

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Business-Cooperative Service****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 28, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 4233, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–4492. Email [Thomas.dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.dickson@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center, 1400

Independence Avenue SW., STOP 1522, Room 4233, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–4492. Email: [Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov).

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Title:* Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant.

*OMB Number:* 0570–0052.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2019.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The purpose of this information collection is to obtain information necessary to evaluate grant applications to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the project for the program and to qualitatively assess the project to determine which projects should be funded.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.0 hours per response.

*Respondents:* provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups through eligible cooperatives and cooperative development centers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 36.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 16.5.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 596.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 620 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Robin M. Jones, Innovation Center, at (202)772–1172, Email: [robin.m.jones@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:robin.m.jones@wdc.usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Housing Service****Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) for Fiscal Year 2019**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (Agency), an Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA), announces the acceptance of applications under the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) program. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the Federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development that will support the community.

This Notice announces that the Agency is accepting fiscal year (FY) 2019 applications for the RCDI program. Successful applications will be selected by the Agency for funding and subsequently awarded from funds appropriated for the RCDI program. The Agency will publish the amount of funding on its website at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas>.

**DATES:** Completed applications must be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

The Agency must receive a paper application by 4:00 p.m. local time, June 10, 2019. Electronic applications must be submitted via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by Midnight Eastern time on June 5, 2019. The application dates and times are firm. The Agency will not consider any application received after the deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by the United States Postal Service or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX), electronic mail, and postage due applications will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Entities wishing to apply for assistance may download the application documents and requirements delineated in this Notice from the RCDI website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants>.

Application information for electronic submissions may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Applicants may also request paper application packages from the Rural Development office in their state. A list of Rural Development State offices contacts can be found via [https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/CF\\_State\\_Office\\_Contacts.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/CF_State_Office_Contacts.pdf).

**See under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Development office for the state in which the applicant is located. A list of Rural