

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5909-N-49]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Family Self-Sufficiency Program Demonstration

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* August 22, 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: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Anna P. Guido at *Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov* or telephone 202-402-5533. 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. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on May 6, 2016 at 81 FR 27466.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Demonstration.

OMB Control Number: 2528-0296.

Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Description of the Need for Information and Proposed Use: The Department is conducting this study under contract with MDRC and its subcontractors (Branch Associates and M. Davis and Company, Inc.). The project is an evaluation of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program operated at Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) across the United States. The study will use random-assignment methods to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. FSS has operated since 1992 and serves voucher holders and residents of public housing. The FSS model is essentially a five-year program, and includes case management plus an escrow account. FSS case managers create a plan with families to achieve goals and connect with services that will enhance their employment opportunities. Families

accrue money in their escrow accounts as they increase their earnings. To date, HUD has funded two other studies of the FSS program, but neither can indicate how well families would have done in the absence of the program. A random assignment model is needed because participant self-selection into Family Self Sufficiency program limits the ability to know whether program features rather than the characteristics of the participating families caused tenant income gains. Random assignment will limit the extent to which selection bias is driving observed results. The demonstration will document the progress of a group of FSS participants from initial enrollment to program completion (or exit). The intent is to gain a deeper understanding of the program and illustrate strategies that assist participants to obtain greater economic independence. While the main objective of FSS is stable, suitable employment, there are many interim outcomes of interest, including: Getting a first job; getting a higher paying job; self-employment/small business ownership; no longer needing benefits provided under one or more welfare programs; obtaining additional education, whether in the form of a high school diploma, higher education degree, or vocational training; buying a home; buying a car; setting up savings accounts; or accomplishing similar goals that lead to economic independence.

Data collection will include the families that are part of the treatment and control groups. Data will be gathered through surveys.

Members of the Affected Public:

Families receiving subsidized housing and enrolled in the FSS program (treatment group)	1,281
Families receiving subsidized housing and not enrolled in the FSS program (control group)	1,270

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden hours
36-Month Survey	2,551	1	45 minutes (.75)	1,913
Total				1,913

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: July 13, 2016.

Anna P. Guido,

*Department Paperwork Reduction Act Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR- 5921-N-09]

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of a Computer Matching Program Between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Education (ED)

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of a Computer Matching Program between HUD and ED.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989); and OMB Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public," HUD is issuing a public notice of its intent to conduct a recurring computer matching program with ED for the purpose of incorporating ED debtor files into the Credit Alert Verification Reporting System (CAIVRS), which is a HUD computer information system.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date of the matching program shall begin August 22, 2016, or at least 40 days from the date that copies of the Computer Matching Agreement, signed by both HUD and ED Data Integrity Boards (DIBs), are sent to OMB and Congress, whichever is later, provided that no comments that would result in a contrary determination are received.

Comments Due Date: August 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Room 10110, SW., Washington, DC 20410. Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy

of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the "Recipient Agency" Acting Departmental Privacy Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 10139, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 402-6147 or the "Source Agency" Department of Education, Federal Student Aid/Borrower Services, 830 First Street NE., Room UCP-41F2, Washington, DC 20202, telephone number (202) 377-3436. [These are not a toll-free numbers.] A telecommunication device for hearing- and speech-impaired individuals (TTY) is available at (800) 877-8339 (Federal Relay Service).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD's CAIVRS database includes delinquent debt information from the Departments of Education (ED), Veteran's Affairs (VA), Justice (DOJ), the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This data match will allow the prescreening of applicants for Federal direct loans or Federally guaranteed loans, for the purpose of determining the applicant's credit worthiness, by ascertaining whether the applicant is delinquent or in default on a loan owed directly to, or Federally guaranteed by, the Federal government. Lending Federal agencies and authorized private lending institution will be able to use the CAIVRS debtor file to verify that the loan applicant is not in default, or delinquent on a Federal direct or Federally guaranteed loan, prior to granting the applicant a loan. The CAIVRS database contains Personally Identifiable Information (PII) contributed by participating Federal agencies, including Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and other records of borrowers delinquent or in default on debts owed to, or guaranteed by HUD and other Federal agencies. Authorized users may not deny, terminate, or make a final decision concerning any loan assistance to an applicant or take other adverse action against such applicant based on the information produced by data matches conducted under CAIVRS, until such authorized users have independently verified such adverse information.

Reporting of Matching Program

In accordance with Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 as amended, and OMB Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer

Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public," copies of this notice and report are being provided to the U.S. House Committee on Oversight Government Reform, the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and OMB.

Authority: HUD has authority to collect and review mortgage data pursuant to the National Housing Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, and related laws. The Department of Education (ED) oversees and manages Federal student aid programs pursuant to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* This computer matching will be conducted pursuant to Pub. L. 100-503, "The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988," as amended, and OMB Circulars A-129 (Managing Federal Credit Programs). One of the purposes of all Executive departments and agencies is to implement efficient management practices for Federal Credit Programs. OMB Circular A-129 was issued under the authority of the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, as amended; the Budget and Accounting Act of 1950, as amended; the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996; Section 2653 of Pub. L. 98-369; the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, as amended; the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act of 1990, the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, as amended; Executive Order 8248; the Cash Management Improvement Act Amendments of 1992; and pre-existing common law authority to charge interest on debts and to offset payments to collect debts administratively.

Objectives To Be Met by the Matching Program

The objective of this matching program is to give program agencies access to a system that allows them to prescreen applicants for loans made, or loans guaranteed, by the Federal Government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or guaranteed by the Federal Government. As part of this process, HUD will be provided access to ED's debtor data for prescreening purposes.

The use of CAIVRS will allow HUD to better monitor its credit programs and to reduce the credit extended to individuals with outstanding delinquencies on debts owed to HUD and other Federal agencies. ED expects that its participation in CAIVRS will further other Federal agencies' efforts to reduce credit risks through loan prescreening, and prompt student loan defaulters, who are denied credit by other Federal agencies, to make arrangements to repay their defaulted student loans.

Under this computer matching program, HUD/CAIVRS receives limited information on borrowers who have defaulted on loans administered by