



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-2000

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Mr. Ross A. Rutledge
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Dear Mr. Rutledge:

The Department is seeking emergency review and approval of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for a new information collection which supports the issuance of \$550,000, available through the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Economic Opportunity Division. The Notice of Paperwork submission (copy enclosed) is proposed for immediate Federal Register publication, explains the burden of collection requirements, and invites public comment.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter request emergency processing within 7 days from the date of this letter. The collection of this information is necessary due to 5 CFR 1320.13(1) (i). The Department has been charged with the issuance of Transformation Initiative (TI) funding. To issue the funds available under this program, we need to publish a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) as quickly as possible. The Section 3 Implementation and Coordination NOFA has incorporated the proposed data collection form to facilitate the submission of information by applicants for funding, review applications, and conduct routine (quarterly and annual) performance assessments. Approval of this data collection submission is required prior to issuing our NOFA.

The shortened processing period that we are requesting will help facilitate the prompt issuance of the funds to the public and ensure that we comply with the requirements of the Appropriations Act.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Staci Gilliam Hampton
Director
Economic Opportunity Division

Enclosure