

(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.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Dana T. Wade, having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to submitter, Nacheshia Foxx, who is the **Federal Register** Liaison for HUD, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Nacheshia Foxx,

Federal Register Liaison for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7025-N-08]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program OMB Control No.: 2506-0085

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and 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 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date: February 9, 2021.*

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: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Peterson, Director, States and Small Cities Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410;

email Robert Peterson at Robert.C.Peterson@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-4211. This is not a toll-free number. Persons 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 Mr. Peterson.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-0085.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-40108.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (HCDA), requires grant recipients that receive CDBG funding to retain records necessary to document compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements on an on-going basis. The statute also requires [Section 104(e)(2)] that HUD conduct an annual review to determine whether states have distributed funds to units of general local government in a timely manner. Additionally, Section 916 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, prescribes a consultation with representatives of the interests of the residents of the colonias.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): This information collection applies to 50 State CDBG Grantees (49 states and Puerto Rico but not Hawaii).

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Recordkeeping:						
States	50	1	126.00	6,300	\$36.76	\$231,588.00
Localities	3,500	1	26.13	91,455	36.76	3,361,885.80
Timely Distribution	50	1	2.60	130	36.76	4,778.80
Colonias Consultation	54	1	4.00	216	36.76	7,940.16
Total				98,101		3,606,192.76

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.

John Gibbs,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7024-N-50]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: COVID19 HUD Contingency Plan for HUD Multifamily Rental Project Closing Documents; OMB Control No.: 2502-0618

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 11, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/Start Printed Page 15501PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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@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 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 September 4, 2020 at 85 FR 55312.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: COVID19 HUD Contingency Plan for HUD Multifamily Rental Project Closing Documents.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0618.

OMB Expiration Date: 12/32/2020.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Numbers: HUD-5985 & HUD-5960.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 612.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,224.

Frequency of Response: Twice per annum.

Average Hours per Response: 1.00 hour [0.50 x 2 = 1 hour].

Total Estimated Burdens: 1,224.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This is a new collection based on situational conditions relating to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak and the Presidential declaration that began a national emergency. This new PRA collection will serve as the authority for any new or future changes or revisions to multifamily programs impacted by COVID-19 or related pandemics.

The Lender's Certificate, HUD-92434, establishes the conditions, which the Lender agrees to abide by in consideration of HUD's commitment to FHA-insure mortgages, and by which the Lender certifies that the conditions have been fulfilled to date, including any work done prior to endorsement of the Note that has been approved by HUD in writing, and all HUD imposed conditions that have been met with respect to such work. The information collection requirements contained in the Lender's Certificate are to oversee the parties' compliance with all applicable legal requirements and therefore ensure protection of the FHA insurance fund. The HUD-92434M is required by the

Closing Checklists via the Firm Commitment (Housing Notice 2018-03) and per the fact that the underlying forms contemplate hardcopy submission (since HUD historically has not accepted electronic submission of documents for closing purposes). The *Lender's Certification Regarding: Electronic Submission of Closing Documents* is a modification of the HUD-92434M that will set the Office of General Counsel's ("OGC") temporary uniform electronic closing protocols until normal closing can resume after the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Relating to the current COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak and the President declaring a national emergency the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and its offices remain open for business at this time, many are now engaged in full-time telework. It is therefore prudent and appropriate for the OGC, in collaboration with Multifamily to establish protocols, rules, and procedures that best ensure continuity of operations in the event of an extended closure of a specific division, regional or field office, or the determination that OGC in its entirety should work remotely. Pursuant to the March 16, 2020 HUD Memorandum issued for all Regional Counsel and Deputy Regional Counsel, all Associate Regional Counsel for Programs and all OGC Closing Attorneys, set forth protocols and best practices for the continued provision of legal services by HUD Closing Attorneys while working from home or from another remote location. Also included in the memorandum are suggestions that may be shared with outside counsel to facilitate the work being done remotely by OGC attorneys. Therefore, Regional Counsel will ensure that the temporary protocols set forth in the March 16, 2020 memorandum are adopted and applied consistently across the regional and field offices within their purview. When the pandemic subsides and OGC resumes normal closing operations consistently across the country, HUD will reconsider the temporary protocols in this memorandum. OGC attorney protocols for review and approval of draft closing documents must rely on electronic transmission of closing documents in lieu of hard copies in performing their initial reviews. This approach will ensure the continuation of reviews even if our external partners are unable to physically transmit the volume of paper documents needed at this stage. While providing increased flexibility to lenders in submitting closing documents, this protocol does