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Administrator.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food and Nutrition Service**

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request—Negative QC  
Review Schedule, Status of Sample  
Selection of Completion**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is a revision of a currently approved collection for FNS-245, Case and Procedural Case Action Review Schedule.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before July 31, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the

collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Comments may be sent to:* Lacy O'Neal, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 824, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Stephanie Proska at 703-305-2516 or via email to *SNAPHQ-Web@fns.usda.gov*. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to *http://www.regulations.gov*, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Lacy O'Neal at 703-305-2516.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Case and Procedural Case Action Review Schedule.

*Form Number:* FNS 245.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0034.

*Expiration Date:* October 31, 2017.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* State agencies must complete and maintain the FNS-245 for each negative case in their SNAP Quality Control (QC) sample. The FNS-245, Negative Case Action Review Schedule, is designed to collect QC data and serve as the data entry form for negative case action QC reviews in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The legal authority for SNAP QC can be found in Section 16(c)

of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended; the regulatory requirement for the QC reporting requirements is provided by 7 CFR 275.14(d) and 7 CFR 275.2; and the legislative requirement for the recordkeeping requirements is Section 11(a) of the Act. In addition, SNAP regulations, in Section 272.1(f), specify that program records are to be retained for a period of three years from the date of fiscal or administrative closure.

The reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with the completion of the FNS-245 has decreased from approximately 118,569 hours to 115,514.87 hours. The 3,054.13 hour decrease in the total burden is largely a result of the decrease in total SNAP negative case selections from 38,911 cases in FY 2010 to 38,970 cases in FY 2015.

*Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53 State Agencies.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 735.28.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 38,970.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 176.436 minutes (2.9406 hours).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 114,595.18.

*Number of Record Keepers:* 53.

*Number of Records per Record Keeper:* 735.28 Records.

*Estimated Number of Records/Response to Keep:* 38,970 Records.

*Recordkeeping time per Response:* 1.416 minutes (.0236 hours).

*Total Estimated Recordkeeping Burden Hours:* 55,181.4 minutes (919.692 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents including reporting and recording:* 6,930,892.2 minutes (115,514.87 hours).

**REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING BURDEN**

Respondent	Estimated number respondents	Estimated total responses annually per respondent (Col. d/b)	Estimated total annual responses (Col. bxc)	Estimated average number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (Col. dxe)
State Agencies (SA) Reporting .....	53	735.28	38,970	2.9406	114,595.18
State Agencies (SA) Recordkeeping .....	53	735.28	38,970	0.0236	919.69
Grand Total Reporting & Recordkeeping Burden for the entire collection I/H case files and SA .....	106	.....	77,940	.....	115,514.87

Dated: May 18, 2017.

**Jessica Shahin,**

*Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants for Fiscal Year 2017

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS), an Agency within Rural Development, announces that it is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. This action is taken to comply with Agency regulations which requires the Agency to announce the opening and closing dates for receipt of pre-applications for HPG funds from eligible applicants. Enactment of additional continuing resolutions or an appropriations act may affect the availability or level of funding for this program.

**DATES:** The closing deadline for receipt of all pre-applications in response to this Notice is 5:00 P.M., local time for each Rural Development State Office on July 17, 2017. Rural Development State Office locations can be found at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>. The application should be submitted to the Rural Development State Office where the project will be located. If submitting the pre-application in electronic format, the closing deadline for receipt is 5:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on July 17, 2017. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. RHS will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by the United States Postal Service or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage due applications will not be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, applicants may contact Bonnie Edwards-Jackson, Finance and Loan Analyst, Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Direct Loan Division, USDA Rural Development, STOP 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0781, telephone

(202) 690-0759 (voice) (this is not a toll free number) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD-Federal Information Relay Service) or via email at, [bonnie.edwards@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:bonnie.edwards@wdc.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Overview

*Federal Agency Name:* USDA Rural Housing Service.

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Housing Preservation Grants.

*Announcement Type:* Notice.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 10.433.

*Dates:* July 17, 2017.

##### Paperwork Reduction Act

The reporting requirements contained in this Notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under Control Number 0575-0115.

##### A. Program Description

The HPG program is a grant program, authorized under 42 U.S.C. 1490m and implemented at 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, which provides qualified public agencies, private non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, Faith-Based and neighborhood partnerships, and other eligible entities, grant funds to assist low- and very low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in rural areas in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons.

##### B. Federal Award Information

The funding instrument for the HPG program will be a grant agreement. The term of the grant can vary from 1 to 2 years, depending on available funds and demand. No maximum or minimum grant levels have been established at the National level. In accordance with 7 CFR 1944.652, coordination and leveraging of funding for repair and rehabilitation activities with housing and community development organizations or activities operating in the same geographic area are expected, but not required. You should contact the Rural Development State Office to determine the allocation. HPG applicants who were previously selected for HPG funds are eligible to submit new applications to apply for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 HPG program funds. New HPG applications must be submitted for the renewal or supplementation of existing HPG repair and/or rehabilitation projects that will be completed with FY 2017 HPG funds.

For FY 2017, the amount of funding available for the HPG program can be found at the following link: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-grants>. Enactment of additional continuing resolutions or an appropriations act may affect the availability or level of funding for this program. Priorities such as Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones and other funds will be distributed under a formula allocation to states pursuant to 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L, "Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds." Decisions on funding will be based on pre-application scores. Anyone interested in submitting an application for funding under this program is encouraged to consult the Rural Development website periodically for updated information regarding the status of funding authorized for this program.

The commitment of program dollars will be made to selected applicants that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation.

##### C. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants.* Eligible entities for these competitively awarded grants include State and local Governments, non-profit corporations, which may include, but not be limited to Faith-Based and community organizations, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and consortia of eligible entities. HPG applicants who were previously selected for HPG funds are eligible to submit new applications to apply for FY 2017 HPG program funds. More eligibility requirements can be found at 7 CFR 1944.658, 1944.661, and 1944.662.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching.* Pursuant to 7 CFR 1944.652, grantees are expected to coordinate and leverage funding for repair and rehabilitation activities, as well as replacement housing, with housing and community development organizations or activities operating in the same geographic area. While HPG funds may be leveraged with other resources, cost sharing or matching is not a requirement for the HPG applicant as the HPG applicant would not be denied an award of HPG funds if all other project selection criteria have been met.

3. *Other.* Awards made under this Notice are subject to the provisions contained in the Consolidated and Further Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub.L. 114-113, Dec. 18, 2015), as continued by the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub.L. 114-254, Dec. 12, 2016) sections 745 and 746 regarding