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HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: November 4, 2015.

**Harriet Tregoning,**

*Principal Assistant Secretary, for Community Planning and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5841-N-04]

### 10-Day Extension to 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Core Performance Reporting Requirements for Competitively-Funded Grants

**AGENCY:** Office of the Deputy Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 10 additional days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date: November 30, 2015.*

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone number 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov). Copies of the proposed forms and other information are available by contacting Ms. Pollard. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) or by telephone at 202-402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech

impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Requests for copies of the proposed forms should be submitted to Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* Core Performance Reporting for Competitively-Funded Grants.

*OMB Approval Number:* Pending.

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Type of Information Collection:* New.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-PRL, HUD-CIRL, HUD-GF.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:*

This request is for the clearance of data collection and reporting requirements to enable the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Strategic Planning and Management (OSPM) to better assess the effectiveness of competitively-funded grants included in this information collection request (ICR). The competitively-funded grant programs included in this ICR are: Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages (ICDBG), Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS), Housing Counseling (HC), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), JobsPlus Program (Jobs+), Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program (JRAP), Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control (LBPHC), Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD), Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP), Supportive Services Demonstration Program (202), and Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinators Program (ROSS).

A key component of this proposed collection is the reporting of measureable outcomes. Additionally, the standardization of data collection and reporting requirements across the Department will increase data comparability and utilization. Consolidation of de-identified data drawn from pre-existing HUD systems and databases, as applicable, into a single repository will enhance the Department's comprehensive and comparative analysis of competitively-funded HUD programs. Data submission will be acceptable via Comma Separated Values (CSV), Extensible Markup Language (XML), and other file formats

in addition to direct data entry into an online Web form.

The Department has several reporting models in place for competitive grant programs, including the eLogic Model. The reporting models provide information on a wide variety of outputs and outcomes and are based on unique data definitions and outcome measures in program-specific performance and progress reports. In Federal Fiscal Year 2013, nine program offices at HUD used six systems and 15 reporting tools to collect over 700 data elements in support of varied metrics to assess the performance of competitively-funded. The proposed data collection and reporting requirements described in this notice are designed to replace the use of the eLogic Model and other report forms and requirements.

The lack of standardized data collection and reporting requirements imposes an increased burden on grantees with multiple grant awards from HUD. The need for a comprehensive and standardized reporting approach is underscored by reviews conducted by external oversight agencies, including the Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO). These oversight agencies have questioned the validity and comparability of data reported by the Department. To address these issues, the Department is using its statutory and regulatory authority to redesign and strengthen performance reporting for many of its competitive grant programs into a single comprehensive approach.

The Secretary's statutory and regulatory authority to administer housing and urban development programs include provisions allowing for the requirement of performance reporting from grantees. This legal authority is codified at 42 U.S.C. 3535(r). The individual privacy of service recipients is of the highest priority. The reporting repository established at HUD to receive data submission from grantees will not include any personally identifying information (PII). Additionally, if the data for a grant has 25 or fewer individuals served during a fiscal year as reported in the record-level reports, then the results for the demographic data elements for the 25 or fewer individuals will also be redacted or removed from the public-use data file and any publicly available analytical products in order to ensure the inability to identify any individual.

Eligible entities awarded grants by the Department are expected to implement the proposed recordkeeping and reporting requirements with available

grant funds. It is important to note that much of the data to be reported by grantees under this ICR is already required and reported to one or more program offices at HUD. Furthermore, generally only a subset of the universe of data elements presented will be submitted as data collection and reporting requirements are determined by the program office and include consideration of the type and level of service provided by the respective grant programs.

The reporting requirements in this proposal better organize the data already being collected, standardize outcomes and performance measures, and allow program offices at HUD to select which data elements and performance indicators are relevant for their respective programs. Documents detailing the data elements, performance indicators, and draft online data entry forms are available for review

by request from Colette Pollard (*Colette.Pollard@hud.gov*). All information reported to HUD will be submitted electronically. Recipients or grantees may use existing management information systems provided those systems collect all of the required data elements and can be exported for submission to HUD. Recipients or grantees that sub-grant funds to other organizations will need to collect the required information from their sub-recipients or sub-grantees.

