

(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:* June 3, 2022.

**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:** Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at *Colette.Pollard@hud.gov* or telephone 202-402-3400. 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 Ms. Pollard.

**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:* Continuation of Interest Reduction Payments after Refinancing Section 236 Projects.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-0572.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved

collection for which approval has expired.

#### Form Number:

- HUD-93173 Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§ 236(e)(2)).
- HUD-93175 Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§ 236(b)).
- HUD-93174 Use Agreement (§ 236(e)(2)).
- HUD-93176 Use Agreement (§ 236(b)).

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The purpose of this information collection is to preserve low-income housing units. HUD uses the information to ensure that owners, mortgagees and or public entities enter into binding agreements for the continuation of Interest Reduction Payments (IRP) after refinancing eligible Section 236 projects. HUD has created an electronic application for eligible projects to retain the IRP benefits after refinancing.

*Respondents:* Profit Motivated or Non-Profit Owners of Section 236 projects.

Form No.	Form	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Form HUD-93173 ...	Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§ 236(e)(2)) .....	870	1	870	0.5	435
Form HUD-93175 ...	Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§ 236(b)) .....	870	1	870	0.5	435
Form HUD-93174 ...	Use Agreement (§ 236(e)(2)) .....	5	1	5	0.5	3
Form HUD-93176 ...	Use Agreement (§ 236(b)) .....	5	1	5	0.5	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>875</b>

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 875.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,750.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1 hour.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 875.

#### 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

**[Docket No. FR-6191-N-05]**

**Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers: Implementation of the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration for Awarded PHAs, Supplementary Notice for Demonstration Participants**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

(PIH), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On July 15, 2020, HUD published a notice (“Implementation Notice”) implementing the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) mobility demonstration (“demonstration”) authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019. Through that Implementation Notice, HUD made available up to \$50,000,000 to participating Public Housing Agencies (“PHAs”) to implement housing mobility programs. On April 30, 2021, HUD announced its selection of PHAs that will participate in the demonstration. These PHAs will receive \$45.7 million in total funding under that award. This notice supplements the July 15, 2020, notice to describe additional policies and flexibilities for PHAs selected to participate in the demonstration.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ryan Jones, Director, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Department of Housing and Urban

Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 4214, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 402–2677. (This is not a toll-free number.) Individuals with hearing or speech impediments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay during working hours at 800–877–8339. (This is a toll-free number). HUD encourages submission of questions about the demonstration be sent to: [HCVmobilitydemonstration@hud.gov](mailto:HCVmobilitydemonstration@hud.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On July 15, 2020, HUD published an Implementation Notice for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) mobility demonstration authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019. Through that Notice, HUD made available up to \$50,000,000 to participating PHAs throughout the country to implement housing mobility programs by offering mobility-related services to increase the number of voucher families with children living in opportunity areas. On April 30, 2021, HUD announced that nine lead PHAs will participate in the HCV mobility demonstration and were awarded new housing choice vouchers and mobility-related services funding, and that an additional four PHAs that applied in partnership with a lead PHA were awarded new housing choice vouchers. These PHAs will receive \$45.7 million in total funding under that award. Through the demonstration, the awarded PHAs will provide approximately 10,000 families with children better access to low-poverty neighborhoods with high-performing schools and other strong community resources.

The Implementation Notice described broad parameters for selected PHAs, including the set of mobility-related services that they will likely be required to provide to families participating in the program, the likely research design, and an estimated cost of services per family offered participation in the program. The Implementation Notice also described a required evaluation that would be conducted at the selected PHAs and explained that some aspects of the program and research design would be determined jointly by HUD (including its research evaluator and technical assistance provider) in collaboration with the selected PHAs.

During the collaborative process to finalize the program and research design, HUD has identified policies to supplement those identified in the Implementation Notice that will promote the goals of the demonstration. The additional flexibilities will benefit

families participating in the programs and the selected PHAs as well as help ensure an effective research evaluation.

HUD now supplements the July 15, 2020, Implementation Notice to describe policies and flexibilities for PHAs selected to participate in the HCV mobility demonstration.

