

the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by November 17, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Housing Service

Title: Community Facilities Grant Program—7 CFR 3570–B.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0173.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service is authorized by Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926), as amended, to make grants to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes to develop essential community facilities and services for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, clinics, assisted-living facilities, fire and rescuer stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings, and transportation. The Department of Agriculture through its Community Programs strives to ensure that facilities are available to all rural communities.

Need and Use of the Information: Rural Development field offices will collect information from applicant/borrowers and consultants. This information is used to determine eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan and grant funds for authorized purposes. Failure to collect the information could result in improper determinations of eligibility,

improper use of funds, and or unsound loans.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,272.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 17,680.

Rural Housing Service

Title: Rural Rental Housing Program, 7 CFR part 3560.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0189.

Summary of Collection: The purpose of the Rural Rental Housing Program is to provide adequate, affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary rental units for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households in rural areas. The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized to collect the information needed to administer these various programs under Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, Section 515 Rural Rental Housing, Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing loans and grants, and Section 521 Rental Assistance.

Need and Use of the Information: Information is completed by developers and potential borrowers seeking approval of rural rental housing loans with assistance of professional such as attorneys, architects, and contractors and the operation and management of MFH properties in an affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary manner. The forms and information provide the basis for making determinations of eligibility and the need and feasibility of the proposed housing. The information collected by RHS is used to plan, manage, evaluate, and account for Government resources. The reports are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit: Individual or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 589,500.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Quarterly; Monthly, Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,072,242.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Mobile Payment Pilots (MPPs)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed information collection. This is a request for a new collection to conduct demonstration pilot projects to test the redemption of SNAP benefits through mobile payment technologies and issue a request for volunteers (RFV) to solicit applications from SNAP State agencies (State agencies) for these pilots.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 17, 2021.

ADDRESSES:

- *Preferred Method:* Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

- *Email:* RPMDHQ-WEB@USDA.GOV.
- *Mail:* Send comments to Shelly Pierce, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Shelly Pierce, at 703–605–4400 or via email to RPMDHQ-WEB@USDA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate

automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: SNAP Mobile Payment Pilots (MPPs) and Request for Volunteers (RFV).

Form Number: None.

OMB Number: 0584–NEW.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Assigned.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: Section 4006(e) of the Agricultural Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–334) authorizes the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to allow up to five Mobile Payment Pilots (MPPs) to allow the use of personal mobile devices, such as cellular phones, tablets and smart watches in place of SNAP Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards to conduct SNAP transactions. Respondents (SNAP State agencies (State agencies) and their SNAP business partners) will conduct pilots to test the use of mobile payment technologies for the redemption of SNAP benefits by SNAP households at participating retailers, in order to determine their feasibility and implications for program integrity. FNS will conduct these projects to evaluate whether allowing mobile payments is in the best interest of the Program, and to therefore, recommend allowing their use to the Secretary. The information collected in the pilot evaluation (to be submitted for OMB approval under a separate information collection request) will help FNS determine the success of and best practices for the use of mobile payment technologies to redeem SNAP benefits. This information will inform Program design, standards, rulemaking, and guidance for approval of SNAP mobile payment technologies as well as Departmental decisions and recommendations to Congress with respect to requiring all State EBT systems to accept mobile payment technologies in the future.

To achieve these objectives, FNS requests OMB approval to: (1) Issue a Request for Volunteers (RFV) to solicit applications from up to 53 SNAP State agencies to participate in these MPPs; and (2) select up to 5 State agencies that apply to implement a MPP in their State. This information collection request seeks OMB approval only for the RFV application process and implementation of MPP by State agencies. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, FNS will seek a separate OMB approval to evaluate the results of completed MPPs under a separate 60-day **Federal Register** Notice and information collection request.

