

Supporting Statement

A. Justification

1. **Circumstances Making the collection of Information Necessary**

42 U.S.C. 612 (Section 412 of the Social Security Act – the Act -- as amended by Pub. L. 104-193, The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 – PRWORA) gives Federally recognized Indian Tribes the opportunity to apply to operate a Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF) program. Section 412(a)(1)(A) of the Act specifies that “the Secretary shall pay to each Indian tribe that has an approved tribal family assistance plan a tribal family assistance grant for the fiscal year in an amount equal to the amount determined under subparagraph (B), which shall be reduced for a fiscal year, on a pro rata basis for each quarter, in the case of a tribal family assistance plan approved during a fiscal year for which the plan is to be in effect, and shall reduce the grant payable under section [403\(a\)\(1\)](#) to any State in which lies the service area or areas of the Indian tribe by that portion of the amount so determined that is attributable to expenditures by the State.” Section 412(a)(1)(B)(ii) further specifies that “The Secretary shall use State submitted data to make each determination under clause (i).” This information collection will obtain the necessary State data to make the determination.

45 CFR 286.20

2. **Purpose and Use of the Information Collection**

The information has been used and will continue to be used to determine the amount of the Tribal Family Assistance Grant (TFAG).

3. **Use of Improved Information Technology and Burden Reduction**

To the extent that a State can respond faster and more efficiently using a computer word processing program and email, the burden is reduced.

4. **Efforts to Identify Duplication and Use of Similar Information**

No similar or duplicate information is available.

5. **Impact on Small Businesses or Other Small Entities**

This collection of information does not impact small businesses or other small entities.

6. **Consequences of Collecting the Information Less Frequently**

The request for State data must be made each time a Tribe indicates that it plans to operate a TANF program.

7. Special Circumstances Relating to the Guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5

This collection of information does not involve any special circumstances.

8. Comments in Response to the Federal Register Notice and Efforts to Consult Outside the Agency

We published a Federal Register Notice requesting comments on May 7, 2010, volume 75, pages 25,260-25,261. We received no comments.

9. Explanation of Any Payment or Gift to Respondents

No payments and/or gifts will be given to respondents.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality Provided to Respondents

No Privacy Act System of Records will be established and no assurance of confidentiality has been given to respondents.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

This data collection does not contain any questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Estimates of Annualized Burden Hours and Costs

States are required to respond to this information collection only when a Tribe within the State applies to operate a TANF program. We expect approximately 4 Tribes will apply annually to operate a TANF program. We estimate that it will take approximately 42 hours for each State to respond to this information request. Based on an estimated average hourly State salary of \$60 per hour (including fringe benefits, overhead, etc), the total estimated annual State hour burden cost is estimated to be \$10,080.

The following table shows the burden estimate:

Annual Burden Estimates

Instrument	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Request for State Data Needed to Determine the Amount of a Tribal Family Assistance Grant	4	1	42	168

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 168

13. Estimates of Other Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents and Record Keepers

For this information collection, we estimate there to be no additional capital/start-up, operational or maintenance costs.

14. Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

This item does not reflect any of the costs shown in items 12 and 13 of this supporting statement.

We estimate total annual Federal burden to be 85 hours. This includes the costs of information collection, development, mailing list compilation and maintenance, mailing, editing, calculations, analysis, evaluation, publication of results, technical assistance, and monitoring. Based on an estimated average hourly federal salary of \$100 per hour (including fringe benefits, overhead, etc), the total estimated average annual Federal cost is \$8,500.

15. Explanation of Program Changes or Adjustments

There is only an adjustment. The federal government cost and burden hours changed because the number of Tribes applying for Tribal TANF Programs was reduced from 15 per year to 4 per year. As there are fewer submissions to review, the hours were reduced from 630 to 168.

16. Plans for Tabulation and Publication and Project Time Schedule

Once a Tribal TANF plan is approved, the fact of its approval and the grant amount is posted on the OFA Web site.

17. Reason(s) Display of OMB Expiration Date is Inappropriate

Display of the OMB expiration date is not inappropriate.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submission

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

Statistical methods are not used.