

progress in improving health outcomes for rural populations.

* Monitor the implementation of states' rural health transformation plans to ensure resources are appropriately used and hold states accountable for achieving the goals outlined in the states' plans.

* Conduct training for internal and external stakeholders as necessary.

* Work with the CMCS, Data and Systems Group (DSG), Division of State Systems to leverage existing systems to develop and implement new applications for state system enhancements and quality improvement activities. For example, Medicaid Statistical Information System (MSIS), Transformed-MSIS, and Medicaid & CHIP Program (MACPro), DataConnect, Medicaid and CHIP Data Collection Tool and develop and maintain the system for the collection, organization, review, and analysis of data necessary for program integrity, program oversight, and administration.

* Partners with the Center for Program Integrity (CPI), OAGM and other CMS stakeholder offices to develop and implement a comprehensive strategic plan, objectives, and measures to ensure program vulnerabilities with waste, fraud, and abuse are identified and resolved.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3101)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[OMB #: 0970-0386]

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Proposed Information Collection Activity; Office of Community Services Community Economic Development Performance Progress Report

AGENCY: Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for

Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is requesting a 3-year extension of the Community Economic Development (CED) Performance Progress Report (PPR) (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #: 0970-0386), expiration date February 28, 2026, with revisions to support a quarterly reporting schedule. This request updates burden estimates to account for new quarterly reporting requirements. While the core CED PPR form remains unchanged and will still be submitted semi-annually, new awardees must now report quarterly. In alternate quarters (Q1 and Q3), they will complete a shorter version of the form with narrative updates only.

DATES: *Comments due January 21, 2026.*

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202512-0970-006. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: OCS is seeking to extend the CED PPR (OMB #: 0970-0386), with revisions, for three years. This extension will permit OCS to continue collecting the performance progress information about projects funded through the CED program from current and future grant recipients.

The CED PPR collects information regarding the implementation and outcomes of CED projects to support program monitoring, the provision of training and technical assistance, and the fulfillment of congressional reporting requirements. The report tracks quantitative information, including measures of job creation and project expenditures, along with narrative descriptions of project activities, challenges, and changes.

The CED PPR will continue to be administered to all active grant recipients of the CED program. Grant recipients will complete this report based on activities completed through the second and fourth quarters of each project year.

This request revises the burden estimates to reflect new reporting requirements for quarterly reporting. The burden estimates reflect quarterly reporting for new awardees as well as a shorter response time for quarterly

reporters in alternate quarters when they will only be required to complete a subset of items on the form. This request makes no changes to the current approved CED PPR form that all grant recipients will be required to complete semi-annually. The current approved CED PPR is cumulative and covers activities completed through the second and fourth quarters of each project year. For the first and third quarters of each project year, quarterly reporters will complete a subset of items to provide narrative updates on project progress.

Currently, grant recipients submit the CED PPR semi-annually. Through this request, OCS proposes to change the reporting requirements to collect information on CED project progress on a quarterly basis. This will allow OCS to monitor grant recipient progress more frequently and to support the timely provision of training and technical assistance. The reporting schedule for CED projects will be identified in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under which projects are funded. In the past, CED NOFOs identified a semi-annual reporting schedule. Quarterly reporting requirements were included in the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025 NOFO for the first time.

To reduce the burden for quarterly reporters, OCS will only require grant recipients to complete a subset of items from the CED PPR in the first and third quarters of each project year. The burden estimates for the subset of items are included in the annual burden estimates for the CED PPR Short Form. The CED PPR Short Form does not include the quantitative measures and focuses on narrative descriptions of project activities, challenges, and changes.

Respondents: The CED PPR will be completed by all CED grant recipients active during the 3-year extension. The CED PPR Short Form will be completed by grant recipients receiving awards through an application to a NOFO requiring quarterly reporting.

Annual Burden Estimates

OCS anticipates including quarterly reporting requirements in NOFOs published in FFY 2025 and later. Because CED projects are funded for 3- to 4-year project periods, OCS anticipates that only half of active grant recipients will be required to complete the short-form during the extension period. These assumptions are reflected in the burden estimates below.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
CED PPR	79	2	1.5	237
CED PPR Short Form	48	2	0.5	48
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours	285	

Authority: Section 680(a)(2), Community Services Block Grant Act, 42 U.S.C. 9921.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Office of Refugee Resettlement Cash and Medical Assistance Program Quarterly Report on Expenditures and Obligations (ORR-2)

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for Public Comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is requesting a 3-year extension of the ORR-2: Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program Quarterly Report on Expenditures and Obligations (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970-0407, expiration February 28, 2026). Minor changes are proposed to the form and instructions.

DATES: *Comments due January 21, 2026.*

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202512-0970-007. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing infocollect@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: ORR reimburses, to the extent of available appropriations, certain non-federal costs for the provision of CMA to refugees, along with allowable expenses for the administration of the refugee resettlement program at the state level. States and Replacement Designees currently submit the ORR-2 Quarterly Report on Expenditures and Obligations, which provides aggregate expenditure and obligation data. The ORR-2 collects expenditures and obligations data separately for each of the following four CMA program components: refugee cash assistance, refugee medical assistance, CMA administration, and services for unaccompanied refugee minors. This breakdown of financial status data allows ORR to track program expenditures in greater detail to anticipate any funding issues and to meet the requirements of ORR regulations at 45 CFR 400.211 to collect these data for use in estimating future costs of the refugee resettlement program. ORR must implement the methodology at 45 CFR 400.211 each

year after receipt of its annual appropriation to ensure that appropriated funds will be adequate for reimbursement to states for the costs of assistance to eligible refugees. The estimating methodology prescribed in the regulations requires the use of actual past costs by program component. If the methodology indicates that appropriated funds are inadequate, ORR must take steps to reduce federal expenses, such as by limiting the number of months of eligibility for Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance. The ORR-2 is a single-page financial report that allows ORR to collect the necessary data to ensure that funds are adequate for the projected need and thereby meet the requirements of both the Refugee Act and ORR regulations.

Minor changes to the names of certain lines on the ORR-2 are proposed to align with changes proposed to the ORR-1 form in a **Federal Register** notice published on June 24, 2025, at 90 FR 26819 (<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-11546>), and approved by OMB in August 2025 (https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewIC?ref_nbr=202506-0970-018&icID=9799). ORR also proposes minor changes to the instructions to align with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards at 2 CFR part 200.

Respondents: State governments and Replacement Designees.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Cash and Medical Assistance Program, Quarterly Report on Expenditures and Obligations	57	4	1.5	342