DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration for Community Living

45 CFR Part 1323
RIN 0985-AA14

Grants for Supportive and Nutritional Services to Older Hawaiian Natives Program

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living (ACL); HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This rule removes unnecessary regulations for the Grants for Supportive and Nutritional Services to Older Hawaiian Natives program awarded under Older Americans Act. The regulations were promulgated in 1988. Since that time ACL’s Administration on Aging has worked with stakeholders to clarify guidance and issues through the regular grant application, reporting and technical assistance processes, eliminating the need for additional regulations. This particular program has only one formula grantee in Hawaii, and the regulations are duplicative of statutory language. The removal of the regulations will not create any challenges for the Supportive and Nutritional Services to Older Hawaiian Natives program or for other programs funded under the Older Americans Act.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on this document by September 3, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit comment to Vicki Gottlich, Director, Center for Policy and Evaluation, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, by email at Vicki.Gottlich@acl.hhs.gov or by mail at 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Vicki Gottlich, Director, Center for Policy and Evaluation, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, by phone at (202) 795 or by email at Vicki.Gottlich@acl.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
In response to Executive Order 13771, Sec. 3(d), which directs agencies to repeal existing regulations that are “outdated, unnecessary or ineffective” from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), HHS is removing 45 CFR part 1323, Grants for Supportive and Nutritional Services to Older Hawaiian Natives. The action is expected to be non-controversial, as it merely removes certain provisions from the CFR that are unnecessary and duplicative of statutory language. In the future, details regarding the process for requesting a hearing should an application be denied will be included in the grant application package for this program. Given the length of time (30 years) since this particular regulation has been promulgated, it is HHS’s assessment that the agency is unlikely to receive any comments opposing the repeal of this regulation. This rule poses no new substantive requirements or burdens on the public, as well as no cost savings or imposed costs.

Background
45 CFR part 1323 follows Title VI of the Older Americans Act, as amended, establishing the requirements that a public or nonprofit private organization must meet in order to receive a grant to promote the delivery of services for older Hawaiian Natives that are comparable to services provided under Title III of the Older Americans Act. This regulation also prescribes application and hearing requirements and procedures for these grants. There has not been a proliferation of regulations developed for this program since the base regulation was developed in 1988. Since that time, ACL’s Administration on Aging has worked with worked with stakeholders to clarify guidance and issues through the regular grant application, reporting and technical assistance processes, eliminating the need for additional regulations. Recission of this rule will have little to no impact on the implementation of the program, and while deregulation will not decrease burden, this regulation is no longer necessary. There is no legal risk or mitigation required in rescinding this regulation. Additionally, this rule is not economically significant. This particular program has only one formula grantee in Hawaii.

Executive Orders 12866, 13563, 13771, and 13777

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to categorize all impacts which generate or alleviate costs associated with regulatory burden and to determine the actions net incremental effect.

Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 defines a “significant regulatory action” as an action that is likely to result in a rule: (1) Having an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more in any 1 year, or adversely and materially affecting a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local or Tribal governments or communities (also referred to as “economically significant”); (2) creating a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfering with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially altering the budgetary impacts of entitlement grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) raising novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President’s priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order.

A regulatory impact analysis (RIA) must be prepared for major rules with economically significant effects ($100 million or more in any 1 year). HHS submits that this proposed rule is not “economically significant” as measured by the $100 million threshold, and hence not a major rule under the Congressional Review Act. This rule has not been designated as a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Executive Order 13771, titled “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs,” was issued on January 30, 2017. HHS identifies this proposed rule as a deregulatory action (removing an obsolete rule from the Code of Federal Regulations). For the purposes of Executive Order 13771, this proposed rule is not a substantive rule; rather it is administrative in nature and provides no cost savings.
Executive Order 13777, titled “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” was issued on February 24, 2017. As required by Section 3 of this Executive Order, HHS established a Regulatory Reform Task Force (HHS Task Force). Pursuant to Section 3(d)(ii), the HHS Task Force evaluated this rulemaking and determined that these regulations are “outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective.” Following this finding, the HHS Task Force advised the HHS ACL Administrator to initiate this rulemaking to remove the unnecessary regulation from the Code of Federal Regulations.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, especially since it would only affect one small stakeholder in Hawaii (the sole grantee). Therefore, the regulatory flexibility analysis provided for under the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not required.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This action does not affect any information collections.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR Part 1323

Administrative practice and procedure, Aged, Colleges and universities, Grant programs—Education, Grant programs—Indians, Grant programs—social programs, Indians, Individuals with disabilities, Legal services, Long term care, Nutrition, Research, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

PART 1323—[REMOVED]

For the reasons stated in the preamble, and under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 501, the Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services proposes to remove 45 CFR part 1323.

Lance Robertson,
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living.

Alex M. Azar II,
Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

[FCC Docket No. 10–90; DA 19–504]

Connect America Fund

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed action.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on approaches to identify and resolve apparent discrepancies between the number of model-determined funded locations that Alternative Connect America Model (A–CAM I and II) support recipients are expected to serve (funded locations) and the actual number of locations that support recipients can serve (actual locations).

DATES: Comments are due on or before July 19, 2019. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this document, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission’s) rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments and reply comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/.

Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St. SW, Room TW–A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

‡ Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be submitted to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

‡ U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nissa Laughner, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418–7400 or TTY: (202) 418–0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Bureau’s Public Notice (Notice) in WC Docket No. 10–90; DA 19–504, released on June 5, 2019. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY–A257, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 or at the following internet address: https://www.fcc.gov/document/corrected-cam-ii-offers-deadline-extension-location-adjustments.

I. Adjustments of A–CAM Support Due to Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks

1. The Bureau also seeks comment on approaches to identify and resolve apparent discrepancies between the number of model-determined funded locations that A–CAM I and II support recipients are expected to serve (funded locations) and the actual number of locations that support recipients can serve (actual locations). In the 2016 Rate-of-Return Reform Order, 81 FR 24282, April 25, 2016, the Commission stated that “[c]arriers that discover there is a widely divergent number of locations in their funded census blocks as compared to the model should have the opportunity to seek an adjustment to modify the deployment obligations.” The Commission further delegated authority to the Bureau to address these discrepancies “by adjusting the number of funded locations downward and reducing associated funding levels.”

2. In the 2018 Locations Adjustment Public Notice, 83 FR 49040, September