CDBG program. HUD agrees that this solution addresses the issues identified above and so this notice will provide the same flexibility to any NSP grantee that is also a CDBG grantee (entitlement or state) with an open formula entitlement grant or a unit of general local government (UGLG) recipient of a CDBG grant from a state. HUD will not allow transfer of NSP program income to the CDBG program if the transfer will result in the NSP grantee failing to meet the statutory NSP 25 percent set-aside requirement for low-income housing. To prevent such a failure, the grantee must obtain HUD approval by notifying HUD in writing prior to a transfer of program income from NSP to CDBG to permit HUD’s review of compliance with the NSP 25 percent requirement. HUD will notify the grantee of any possible issues. Based on the data available, HUD anticipates that issues of this sort will be uncommon.

Since this notice applies to grantees receiving grants under any of the three rounds of NSP funding, the terms NSP1, NSP2 or NSP3 are used to describe each of the three funding rounds. When referring to the grants, grantees, assisted activities, and implementation rules under HERA, this notice will use the term “NSP1.” When referring to the grants, grantees, assisted activities, and implementation rules under the...