The agency now seeks to undertake a systematic assessment to evaluate the performance of the AAHC Grant Program. The proposed evaluation approach is intended to provide a reasonable balance between scientific considerations for valid and reliable evidence with stakeholder utilization of the acquired knowledge. This investigation is intended to inform IMLS decision-making for current and future grant-making in this grant program, as well as for practices in this segment of the museum sector.

This action is to create the survey forms and instructions for the assessment for the next three years.


Title: Assessment of the IMLS African American History and Culture (AAHC) Grant Program.

OMB Number: 3137–TBD.

Frequency: Once.

Affected Public: Federal, State and local governments, African American museums.

Number of Respondents: TBD.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: TBD hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: TBD hours.

Total Annual costs: N/A.

Total Annual costs: TBD.

Public Comments Invited: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.


Kim Miller,
Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before October 25, 2019.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

• 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;

• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Dr. Sandra Webb, Director, Office of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L’Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024–2135. Dr. Webb can be reached by Telephone: 202–653–4718 Fax: 202–653–4608, or by email at swebb@imls.gov, or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202–653–4614.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marisa Pelczar, Ph.D., Program Analyst, Office of Impact Assessment and Learning, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L’Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024–2135. Dr. Pelczar can be reached by Telephone: 202–653–4647 Fax: 202–653–4604, or by email at mpelczar@imls.gov, or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202–653–4614.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

II. Current Actions

Pursuant to Public Law 107–279, this State Library Administrative Agencies Survey has been conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the clearance number 3137–0072, which expires 01/31/2020.

State Library Administrative Agencies (“SLAAs”) are the official agencies of each state charged by state law with the extension and development of public library services throughout the state (20 U.S.C. 9122.) The purpose of this survey is to provide state and federal policymakers with information about SLAAs, including their governance, allied operations, developmental services to libraries and library systems, support of electronic information networks and resources, number and types of outlets, and direct services to the public. Through the FY 2010 collection, the SLAA Survey was conducted annually; beginning with the FY 2012 collection, the survey is conducted biennially. Because the FY 2020 collection will not begin until early 2021, we are carrying over the documentation and estimated burden associated with the FY 2018 data.

This action is to create the survey forms and instructions for the assessment for the next three years.


Title: Assessment of the IMLS African American History and Culture (AAHC) Grant Program.

OMB Number: 3137–0072.

Frequency: Biennially.


Number of Respondents: 51.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: TBD__hours.
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


August 21, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”), 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 notice is hereby given that on August 9, 2019, the Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by OCC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

This proposed rule change by OCC would adopt a Capital Management Policy, which includes OCC’s plan to replenish its capital in the event it falls close to or below its target capital (as defined below, “Replenishment Plan”). The Capital Management Policy is included in confidential Exhibit 5a of the filing. 3 In order to implement aspects of the new Capital Management Policy, the proposed rule change would also amend the following governing documents: OCC’s Rules, which can be found in Exhibit 5b, and OCC’s schedule of fees, which can be found in Exhibit 5c. Material proposed to be added to OCC’s Rules and schedule of fees, as currently in effect, is marked by underlining, and material proposed to be deleted is marked with strikethrough text. All terms with initial capitalization that are not otherwise defined herein have the same meaning as set forth in the OCC By-Laws and Rules. 4

II. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, OCC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.

A. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

OCC is proposing to adopt a new Capital Management Policy and to make amendments to OCC’s Rules and schedule of fees necessary to implement the new Capital Management Policy. The main features of the Capital Management Policy and the related changes are: (a) To determine the amount of Equity sufficient for OCC to meet its regulatory obligations and to serve market participants and the public interest (as defined below, “Target Capital Requirement”), (b) to monitor Equity 5 and liquid net assets funded by equity (“LNAFBE”) 6 levels to help ensure adequate financial resources are available to meet general business obligations; and (c) to manage Equity levels, including by (i) adjusting OCC’s fee schedule (as appropriate) and (ii) establishing a plan for accessing additional capital should OCC’s Equity fall below certain thresholds (“Replenishment Plan”).

The Replenishment Plan would: (i) Provide that should OCC’s Equity fall below 110% of the Target Capital Requirement (as defined by the Capital Management Policy, “Early Warning”), Management would recommend to the Board whether to implement a fee increase in an amount the Board determines necessary and appropriate to raise additional Equity; (ii) provide that should OCC’s Equity fall below 90% of the Target Capital Requirement or fall below the Target Capital Requirement for a period of 90 consecutive days (as defined in the Capital Management Policy, “Trigger Event”), OCC would contribute the funds held under The Options Clearing Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan Trust to the extent that such funds are (x) deposited on or after January 1, 2020 in respect of its Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (“EDCP”) and (y) in excess of amounts necessary to pay for benefits accrued and vested under the EDCP at such time that such funds are defined in Chapter 1 of the proposed changes to OCC’s Rules as the “EDCP Unvested Balance”; and (iii) provide that should contribution of the EDCP Unvested Balance fail to cure the Trigger Event, or if a further Trigger Event occurs, OCC will charge an Operational Loss Fee (as defined below) in equal shares to the Clearing Members. OCC is also hereby proposing to create a layer of skin-in-the-game resources in the event of default losses. Specifically, OCC is amending Rule 1006 to state that: First, any current or retained earnings above 110% of the Target Capital Requirement will be used to offset default losses after applying a defaulting Clearing Member’s margin and Clearing Fund contributions, and next, any remaining loss will be charged pro rata to (a) non-defaulting Clearing Members’ Clearing Fund contributions, and (b) the aggregate value of the EDCP Unvested Balance.

Proposed Changes

OCC proposes to adopt a Capital Management Policy and make conforming changes to OCC’s Rules and schedule of fees necessary to implement the Capital Management Policy, as described below, to formalize its policy to identify, monitor, and manage OCC’s capital needs to promote compliance SEC Rule 17Ad–22(e)(15). 7 In formulating the Capital Management Policy, OCC also has considered the Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s (“CFTC”) regulatory

3 The Commission notes that exhibits referenced herein are included in the filing submitted by OCC to the Commission, but are not included in this Notice.
4 OCC’s By-Laws and Rules can be found on OCC’s public website: http://optionsclearing.com/about/publications/bylaws.jsp.
5 The Capital Management Policy would define “Equity” as shareholders’ equity as shown on OCC’s Statement of Financial Condition.
6 The Capital Management Policy would define “LNAFBE” as the level of cash and cash equivalents, no greater than Equity, less any approved adjustments (i.e., agency-related liabilities such as Section 31 fees held by OCC).
7 17 CFR 240.17Ad–22(e)(15).