Plan and MTW Supplement to the PHA Plan.

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0226.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.


Description of need for the information and proposed use: The Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan was created by section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c–1). There are two different PHA Plans: The Five-Year Plan and the Annual Plan. The Five-Year Plan describes the agency’s mission, long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over a five-year period. The Annual PHA Plan is a comprehensive guide to PHA policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. This revision integrates the MTW Supplement to the Annual PHA Plan process for PHAs that join MTW under the 2016 Appropriations Act (i.e., MTW Expansion).

The PHA Plans informs HUD, residents, and the public of the PHA’s mission for serving the needs of low, very low-income, and extremely low-income families and its strategy for addressing those needs. This information helps provide accountability to the local community for how PHAs spend their funding and implement their policies. Also, PHA plans allow HUD to monitor the performance of programs and the performance of public housing agencies that administer them.

HUD’s most recent action in July of 2016 was to revise the collection in response to public comments urging HUD to return to earlier multiple versions of the PHA Plan templates by specific PHA type (e.g. standard, small, high performer, Section 8 only) instead of a “One-Size Fits All” form. HUD also added a section to accommodate the new requirements of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Rule, other public comments from 2013, and a minor change made in late 2014. OMB approved the changes as a full revision, but the 2016 versions of the forms were not made public due to ongoing changes to AFFH policies.

With this current proposed information collection, HUD intends to add a new template titled HUD–50075–MTW, and further modify the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan Templates as well as the accompanying certifications in the following manner:

1. Revise the instructions provided on the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFFH) ensuring that program participants continue to conduct the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to fair housing until they are required to submit an AFFH.

2. Create a new section on all certifications to give program participants the option to add an explanation when they cannot certify to being fully compliant with the stated regulations.

3. Specify on related certifications that the signed acknowledgement of the ‘authorizing official’ must be of the PHA Executive Director (ED) and Board Chairperson.

4. Add the Moving to Work (MTW) Supplement template to the collections which will serve as the reporting mechanism to the Department for the new 100 MTW agencies that will be designated pursuant to the MTW Expansion authorized by the Appropriations Act of 2016 (i.e., MTW Expansion).

Finally, the burden hours of the collection will increase by 600 hours due to an estimated 6.0 hours needed per MTW Supplement applicable to 100 new MTW agencies. However, it should be noted that, due to the de-coupling of Capital Fund Program activities from PHA Plan submissions in 2016, HUD–50075.1 and HUD–50075.2 Capital Fund Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report and 5-Year Action Plan forms), the associated burden hours (10,070) were removed from the approval for the PHA Plan under OMB no. 2577–0226. Therefore, the added burden of the MTW Supplement is relatively minor.

Revisions are made to this collection to reflect adjustments in calculations based on the total number of current, active public housing agencies (PHAs) to date. The number of active public housing agencies has changed from 3,819 to 3,780 since the last approved collection. The number of PHAs can fluctuate due to many factors, including but not limited to performance scoring, the merging of two or more PHAs or the termination of the public housing and/or voucher programs due to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD).

Respondents (i.e., affected public): Local, Regional and State Body Corporate Politic Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) Governments.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,832 (Annual Plan: 1,052 and 5 Year Plan: 3,780).

Frequency of Response: Every five years for all PHAs, annually for all PHAs except HERA Qualified PHAs.

Average Hours per Response: 6.2 hrs.

Total Estimated Burdens: 12,371.

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.

C. Authority


Dated: September 26, 2018.

Merrie Nichols-Dixon,

Director, Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7001–N–51]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Emergency Comment Request, Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.
This is a request for approval to collect information from eligible applicants and recipients of Indian Housing Block Grants awarded on a competitive basis, as authorized under the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.).

DATES: Comments Due Date: October 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within 21 days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name 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.

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: 202–395–3806. Email: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202–402–3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed information collection requirement as described below.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information: (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0218.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.


Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), and two new forms (IHBG Cost Summary (HUD–53246), and IHBG Implementation Schedule (HUD–53247)) associated with the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive program (IHBG Competitive).

In Fiscal Year 2018, Congress enacted H.R. 1625—Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115–141) (Effective: 3/23/18) that appropriated $99,000,000 for IHBG Competitive funding awards under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.). The Department will give priority to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation from NAHASDA-eligible recipients while considering need and administrative capacity. Additionally, applicants may apply for other eligible activities under Section 202 of NAHASDA. Applicants for competitive IHBG funds are required to submit a grant application in response to a NOFA that includes a narrative response to the NOFA requirements, Application for Federal Assistance (SF–424), Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD–2880), Acknowledgement of Application Receipt (HUD–2993), IHBG Cost Summary (HUD–53246), and IHBG Implementation Schedule (HUD–53247). At the end of the 12-month program year, awardees are required to submit Annual Performance Reports (HUD–52737) that describe accomplishments, outcomes, and outputs. Note: The Annual Performance Report (HUD–52737) is not part of this information collection and displays a valid OMB Control Number through July 31, 2018.

The Department believes that the funding for IHBG Competitive meets the emergency processing criteria of 5 CFR 1320.13. The appropriations language meets the “unanticipated event” criteria of 5 CFR 1320.13 because this additional funding creates an entirely new competitive grant program to supplement the traditional formula-based block grant program of NAHASDA. Furthermore, the Department believes that the information collection associated with this competitive grant warrants emergency processing because following the regular PRA schedule would impede both the intent of the additional appropriation and HUD’s goal to award funding to Native American communities in an expedited manner. The “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018” also directs the Department to give priority to projects that will “spur construction and rehabilitation for grantees” and the additional amount would “remain available until September 30, 2022.” For example, construction projects in Indian County can take three to five years from start to completion due to remote locations and complex land issues. Following an expedited emergency processing time frame would maximize the limited period of availability given by Congress for recipients to plan and implement projects as soon as possible.

Respondents: Native American Tribes, Alaska Native Villages and Corporations, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities.
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
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HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority


Dated: September 26, 2018.

Colette Pollard,
Department Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Florida Trustee Implementation Group Draft Restoration Plan 1 and Environmental Assessment: Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands; Nutrient Reduction; Water Quality; and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments, public meeting and webinar.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Final PDARP/PEIS), and the resulting Consent Decree, the Federal natural resource trustee agencies for the Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL TIG) have prepared a Draft Restoration Plan 1 and Environmental Assessment (Draft RP1/EA). The Draft RP1/EA describes restoration alternatives considered by the FL TIG and proposes 24 preferred alternatives intended to continue the process of restoring natural resources and services injured or lost as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which occurred on or about April 20, 2010, in the Gulf of Mexico. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Draft RP1/EA and to seek public comments on the document.

DATES: Submitting Comments: The FL TIG will consider public comments received on or before October 26, 2018.

Public Meeting and Webinar: The FL TIG will conduct one public meeting and one webinar to facilitate public review and comment on the Draft RP1/EA. The public meeting and webinar will include presentation of the Draft RP1/EA. Comments will be taken through submission in person at the public meeting, online, or through U.S. mail (see Submitting Comments in ADDRESSES). Comments will be accepted during the public webinar. The public meeting and webinar are scheduled as follows:

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