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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR–7024–N–27]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: HOME Investment Partnerships Program (OMB Control No. 2506–0171)**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* August 17, 2020.

**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: 202–395–5806, Email: *OIRA.Submission@omb.eop.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email her at *Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov* or telephone 202–402–5535. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech

impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

**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 that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on March 24, 2020.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:* HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506–0171.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approved collection.

*Form Number:* HUD 40093, SF 1199A, HUD 20755, HUD 40107, HUD 40107A.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The information collected through HUD’s Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) (24 CFR 92.502) is used by HUD Field Offices, HUD Headquarters, and HOME Program Participating Jurisdictions (PJs). The information on program funds committed and disbursed is used by HUD to track PJ performance and to determine compliance with the statutory 24-month commitment deadline and the regulatory 5-year expenditure deadline (§ 92.500(d)). The project-specific property, tenant, owner, and financial data is used to compile annual reports to Congress required at Section 284(b) of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, as well as to make program management decisions about how well program participants are achieving the statutory objectives of the HOME Program. Program management reports are generated by IDIS to provide data on the status of program participants’ commitment and disbursement of HOME funds. These reports are provided to HUD staff as well as to HOME PJs.

Management reports required in conjunction with the Annual Performance Report (§ 92.509) are used by HUD Field Offices to assess the effectiveness of locally designed programs in meeting specific statutory requirements and by Headquarters in preparing the Annual Report to Congress. Specifically, these reports permit HUD to determine compliance with the requirement that PJs provide a 25 percent match for HOME funds expended during the Federal fiscal year (Section 220 of the Act) and that program income be used for HOME eligible activities (Section 219 of the Act), as well as the Women and Minority Business Enterprise requirements (§ 92.351(b)).

Financial, project, tenant and owner documentation is used to determine compliance with HOME Program cost limits (Section 212(e) of the Act), eligible activities (§ 92.205), and eligible costs (§ 92.206), as well as to determine whether program participants are achieving the income targeting and affordability requirements of the Act (Sections 214 and 215). Other information collected under subpart H (Other Federal Requirements) is primarily intended for local program management and is only viewed by HUD during routine monitoring visits. The written agreement with the owner for long-term obligation (§ 92.504) and tenant protections (§ 92.253) are required to ensure that the property owner complies with these important elements of the HOME Program and are also reviewed by HUD during monitoring visits. HUD reviews all other data collection requirements during monitoring to assure compliance with the requirements of the Act and other related laws and authorities.

HUD tracks PJ performance and compliance with the requirements of 24 CFR parts 91 and 92. PJs use the required information in the execution of their program, and to gauge their own performance in relation to stated goals.

Reg. section	Paperwork requirement	Number of responses	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
§ 92.61 .....	Program Description and Housing Strategy for Insular Areas.	4.00	1.00	4.00	10.00	40.00	\$41.37	\$1,654.80
§ 92.66 .....	Reallocation—Insular Areas .....	4.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	12.00	41.37	496.44
§ 92.101 .....	Consortia Designation .....	36.00	1.00	36.00	5.00	180.00	41.37	7,446.60
§ 92.201 .....	State Designation of Local Recipients.	51.00	1.00	51.00	1.50	76.50	41.37	3,164.81
§ 92.200 .....	Private-Public Partnership .....	594.00	1.00	594.00	2.00	1,188.00	41.37	49,147.56
§ 92.201 .....	Distribution of Assistance .....	594.00	1.00	594.00	2.00	1,188.00	41.37	49,147.56
§ 92.202 .....	Site and Neighborhood Standards.	594.00	1.00	594.00	2.00	1,188.00	41.37	49,147.56
§ 92.203 .....	Income Determination .....	6,667.00	1.00	6,667.00	2.00	13,334.00	41.37	551,627.58
§ 92.203 .....	Income Determination .....	85,000.00	1.00	85,000.00	0.75	63,750.00	41.37	2,637,337.50
§ 92.205(e) .....	Terminated Projects .....	180.00	1.00	180.00	5.00	900.00	41.37	37,233.00