1. Assumptions

It is impossible for FNS to know in advance the design and structure of pilots that may be proposed or the specific activities each State and associated partners will undertake in their preparation of the RFV application or in conducting an MPP. Therefore, we have provided general estimates based on an assumed pilot model. Actual pilots may vary widely from this model and include a variety of potential stakeholders; this information collection does not intend to establish a standard model; this model will be used throughout this notice simply for ease of estimation. If there is substantive changes to this data collection request, the agency will seek OMB approval to revise this information collection request following the Paperwork Reduction Act process. The estimates below are based on a model in which one State agency partners with an average of four (4) stakeholder businesses (2 retailers, 1 EBT processor, and 1 mobile payment vendor) and recruits 1,000 SNAP participants per pilot proposal. It is important to note for burden estimation purposes that while there are numerous retailer and mobile payment vendors the States may choose to partner with, there are only 4 EBT processors nationally. Therefore, EBT processors may partner with multiple pilot proposals submitted by the various State agencies; this has been considered in our estimation.

2. RFV Application Process

FNS will issue a RFV to solicit an estimate of 53 applications for an up to eighteen (18) month pilot. In order to participate in the Mobile Payment Pilot, interested States first need to submit a letter of intent as discussed in the RFV, followed by an RFV application. This response will include all documents required in the RFV, such as a detailed work plan (as outlined in Appendix AA), the Application Checklist (Appendix A), which ensures completeness, and the Assurances (Appendix B), which ensures State Applicant compliance with pilot requirements. In preparation for completing the RFV Application, State agencies are expected to coordinate with business partner stakeholders, including EBT processors, retailers, and other contractors. FNS estimates that up to 53 State SNAP agencies may apply through the RFV process, and that each State agency will require 20 hours to prepare and submit their RFV application electronically to FNS. In addition, FNS estimates that each of the 53 State agencies may require 80 hours of

coordination and planning activities with each of their business partner organizations before submitting an application. The information collected through the RFV application process will help FNS determine each State agency's eligibility to participate in a MPP, evaluate their proposed pilots, and select candidates to participate in the pilot. FNS will verify that Applicant States/Territories with mobile payment capability meet requirements laid out in the RFV Application. Those that pass the verification process will be rated based on a structured evaluation process described in the RFV. Up to five (5) of the best rated Applicant States will be invited to participate in the pilot; as defined in RFV Section 3.2 Participant Selection. Ideally, selected State agency participants will represent a variety of different types of mobile payment technologies. Following selection of State agency participants, the pilot period will last a total of eighteen (18) months, and Pilot Participants (State agencies and associated business partner organizations) will join on a rolling basis with the condition that they must each participate for a minimum of nine (9) months.

3. Mobile Payment Pilot Implementation

Per the requirement in Section 4006(e) of the Agricultural Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–334) FNS will limit the number of MPPs selected to 5, and each MPP will operate for a maximum of 12 months. FNS estimates that, based on the assumed model in this notice, each State agency may require 80 hours to conduct the following activities during each month of implementation of an MPP (as applicable). These activities include;

1. Design of mobile payment integration and changes to EBT systems and functionality to accommodate mobile payments,
2. Testing of EBT systems to ensure compatibility,
3. Provision of technical assistance and support to SNAP households that participate in an MPP, and/or
4. Coordination with EBT processors, SNAP retailers, and mobile payment contractors.

FNS estimates that, based on the assumed model in this notice, each of the 5 State agencies may issue 1 recruitment notice for the MPP to 5,000 individuals who are members of SNAP households in each State for a total of 25,000 individuals. These notices may be issued to SNAP households electronically or via mail, depending on the State. Generation and issuance of each notice by the State agency is

expected to take approximately 3 minutes (0.05 hours). FNS also estimates that each of the 25,000 individual household members will require up to 3 minutes (0.05 hours) to read the recruitment notice for participation in the pilot. FNS estimates that approximately 5,000 of the recruited participants will opt to participate in the pilot (1,000 per State) and that each of the 5,000 participants will require 15 minutes to enroll in an MPP. Potential enrollment activities for SNAP household respondents are based on the assumed model in this information collection may include calling or emailing the State agency to indicate interest, reviewing instructions, downloading an application (as known as app), technical assistance, and/or enrolling in the app.

Reporting Burden for State Agencies

Affected Public: State SNAP agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53 State agencies.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 478.23.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 25,346.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.05.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 26,575 hours.

Reporting Burden for Businesses

Affected Public: Business (Respondent Types: EBT Stakeholders (EBT Processors, SNAP Retailers, Mobile Payment Vendors or Contractors).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 163.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.63.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 429.40.

Estimated Time per Response: 80 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 34,352 hours.

