

matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or interim trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by NSR's filing of a notice of consummation by January 13, 2016, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: January 13, 2015.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0386]

Proposed Information Collection (Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan Worksheet): Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, VA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine whether lenders computed the loan amount on interest rate reduction refinancing loans properly.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 17, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through

www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0386" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan Worksheet, VA Form 26-8923.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0386.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Lenders are required to submit VA Form 26-8923, to request a guaranty on all interest rate reduction refinancing loan and provide a receipt as proof that the funding fee was paid or evidence that a claimant was exempt from such fee. VA uses the data collected to ensure lenders computed the funding fee and the maximum permissible loan amount for interest rate reduction refinancing loans correctly.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 23,333 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 140,000.

Dated: January 13, 2015.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0265]

Proposed Information Collection (Educational/Vocational Counseling Application): Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, VA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to apply for counseling services.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 17, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0265" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Educational/Vocational Counseling Application, VA Form 28-8832.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0265.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 28-8832, Application for Counseling, collects information that the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Division needs to quickly assess the applicant's probable entitlement to counseling, to call up further records if necessary, and to contact the applicant to schedule a counseling appointment. Under 38 United States Code 501(a), the Secretary shall obtain information sufficient to establish the right to benefits. A veteran or dependent may use this form as a convenience to apply for counseling services. Without the form, the application could be delayed, particularly in instances where incomplete data is submitted.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,550 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,100.

Dated: January 13, 2015.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Funding Availability Under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability (NOFA)

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of funds for assistance under the Per Diem Only (PDO) component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program. This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is for those current "Transition in Place" (TIP) grantees who seek to renew their 2012 TIP PDO grants. This NOFA contains information concerning the program, application process, and amount of funding available.

DATES: An original signed and dated, request for reapplication letter on agency letterhead for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers GPD Program must be received in the GPD Program Office, by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 20, 2015, (see Submission Dates and Times below for additional requirements).

In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and VA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their material to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

ADDRESSES: An original signed and dated, request for reapplication letter on agency letterhead must be submitted to the following address: VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Field Office, 10770 North 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, FL 33617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffery Quarles, Director, VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10770 North 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, FL 33617; (toll-free) (877) 332-0334.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This NOFA announces the availability of renewal funding in the form of per diem payments under VA's Homeless Providers GPD Program for current TIP PDO grantees. The authority for this NOFA is the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001, Public Law 107-95, sec. 5, codified as amended by Public Law 112-154, at 38 U.S.C. 2011, 2012, 2013, 2061, and 38 CFR part 61.

Award Information: VA is pleased to issue this NOFA under VA's Homeless Providers GPD Program as a part of the effort to end homelessness among our Nation's Veterans. VA expects to fund approximately 500 beds over a 3-year period under this NOFA. The maximum award of \$1.2 million will support an average of 25 beds per night, per project, at the current maximum per diem rate

of \$43.32; taking into consideration that the maximum per diem rate may increase in future years. Note: The final amount awarded may be adjusted based on any remaining funding from the previous award.

Funding Priorities: None.

Funding Actions: Conditionally selected applicants will complete a grant funding agreement with VA in accordance with 38 CFR 61.61 and provide any additional information as required by VA. Upon signature by the Secretary or designated representative final selection will be completed.

VA will make per diem payments in a method consistent with VA policy. Per diem will be paid only for eligible Veterans (*i.e.*, Veterans whom VA refers to the grantee, or for whom VA authorizes the provision of services) and will be available for the periods of awards specified in this NOFA. All payment specifics will be given to the grantee at the time of award. At no time may grantees draw more than the maximum approved per diem rate as authorized by VA's GPD Program Office. All costs charged to the per diem grant must be allowable under the applicable OMB Circulars for Grants Management.

Grant Award Period: For the purposes of this NOFA the award period will be approximately three (3) years beginning at the time of award final selection and announcement (on or about October 1, 2015) and ending approximately on September 30, 2018. Specific start and end dates will be included in the grant agreement between final selectees and VA. For the purposes of this NOFA the award period will not exceed three (3) years.

Eligibility Information: Existing fiscal year (FY) 2012 TIP PDO grantees are eligible to apply for renewal funding under this NOFA.

Cost Sharing or Matching: None.

Application and Submission Information: An application package is not needed for this NOFA. Applicants submitting a letter requesting re-application on their agency's letterhead agree to VA using their previously awarded FY 2012 TIP PDO application for scoring purposes.

Content and Form of Application: Applicants must submit a letter requesting re-application on their agency's letterhead. Failure to submit a re-application letter will result in the agency not being considered for renewal funding.

Applicants who are conditionally selected will be notified of any additional information needed to confirm or clarify information provided in the application. Applicants will then be notified of the deadline to submit