Reg. section	Paperwork requirement	Number of responses	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
§ 92.206	Eligible Costs—Refinancing	100.00	1.00	100.00	4.00	400.00	41.37	16,548.00
§ 92.210	Troubled HOME-Assisted Rental Projects.	25.00	1.00	25.00	0.50	12.50	41.37	517.13
§ 92.251(a)	Rehabilitation Projects—New Construction.	3,40.000	3.00	10,200.00	3.00	30,600.00	41.37	1,265,922.00
§ 92.251(b)	Rehabilitation Projects—Rehabilitation.	5,100.00	2.00	10,200.00	2.00	20,400.00	41.37	843,948.00
§ 92.252	Qualification as affordable housing: Rental Housing.	50.00	5.00	250.00	25.00	6,250.00	41.37	258,562.50

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§ 92.252(j)	Fixed and Floating HOME Rental Units.	45.00	1.00	45.00	1.00	45.00	\$41.37	\$1,861.65
§ 92.251	Written Property Standards	6,667.00	3.00	20,001.00	3.00	60,003.00	41.37	2,482,324.11
§ 92.253	Tenant Protections (including lease requirement).	6,667.00	1.00	6,667.00	5.00	33,335.00	41.37	1,379,068.95
§ 92.254	Homeownership—Median Purchase Price.	80.00	1.00	80.00	5.00	400.00	41.37	16,548.00
§ 92.254	Homeownership—Alternative to Resale/recapture.	100.00	1.00	100.00	5.00	500.00	41.37	20,685.00
§ 92.254(a)(5)	Homeownership—Approval of Resale & Recapture.	2,000.00	1.00	2,000.00	1.50	3,000.00	41.37	124,110.00
§ 92.254(a)(5)	Homeownership—Fair Return & Affordability.	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	41.37	82.74
§ 92.254(f)	Homeownership program policies.	600.00	1.00	600.00	5.00	3,000.00	41.37	124,110.00
§ 92.300	CHDO Identification	594.00	1.00	594.00	2.00	1,188.00	41.37	49,147.56
§ 92.300	CHDO Project Assistance	594.00	1.00	594.00	2.00	1,188.00	41.37	49,147.56
§ 92.303	Tenant Participation Plan	4,171.00	1.00	4,171.00	10.00	41,710.00	41.37	1,725,542.70
§ 92.351	Affirmative Marketing	1,290.00	1.00	1,290.00	5.00	6,450.00	41.37	266,836.50
§ 92.354	Labor	6,667.00	1.00	6,667.00	2.50	16,667.50	41.37	689,534.48
§ 92.357	Debarment and Suspension	6,667.00	1.00	6,667.00	1.00	6667.00	41.37	275,813.79
§ 92.501	HOME Investment Partnership Agreement (HUD 40093).	598.00	1.00	598.00	1.00	598.00	41.37	24,739.26

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§ 92.504	Participating Jurisdiction's Written Agreements.	6,667.00	1.00	6,667.00	10.00	66,670.00	41.37	2,758,137.90
§ 92.300	Designation of CHDOs	480.00	1.00	480.00	1.50	720.00	41.37	29,786.40
§ 92.502	Homeownership and Rental Set-Up and Completion.	594.00	1.00	594.00	16.00	9,504.00	41.37	393,180.48
§ 92.502	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Set-Up (IDIS).	225.00	1.00	225.00	5.50	1,237.50	41.37	51,195.38
§ 92.502	Performance Measurement Set-Up and Completion Screens (IDIS).	6,671.00	1.00	6,671.00	21.00	140,091.00	41.37	5,795,564.67
§ 92.502	IDIS Access Request form (HUD 27055).	50.00	1.00	50.00	0.50	25.00	41.37	1,034.25
§ 92.502(a)	Required Reporting of Program Income.	645.00	1.00	645.00	12.00	7,740.00	41.37	320,203.80
§ 92.504(c)	Written Agreement	8,500.00	1.00	8,500.00	1.00	8,500.00	41.37	351,645.00
§ 92.504(d)(2)	Financial Oversight and HOME Rental projects.	18,500.00	1.00	18,500.00	1.00	18,500.00	41.37	765,345.00
§ 92.508	Recordkeeping- Subsidy Layering and Underwriting.	13,302.00	1.00	13,302.00	4.00	53,208.00	41.37	2,201,214.96
§ 92.508	Recordkeeping (Additional)	10,110.00	1.00	10,110.00	1.00	10,110.00	41.37	418,250.70
§ 92.509	Annual Performance Reports (HUD 40107).	598.00	1.00	598.00	2.50	1,495.00	41.37	61,848.15
§ 92.509	Management Reports—FY Match Report (HUD 40107A).	594.00	1.00	594.00	0.75	445.50	41.37	18,430.34