#### **Supplement to the Implementation Notice**

##### **I. Pilot Length**

The Implementation Notice described that a planning and pilot period would last approximately one year. After working closely with the selected PHAs, HUD has determined that additional flexibility in the length of the pilot may be necessary for PHAs to successfully pilot their programs prior to full program implementation. HUD therefore will determine the length of the pilot in collaboration with the PHA.

Before the pilot can begin, HUD and its evaluator must complete certain tasks and obtain approvals. Once HUD has completed all its required tasks and gained all the required approvals, PHAs may begin their pilots. HUD calls the date that it has completed all the required tasks and received all the required approvals the “earliest pilot start date.”

Each PHA is expected to start its pilot no later than four months after the established earliest pilot start date. A PHA that is unable to start its pilot within four months after the earliest pilot start date will receive a corrective action plan and technical assistance to identify and support the necessary final preparations. If a PHA is unable to start its pilot within six months after the established earliest pilot start date, HUD may recapture any remaining funds that were awarded to PHA.

The anticipated length of the pilot is six months. PHA sites that are experiencing challenges completing their pilot activities timely will receive a corrective action plan and technical assistance to identify and support the necessary final preparations. If the PHA is unable to complete their pilot activities within nine months from the start date of their pilot, HUD may recapture funds from the PHA.

HUD will issue a Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Notice that describes the policies and procedures regarding funding recapture and reallocation.

#### **II. Enrollment of Existing Voucher Holders and New Admissions**

As described in the Implementation Notice, each PHA must enroll families into the evaluation, which includes a randomized controlled trial (RCT). The

Implementation Notice estimated that approximately 1,800 existing voucher holders and 150 new admissions would be enrolled at each selected PHA. After discussions with the evaluator, HUD has determined that allowing a PHA limited flexibility in reducing the number of existing voucher holders enrolled and increasing, by the same amount, the number new admissions enrolled, will help ensure the evaluation is able to detect the effects of mobility-related services for new admission families. HUD anticipates that the maximum use of flexibility between existing voucher holders and new admissions would enable a PHA to enroll a maximum of 500 new admission families.

PHAs must submit a written request to HUD to change the number of existing voucher holders and new admissions. Any changes in the numbers of existing voucher holders and new admissions to be enrolled will be documented in each PHA’s “recruitment and enrollment plan.”

This additional flexibility will strengthen PHAs’ ability to enroll families into the study and improve HUD’s ability to evaluate the effects of the program. PHAs must use their own turnover vouchers—that is, vouchers that become available when a voucher holder exits the HCV program—for any increased new admissions. PHAs may use turnover mobility demonstration vouchers (MDVs) for new admissions enrolled in the demonstration. PHAs must receive prior HUD approval before using any other new incremental vouchers for this purpose. PHAs may not use vouchers from another non-partner PHA for new admissions.

#### **III. Flexibility Between CMRS, SMRS, and Control Group**

Families with children receiving voucher assistance that agree to participate in the demonstration will be randomly assigned to a treatment group that receives mobility-related services or a control group that receives HCV program services already offered by the PHA to all HCV applicants and participants. The demonstration has two different treatment groups. The first treatment group will receive comprehensive mobility-related services (CMRS). The second treatment group will receive a subset of the CMRS, which HUD calls selected mobility-related services (SMRS).

To ensure an effective study, HUD also will allow some flexibility between the number of families enrolled in the CMRS, SMRS, and control groups compared to the Implementation Notice. These changes will be based on statistical analysis that helps ensure the

validity of the evaluation. Any changes in the number of families to be enrolled in the CMRS, SMRS, and control groups will be approved by HUD and documented in each PHA's "recruitment and enrollment plan."

