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**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 for the 60 days was published December 2, 2019 at 84 FR 65996.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:*  
Housing Counseling Training Grant Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-0567.

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

*Form Number:* SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance; HUD-92910, Housing Counseling Training Charts; HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Eligible organizations submit information to HUD through *Grants.gov* when applying for grant funds to provide housing counseling training to housing counselors. HUD uses the information collected to evaluate applicants competitively and then select qualified organizations to receive funding that supplement their housing counseling training program. Post-award collection, such as quarterly reports, will allow HUD to evaluate grantees' performance.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 24.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 40.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.66.

*Average Hours per Response:* 34.50.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 1,380.

**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**

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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**Executive Order 13891 Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents: Announcing the Availability of the HUD Guidance Portal**

**AGENCY:** Office of General Counsel, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On October 9, 2019, the President issued Executive Order (E.O.) 13891, "Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents." Among other things, Section 3 of the E.O. requires agencies to provide a single online guidance portal for the public to access all effective guidance. In addition, Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-20-02 dated October 31, 2019, advises that agencies should announce the existence of the guidance portal by **Federal Register** notice. Consistent with this guidance, today's notice advises the public that HUD has comprehensively reviewed its guidance documents, determined which have continued effect, and is making them available on <https://www.hud.gov/guidance>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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hearing or speech impediments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service (FedRelay) during working hours at 800-877-8339 (a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

On October 9, 2019 (84 FR 55235), the President issued Executive Order 13891, "Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents." The E.O. reaffirms the principle that, consistent with applicable law and except as incorporated into a contract, Federal agencies treat guidance documents as non-binding both in law and practice. To further the principle that agency guidance should be transparent and made readily available to the public, section 3 of the E.O. requires that agencies make available guidance documents on a single, searchable, indexed public website. Section 3 also requires that agencies review their guidance documents and, consistent with applicable law, rescind those guidance documents that should no longer be in effect.

**II. Online Guidance Portal**

Consistent with E.O. 13891, HUD conducted a comprehensive review of its guidance documents to identify those that remain in effect. HUD's review also ensured that all guidance documents are linked to a single website, that the website could be searched, and that the documents linked continued to be effective. As a result of these efforts, HUD is announcing that it has launched a single searchable, indexed database containing or linking all HUD guidance documents. HUD's website is: <http://www.hud.gov/guidance>. HUD's website contains guidance documents issued by all of HUD's program offices and provides links that will allow members of the public to access all HUD's guidance documents in effect. In furtherance of E.O. 13891's goal of increasing transparency and availability of guidance documents, HUD will continue to work to refine this site in order to archive documents as they are found to be no longer in effect.

HUD's website states that the contents of HUD's guidance documents, except when based on statutory or regulatory authority or law, do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way.

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