Reg. section	Paperwork requirement	Number of responses	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hours per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
§ 92.550	HUD Monitoring of Program	645.00	1.00	645.00	0.25	161.25	41.37	6,670.91
§ 91.525	Documentation and Activities	427.00	1.00	427.00	1.00	427.00	41.37	17,664.99
§ 91.220	Describe the plan for outreach	427.00	1.00	427.00	1.00	427.00	41.37	17,664.99
§ 91.220	Describe plan to ensure suitability.	10.00	1.00	10.00	0.25	2.50	41.37	103.43
	Direct Deposit Sign up form (SF 1199A).	10.00	1.00	10.00	0.25	2.50	41.37	103.43
Totals		204,176.00				633,536.25		26,209,394.66

**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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**Anna P. Guido,**

*Department Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R8-ES-2020-N073;  
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**Safe Harbor Agreement for the  
Reintroduction of the Amargosa Vole  
(*Microtus californicus scirpensis*) in  
Shoshone, CA, and Draft  
Environmental Action Statement, Inyo  
County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from Susan Sorrells (applicant) for an enhancement of survival permit (permit) under the Endangered Species Act. The application includes a draft safe harbor agreement (SHA) to facilitate reintroduction and recovery of the federally endangered Amargosa vole on

non-Federal land in California. We have prepared a draft environmental action statement (EAS) for our preliminary determination that the SHA and permit decision may be eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act. We invite the public to review and comment on the permit application, draft SHA, and the draft EAS.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments on or before August 17, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may view or download copies of the draft SHA and draft EAS and obtain additional information on the internet at <https://www.fws.gov/carlsbad/>, or obtain hard copies or a CD-ROM by calling the phone number listed below. You may submit comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov](mailto:fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov). Include "Amargosa vole SHA" in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office, 777 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 208, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Scott Hoffmann, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**); by telephone at 760-322-2070 or by electronic mail at [scott\\_hoffmann@fws.gov](mailto:scott_hoffmann@fws.gov). If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Susan Sorrells, hereafter referred to as the applicant, has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The permit application includes a draft safe harbor agreement (SHA), which covers 467 acres owned by the applicant in Inyo County, California. The proposed term of the permit and the SHA is 30 years. The permit would authorize incidental take of the endangered Amargosa vole (*Microtus californicus scirpensis*) in exchange for habitat conservation actions that are expected to provide a net conservation benefit for the species. We have prepared a draft environmental action statement (EAS) for our preliminary determination that the SHA and permit decision may be eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 43 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). We invite the public to review and comment on the

permit application, draft SHA, and the draft EAS.

**Background Information**

SHAs are intended to encourage private or other non-Federal property owners to implement beneficial conservation actions for species listed under the ESA. SHA permit holders are assured that they will not be subject to increased property use restrictions as a result of their proactive actions to benefit listed species. Incidental take of listed species is authorized under a permit pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. For an applicant to receive a permit through an SHA, the applicant must submit an application form that includes the following:

(1) The common and scientific names of the listed species for which the applicant requests incidental take authorization;

(2) A description of how incidental take of the listed species pursuant to the SHA is likely to occur, both as a result of management activities and as a result of the return to baseline; and

(3) A description of how the SHA complies with the requirements of the Service's Safe Harbor policy.

For the Service to issue a permit, we must determine that:

(1) The take of listed species will be incidental to an otherwise lawful activity and will be in accordance with the terms of the SHA;

(2) The implementation of the terms of the SHA is reasonably expected to provide a net conservation benefit to the covered species by contributing to its recovery, and the SHA otherwise complies with the Service's Safe Harbor Policy (64 FR 32717, June 17, 1999);

(3) The probable direct and indirect effects of any authorized take will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery in the wild of any listed species;

(4) Implementation of the terms of the SHA is consistent with applicable Federal, State, and Tribal laws and regulations;

(5) Implementation of the terms of the SHA will not be in conflict with any ongoing conservation or recovery programs for listed species covered by the permit; and

(6) The applicant has shown capability for and commitment to implementing all of the terms of the SHA.

The Service's Safe Harbor Policy (64 FR 32717) and the Safe Harbor Regulations (68 FR 53320, 69 FR 24084) provide important terms and concepts for developing SHAs. The Service's Safe Harbor policy and regulations are