#### IV. Memorandum of Understanding and Performance Standards Requirements

The Implementation Notice stated that after the program and research design is finalized, HUD would draft a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and performance standards agreement that outlines roles and responsibilities, the program and research design, description of administrative policies, and recapture and reallocation terms, among other things. After completing the planning phase collaboratively with PHAs, HUD has determined that a statement of responsibilities is the more appropriate document to capture these provisions. Therefore, HUD will draft and issue a statement of responsibilities to the PHA sites that includes the provisions of the MOU and performance standards agreements originally stated in the Implementation Notice. PHAs will have 60 days from the issuance of the statement of responsibilities to opt to withdraw from the demonstration. After 60 days from the issuance of the statement of responsibilities, PHAs will not be able to exit the demonstration without HUD's prior authorization.

#### V. Eligible Uses of Funds

Through the collaborative process to finalize the program and research design, PHAs and HUD have identified uses of mobility-related services funding that will help implement the program effectively. These uses of mobility-related services funds were not directly addressed by the Implementation Notice. HUD has, for the purposes of transparency and clarity, included a discussion of these uses of funds in this notice.

As part of the evaluation, families enrolling in the study will complete an enrollment process that includes a voluntary baseline survey. The enrollment process and baseline survey will take approximately 135 minutes to complete. In recognition of the time it takes for families to complete the study, HUD will require PHAs to provide a \$25 payment to each family upon completion of the survey, contingent on approval by the Office of Management and Budget. HUD encourages PHAs to provide this payment in the form of a gift card. This payment is an eligible use of mobility-related services funding.

PHAs participating in the demonstration must recruit and enroll

families into the study over a five-year period. Each PHA site (*i.e.*, an individual PHA or the lead PHA and its partner) may use up to \$40,000 each year for staff time and expenses related to recruitment and enrollment.

PHAs participating in the demonstration will have ongoing oversight responsibilities for implementation. Given the nature of the evaluation and importance of ensuring mobility-related services are provided with full fidelity to the agreed upon program and research design, each PHA site may use up to \$40,000 each year to supplement salaries of PHA staff, or hire new staff, who are responsible for providing oversight of the program.<sup>1</sup>

PHAs may also use their existing mobility-related services funding award to pay for these activities. PHAs must update their annual expenditure plans to reflect the amount of funds they intend to use for these purposes and begin immediately reporting these expenditures on their invoices.

After the funding awards made on April 30, 2021, HUD has \$4,127,590 in remaining mobility-related services funding. HUD will issue an additional **Federal Register** notice describing the allocation process for those remaining funds.

#### Dominique Blom,

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

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##### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference/web meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gives notice of a teleconference/web meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

##### DATES:

<sup>1</sup> These annual amounts for staff time and expenses related to recruitment and enrollment and for program oversight are in addition to the one-time, up to five percent of the PHA allocation of mobility related services funding that PHAs were permitted to use for start-up costs as described in the Implementation Notice.

**Teleconference/web meeting:** The ANS Task Force will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 24–26, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day (Eastern Time).

**Registration:** Registration is required. The deadline for registration is May 20, 2022.

**Accessibility:** The deadline for accessibility accommodation requests is May 20, 2022. Please see *Accessibility Information*, below.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via teleconference and broadcast over the internet. To register and receive the web address and telephone number for participation, contact the Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) or visit the ANS Task Force website at <https://www.fws.gov/program/aquatic-nuisance-species-task-force>.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Pasko, Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, by telephone at (703) 358-2466, or by email at [Susan\\_Pasko@fws.gov](mailto:Susan_Pasko@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, and is composed of Federal and ex-officio members. The ANS Task Force's purpose is to develop and implement a program for U.S. waters to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic invasive species; to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

This meeting is open to the public. The meeting agenda will include: Reports from ANS Task Force members, regional panels, and subcommittees; discussion on priority outputs to advance the goals identified in the ANS Task Force Strategic Plan for 2020–2025; presentation by the U.S. Geological Survey on new species occurrences in the United States; recommendations by the ANS Task Force regional panels; and public comment. The final agenda and other related meeting information will be posted on the ANS Task Force website, <https://www.fws.gov/program/aquatic-nuisance-species-task-force>.

##### Public Input

If you wish to provide oral public comment or provide a written comment