

Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Grant Programs Data Collection – Progress Reporting

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Circumstances making information collection necessary.

Section 1011 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (P.L.102-550) authorizes a grant program for State and local governments for the evaluation and reduction of lead-based paint hazards in privately owned housing built before 1978 and occupied by families with low incomes. This program is a continuation of a similar program that was mandated by the HUD Appropriations Act for FY 1992.

The authority for the Healthy Homes Initiative is sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2006 (Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 Public Law 109-115, 119 Stat. 2396, approved: November 30, 2006.)

This data collection is designed to provide timely information to HUD regarding the implementation progress of the grantees on carrying out the Healthy Homes Demonstration, Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program, Lead Hazard Control Program, Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration, Lead Outreach Program, Lead Technical Studies, and Operation Lead Elimination Action Program and to provide the Congress with status reports as required by statute - Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-550).

2. Uses of the data.

The Department will use this information to report to Congress on the progress of lead hazard reduction work and the number of units made lead safe. The Office also uses the information to review average unit cost as it relates to our grant activities. The Office estimates that 250 OHHLHC grants will be submitting a set of four forms per year. Our calculations in Section 12 indicate a total of 250. Data collected from Healthy Homes Demonstration and Healthy Homes Technical Studies grants and cooperative agreements are used to support HUD's Strategic Goal of addressing housing conditions that threaten health. In particular, these data capture the number of units where allergen levels have been reduced and corresponding health outcomes 9 reduction in asthmatic episodes of children in these units.

3. Data automation.

By collecting data from 100% of our OHHLHC grantees, the office will be able to collect and report all grant performance for the annual performance strategic goals more accurately. The vast majority of the data at grantee sites is collected in the field and then entered into electronic versions of the data collection forms.

4. Duplication.

OHHLHC Grantees are providing performance data on their progress toward meeting their established grant benchmarks and/or milestones. This information collection effort does not duplicate any other effort and will not cause any information duplication.

5. Small businesses.

Small businesses may receive funding from the HHI program. If so, they would be required to report to HUD on a quarterly basis.

6. Federal Policy Notice.

If the proposed information collection is not collected, we will not be able to determine and make known the progress of the grantees in carrying out their responsibilities of reducing the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards. This data will enhance the precision and accuracy of estimates of the effectiveness and relative cost of different strategies for reducing lead in house dust and blood of young children.

If information is not collected for the Healthy Homes Initiative, we will not be able to evaluate the performance of grantees in achieving HUD's goal of addressing housing conditions that threaten health. Because Healthy Homes grantees report reductions in allergens (mold and allergens from pests and/or pets) in residences and the corresponding reduction in asthmatic episodes of children living in these units that are constructed or rehabilitated using healthy homes principles, information about baseline levels of asthma triggers (allergens) is collected as pre-mitigation data; the efficacy of methods for the reduction of these allergens is collected as post-mitigation data.

In addition, Healthy Homes grantees report the number of individuals contacted, the number of units assessed, the number of interventions provided, the number of individuals reached through education/outreach activities and the number of individuals trained in healthy homes principles.

7. Special Circumstances.

There are no special circumstances that would require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the general information collection guidelines in 5 FR 1320-6.

8. Federal Register Notice.

In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the agency's notice soliciting public comments was announced in the Federal Register on October 19, 2012 (Vol.77, No.209 page 65574). No comments were received.

9. Respondent remuneration.

No payments or gifts are provided to respondents.

10. Confidentially.

This collection does not require the retention of confidential or sensitive material.

11. Sensitive questions.

There are no sensitive questions being asked.

12. Respondent burden.

Reporting Burden: HUD 96006

Number of Responses	Frequency of Responses	Hours per Response	Burden Hours
250	4	8	8,000

Respondents' expenses are covered by grant funds.

13. Cost burden to respondents.

There are no other costs to the respondents (other than those shown in item 12 above).

14. Annualized cost to the Federal government.

The annualized cost to the Federal government for data collection and management is an estimated maximum of \$70,000 that includes some contractor support and Federal staff time. The total estimated annualized capital cost is \$35,000 and the total estimated O&M annual cost is \$19,000.

15. Program Changes.

This is a reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection. The report form has been expanded only in Part II with boxes respondents can check and accurately report all hazards that their program may address. There is a decrease in the reporting since we have decreased the number of respondents from 300 to 250 and therefore, there is a decrease due to an adjustment in the agency estimate. We have awarded less grant awards and therefore have fewer grantees, due to the decrease of overall program grant funding

16. Publication of information.

There are no plans at this time to formally publish these results. They will be made available to state and local officials involved in lead-based paint poisoning and prevention programs and other interested parties.

Healthy Homes and Lead Technical Studies grantees, and other grantees, may publish results in peer-reviewed technical journals. In addition, Healthy Homes grantees are providing programmatic results to HUD as a part of the evaluation of the Healthy Homes Program.

17. Display of expiration date.

The expiration date of the form will be displayed on right footer.

18. Exceptions to certification statement.

There are no exceptions.