

- ACL seeks recommendations to address practical matters regarding the Elder Justice Coordinating Council. (We may not include all recommendations.)

- If respondents have multiple recommendations, respondents may make multiple recommendations in the same submission.

#### Submission Questions

1. State the area(s) and or issue(s) in elder justice that should be considered a priority for the Federal Government to address through the Elder Justice Coordinating Council.

2. Provide detail on the reason the area(s) and or issue(s) should be considered a priority for the Council.

3. State the activities, tools, resources, or components that would effectively help states and communities create and strengthen their systems of services and supports in order to maximize the independence, well-being, and health of people at risk for elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, their family members, and their support networks.

4. Provide detail on any benefits, including how equity will be advanced, and/or barriers that might result from the Council incorporating the recommendation.

#### Please Note

This RFI is being issued for information and planning purposes only. It should not be construed as a solicitation or an obligation on the part of the Federal Government or the Administration for Community Living (ACL). ACL does not intend to issue any grant or contract awards based on responses to this invitation, or to otherwise pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for the government's use of such information. ACL will not be able to respond to submissions that are not within the scope of this public comment opportunity. ACL is not authorized to receive personally identifiable information (PII) through this RFI other than the contact information of the person submitting the information. Please do not include any PII in your submission. For example, do not include names, addresses, phone, or Social Security numbers of any individuals. We will redact responses that contain PII.

#### How the Information Will Be Used

The information gathered through this RFI will be used to inform the Elder Justice Coordinating Council's approach to identifying areas in elder justice that could benefit from increased Federal involvement.

Dated: March 19, 2024.

**Alison Barkoff,**

*Principal Deputy Administrator for the Administration for Community Living, performing the delegable duties of the Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Public Comment Request; of the Independent Living Services (ILS) Program Performance Report (PPR) OMB Control Number 0985-0043

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed above has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-Day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to the Independent Living Services (ILS) Program Performance Report (PPR) OMB 0985-0043.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) or postmarked by April 24, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find the information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. By mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW, Rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Nye, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 795-7606 or [OILPPRACComments@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:OILPPRACComments@acl.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506), the Administration for Community Living (ACL) has submitted the following proposed collection of information to

OMB for review and clearance. The Independent Living Services (ILS) program provides financial assistance, through formula grants, to all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and US Virgin Islands for expanding, and improving the provision of, IL services. The Designated State Entity (DSE) is the agency that, on behalf of the state, receives, accounts for, and disburses funds received under Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act). Funds are also made available for the provision of training and technical assistance to Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs). The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, requires three IL program reports: (1) State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), (2) ILS Program Performance Report, and (3) Center for Independent Living (CIL) PPR. The ILS PPR is submitted annually by the SILC and DSE in every state, territory, and outlying area that receives Part B funds and in the District of Columbia. The ILS PPRs are used by ACL to assess grantees' compliance with title VII of the Act, with 45 CFR part 1329 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and with applicable provisions of the HHS Regulations at 45 CFR part 75. The ILS PPR serves as the primary basis for ACL's monitoring activities in fulfillment of its responsibilities under sections 706 and 722 of the Act. The PPR is also used by ACL to design CIL and SILC training and technical assistance programs authorized by section 721 of the Act.

ACL will adhere to best practices for collection of all demographic information in accordance with OMB guidance—including, but not limited to guidance specific to the collection of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) items that support alignment with Executive Order 13985 on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the federal government, Executive Order 14075 on Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals, and Executive Order 13988 on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation. Understanding these disparities can and should lead to improved service delivery for ACL's programs and populations served.

#### Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice

A notice published in the **Federal Register** at 88 FR 78369 on November 15, 2023. During the 60-day comment

period, ACL received approximately one-hundred and eleven comments on many aspects of the ILS PPR. A public comment and ACL's response to comment table is listed in Supporting Statement A.

*Estimated Program Burden:* ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

The PPR will be sent to representatives of fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam,

and US Virgin Islands. The approximate burden for completion is thirty-six hours per respondent, which includes time to review the instructions, read the questions, and complete responses. This results in a total annual burden estimate of 2,016 hours.

#### TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Number of respondents | Responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 56                    | 1                        | 36                                | 2,016              |

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Public Comment Request; ACL Program Performance Report Generic Information Collection, OMB Control Number 0985-NEW

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed above has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to the ACL Program Performance Report Generic Information Collection, OMB 0985-NEW.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) or postmarked by April 24, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find the information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shannon Skowronski, Administration for Community Living, [evaluation@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:evaluation@acl.hhs.gov), (202) 795-7316.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506), the Administration for Community Living (ACL) has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance. In 1965, the Older Americans Act (OAA) was passed in response to concerns by policymakers about a lack of community social services for older adults. The OAA established authority for grants for community planning and social services, research and development projects, and personnel training in the field of aging. The Elder Justice Act (EJA), passed in 2010, is the first comprehensive legislation to address the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults at the Federal level. OAA and EJA programs help advance ACL's mission of supporting the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, older adults with disabilities, and their families and caregivers. This proposed information collection will gather program performance data for ACL formula and competitive grant programs authorized by the Older Americans Act (OAA) and the Elder Justice Act (EJA), as required by and in accordance with Public Law 116-131 and 42 U.S.C. chapter 7, subchapter XX, division B (authorizing legislation); 45 CFR 75.342 (monitoring and reporting program performance); 45 CFR 75.301 (performance measurement); and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-352, sec. 12). The collection of program performance data is required for all ACL

grantees, including grants authorized by the OAA and EJA, to: (1) monitor achievement of program performance objectives; (2) identify areas of performance that may benefit from technical assistance and/or corrective action; (3) establish program policy and direction; and (4) prepare responses and reports for Congress, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), other federal departments, and public and private agencies, including legislatively required reports.

ACL consistently looks for ways to streamline the collection of required program performance data. The proposed *ACL Program Performance Report Generic Information Collection* would provide an efficient mechanism for the collection of a core set of program performance data elements across OAA and EJA authorized programs necessary to ensure each programs indicators, demographics, priorities, and objectives are being achieved. The collection of this core set of performance elements will enable ACL to analyze program performance broadly across its grantee portfolio, while minimizing grantee reporting burden. Program offices will be given the opportunity to submit, for review and approval under this generic clearance, PPRs for their programs that address the core program performance elements.

#### Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice

A 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 5, 2023, at 88 FR 84335. ACL received two public comments. A summary of the comments and the ACL response is provided below:

*Comment One:* Suggest including more specific instructions for completing the elements in the proposed ACL PPR template.

*ACL response:* While ACL appreciates this suggestion, the instructions for