Information collected and reported will be used by recipients or grantees and the Department for the following purposes:

- To provide program and performance information to recipients, general public, Congress, and other stakeholders;
- To continuously improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of grant-funded programs;

- To provide management information for use by the Department in program administration and oversight, including the monitoring of grant-specific participation, services, capital investments, and outcomes; and
- To better measure and analyze performance information to identify successful practices to be replicated and prevent or correct problematic practices and improve outcomes in compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act.

The data collection and reporting requirements will be phased in over a three-year period which includes a proof of concept pilot in FY16. The Department will provide technical assistance to recipients or grantees throughout the implementation.

*Respondents (i.e. affected public):* Organizations awarded competitively-funded grants as listed on page 2.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATE FOR THE REQUESTED REPORTING APPROACH, INITIAL YEAR OR PROOF OF CONCEPT PILOT PROJECT**

| Type of record                        | Number of respondents          | Submission frequency | Hourly rate <sup>1</sup> | Average number of minutes | Estimated annual burden hours | Estimated annual burden dollars |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Participant Record-level .....        | 63 grantees <sup>2</sup> ..... | 1                    | \$14.19                  | 20 Per Record ...         | 2,583                         | \$36,653                        |
| Capital Investment Record-level ..... | 7 grantees <sup>3</sup> .....  | 1                    | 14.19                    | 15 Per Record ...         | 7                             | 99                              |
| Grant Feedback .....                  | 70 grantees .....              | 2                    | 14.19                    | 15 .....                  | 35                            | 497                             |
| <b>Total .....</b>                    | <b>.....</b>                   | <b>.....</b>         | <b>14.19</b>             | <b>.....</b>              | <b>2,625</b>                  | <b>37,249</b>                   |

<sup>1</sup> The hourly rate of \$14.19 is the average wage for office and administrative support occupations as reported in the May 2014 *Occupational Employment and Wages* produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> There are an estimated 7,749 individuals to be served by the 63 grantees.

<sup>3</sup> There are an estimated 28 project-level records for the 7 grantees.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATE FOR THE REQUESTED REPORTING APPROACH, SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS**

| Type of record                        | Number of respondents             | Submission frequency | Hourly rate <sup>1</sup> | Average number of minutes | Estimated annual burden hours | Estimated annual burden dollars |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Participant Record-level .....        | 2,850 grantees <sup>2</sup> ..... | 1                    | \$14.19                  | 20 Per Record ...         | 116,850                       | \$1,658,102                     |
| Capital Investment Record-level ..... | 150 grantees <sup>3</sup> ...     | 1                    | 14.19                    | 15 Per Record ...         | 150                           | 2,129                           |
| Grant Feedback .....                  | 3,000 grantees ...                | 2                    | 14.19                    | 15 .....                  | 1,500                         | 21,285                          |
| <b>Total .....</b>                    | <b>.....</b>                      | <b>.....</b>         | <b>14.19</b>             | <b>.....</b>              | <b>118,500</b>                | <b>1,681,516</b>                |

<sup>1</sup> The hourly rate of \$14.19 is the average wage for office and administrative support occupations as reported in the May 2014 *Occupational Employment and Wages* produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> There are an estimated 351,000 individuals to be served by the 2,850 grantees.

<sup>3</sup> There are an estimated 600 project-level records for the 150 grantees.

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency'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 those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comments in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: November 12, 2015.

**Henry Hensley,**

*Acting Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5696-N-17]

### Guidance, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for Grantees in Receipt of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds Under Public Law 113-2: "Buyout" and "Acquisition" Activities; Assistance to Agricultural Enterprises; and State of Colorado Waiver for Tourism Promotion