Reporting Burden for Individual Households

Affected Public: SNAP Recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.2 responses.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 30,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .08 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,500 hours.

Recordkeeping Burden for State Agencies

There is no recordkeeping or third-party reporting burden associated with this information collection.

Respondent type	Activity	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses annually per respondent	Estimated total annual responses	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total annual hours
State SNAP Agencies.	Request for Volunteers—Preparation and Submission of Application.	53.00	1.00	53.00	20.00	1,060.00
	Request for Volunteers—Stakeholder Coordination.	53.00	1.00	53.00	80.00	4,240.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—Design & System Changes.	5.00	12.00	60.00	80.00	4,800.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—System Testing.	5.00	12.00	60.00	80.00	4,800.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—Issue Recruitment Notices.	5.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	0.08	2,075.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—Implementation & Support.	5.00	12.00	60.00	80.00	4,800.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—Stakeholder Coordination.	5.00	12.00	60.00	80.00	4,800.00
State Agency Subtotal.	.....	53.00	478.23	25,346.00	1.05	26,575.00
EBT Processors ...	Request for Volunteers—Coordination.	4.00	10.60	42.40	80.00	3,392.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—Coordination	4.00	12.00	48.00	80.00	3,840.00
SNAP Retailers	Request for Volunteers—Coordination.	106.00	1.00	106.00	80.00	8,480.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—Coordination	10.00	12.00	120.00	80.00	9,600.00
Mobile Payment Vendor.	Request for Volunteers—Coordination.	53.00	1.00	53.00	80.00	4,240.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—Coordination	5.00	12.00	60.00	80.00	4,800.00
Business Subtotal.	.....	164.00	2.76	452.00	80.00	36,160.00
SNAP Recipients	Mobile Payment Pilot—Review Recruitment Notice.	25,000.00	1.00	25,000.00	0.05	1,250.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot—Complete Enrollment.	5,000.00	1.00	5,000.00	0.25	1,250.00
Individual/Household Subtotal.	.....	25,000.00	1.20	30,000.00	0.08	2,500.00
Totals	25,216.00	2.21	55,775.40	1.14	63,427.00

Cynthia Long,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

White River National Forest; Colorado; El Jebel Administrative Sites, Upper and Lower Parcels, Conveyance Project—Withdrawal of Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The White River National Forest (WRNF) is withdrawing its Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the El Jebel Administrative Sites, Upper and Lower Parcels, Conveyance Project. The original NOI was published in the *Federal Register* on December 7, 2016. The WRNF has decided to change the proposed action of the project. With the change in the proposed action the preliminary analysis indicates there will not be effects that rise to a level of significance that would warrant an EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Jennifer Schuller at jennifer.schuller@usda.gov or by phone at 970–404–3163.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf/hard-of-hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

Dated: October 12, 2021.

Barnie Gyant,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meetings of the Arkansas Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that

the Arkansas Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a virtual (online) meeting Friday, November 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Central Time. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to hear testimony regarding civil rights and IDEA compliance and implementation in Arkansas schools.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 1–3 p.m. Central Time.

ADDRESSES:

Web Access (audio/visual): Register at: <https://bit.ly/2YEQ7QR>.

Phone Access (audio only): 800–360–9505, Access Code 2760 3397 7872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Wojnaroski, Designated Federal Officer, at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or (202) 618–4158.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public may join online or listen to this discussion through the above call-in number. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Arkansas Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Panel II—IDEA Compliance and Implementation in Arkansas School
- III. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

Dated: October 12, 2021.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the New York Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the New York Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold meetings via WebEx on the following Fridays from 1:00–2:15 p.m. ET: November 5, 2021; November 19, 2021; December 3, 2021; and December 17, 2021, for the purpose of continuing to debrief testimony heard related to the Committee's project on potential racial discrimination in eviction policies and enforcement in New York.

DATES: The meetings will be held the following Fridays from 1:00–2:15 p.m.: November 5, November 19, December 3, and December 17, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Access details for these meetings:

- To join by web conference please click the link below; password is USCCR: <https://bit.ly/3urPkOp>.
- To join by phone only, dial: 1–800–360–9505; Access Code: 1996 82 6592#.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mallory Trachtenberg, DFO, at mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov or 202–809–9618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organizations they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference call. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the