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides clarifying guidance for Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) grantees in receipt of funds under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (the Appropriations Act). It provides clarification regarding the requirements of "buyout" activities authorized in the Department's March 5, 2013, **Federal Register** notice and expands the eligibility criteria for buyout activities to include "Disaster Risk Reduction Areas" as defined by the grantee. It also modifies requirements of the March 5, 2013, notice on the prohibition of assistance to businesses that do not meet the Small Business Administration (SBA) definition of small businesses, permitting assistance also to eligible businesses engaged in "farming operations," as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This notice also provides a waiver to the State of Colorado to expend additional CDBG-DR funds and to assist additional communities impacted by declared disasters in 2011, 2012, and 2013, through tourism promotion activities previously authorized in the Department's June 3, 2014, notice.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 23, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stanley Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202-708-3587. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number

via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Facsimiled inquiries may be sent to Mr. Gimont at 202-401-2044. (Except for the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.) Emailed inquiries may be sent to [disaster\\_recovery@hud.gov](mailto:disaster_recovery@hud.gov).

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##### I. Background

The Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 113-2, approved January 29, 2013) made available \$16 billion in CDBG-DR funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas, resulting from a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et. seq.) (Stafford Act) due to Hurricane Sandy and other eligible events in calendar years 2011, 2012, and 2013. On March 1, 2013, the President issued a sequestration order pursuant to section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended (2 U.S.C. 901a), and reduced the amount of funding for CDBG-DR grants under the Appropriations Act to \$15.18 billion. To date, a total of \$15.18 billion has been allocated or set aside: \$13 billion in response to Hurricane Sandy, \$514 million in response to disasters occurring in 2011 or 2012, \$655 million in response to 2013 disasters, and \$1 billion for the National Disaster Resilience Competition.

This notice applies to grantees in receipt of allocations under the Appropriations Act, which are described within the **Federal Register** notices published by the Department on March 5, 2013 (78 FR 14329); April 19, 2013 (78 FR 23578); May 29, 2013 (78 FR 32262); August 2, 2013 (78 FR 46999); November 18, 2013 (78 FR 69104); December 16, 2013 (78 FR 76154); March 27, 2014 (79 FR 17173); June 3, 2014 (79 FR 31964); July 11, 2014 (79 FR 40133); October 7, 2014 (79 FR 60490); October 16, 2014 (79 FR 62182); January 8, 2015 (80 FR 1039); April 2, 2015 (80 FR 17772); May 11, 2015 (80 FR 26942); and August 25, 2015 (80 FR 51589) referred to collectively in this notice as the "prior notices." The requirements of the prior

notices continue to apply, except as modified by this notice.<sup>1</sup>

## II. Applicable Rules (Including Clarifying Guidance), Statutes, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements

The Appropriations Act authorizes the Secretary to waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with HUD's obligation or use by the recipient of these funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment). Waivers and alternative requirements are based upon a determination by the Secretary that good cause exists and that the waiver or alternative requirement is not inconsistent with the overall purposes of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*) (HCD Act). Regulatory waiver authority is also provided by 24 CFR 5.110, 91.600, and 570.5.

For the waiver and alternative requirements described in this notice, the Secretary has determined that good cause exists and that the waiver and alternative requirements are not inconsistent with the overall purpose of the HCD Act. Grantees may request waivers and alternative requirements from the Department as needed to address specific needs related to their recovery activities. Under the requirements of the Appropriations Act, waivers must be published in the **Federal Register** no later than 5 days before the effective date of such waiver.

### 1. Acquisition of Real Property and Buyouts Outside of Floodplains

In response to a request from the State of Colorado, HUD is authorizing grantees in receipt of CDBG-DR funds under the Appropriations Act to acquire property for an amount equal to either the property's pre-disaster or post-disaster value (formerly referenced in the prior notices as pre- and post-flood values), for the buyout of properties in "Disaster Risk Reduction Areas" as defined by criteria established by the grantee, subject to the limitations of this notice.

The Department has previously authorized CDBG-DR grantees to carry out buyout programs in floodways or floodplains, by allowing grantees to offer to acquire properties in hazardous

<sup>1</sup> Links to the prior notices, the text of the Appropriations Act, and additional guidance prepared by the Department for CDBG-DR grants are available on the HUD Exchange Web site: <https://www.hudexchange.info/cdbg-dr/cdbg-dr-laws-regulations-and-federal-register-notice/>.