

Supporting Statement A

Extension Request for Data Collection by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Professions Division of Nursing The Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program Application

OMB Control No. 0915-0375

Extension

Terms of Clearance: None

A. Justification

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

This request is for continued approval (extension) from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for information collection activities from applicants of the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program within the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Workforce. The current approval (OMB #915-0375) expires on May 31, 2020 and covers data collection efforts for the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) program. HRSA requests approval to continue to use this information collection over the next three years.

The ANEW Program is authorized by Section 811 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 296j) and provides advanced education nursing training grants to educational institutions to increase the numbers of primary care nurse practitioners, primary care clinical nurse specialists, and nurse midwives.

2. Purpose and Use of Information Collection

Funds appropriated for the ANEW Program are distributed among eligible institutions based on a competitive review process, as permitted by PHS Act Section 806(e)(1). This information collection is completed by applicants to the ANEW Program as part of the funding application process. HRSA uses the data from the ANEW Program-Specific Data Collection Forms as part of the process for determining the award amount, ensuring compliance with programmatic and grant requirements, and to provide information to the public and Congress.

The ANEW Program Specific Data Forms request information from applicants on program participants from the previous year including:

- The number of enrollees and number of enrollees supported
- Number of graduates and number of graduates supported
- Projected data on the number of enrollees and graduates, the degree program (Master's and Doctoral)
- Percentage of graduates who practice in underserved, rural, or public health practice settings.

3. Use of Improved Information Technology and Burden Reduction

The ANEW Program Specific Data Forms capture only the information that is essential for use in processing the application including determining the funding preferences and the award amount.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication and Use of Similar Information

There is no duplication of reporting with this activity. The ANEW data collection briefly captures information during the application process that is necessary for determining eligibility for funding preferences and for determining award amount. Those applicants who receive grants later report post-award performance information in the Bureau of Health Workforce Performance Measures system. However, this system is only available to grantees (not applicants) and requires that grantees submit significantly more information.

5. Impact on Small Businesses or Other Small Entities

This data collection should not have a significant impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. Consequences of Collecting the Information Less Frequently

This data collection must occur at the time of application, as it is essential for determining funding preferences and award amounts. If this data was not collected at the time of application, then the agency would not be able to (1) implement the statutory funding preferences, (2) determine award amounts, or (3) provide program specific information.

7. Special Circumstances Relating to the Guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5

The request fully complies with the regulation.

8. Comments in Response to the Federal Register Notice/Outside Consultation

The 60-day Federal Register Notice was published in the Federal Register on January 22, 2020, Vol.85, No. 14; pp. 3697 and 3698. There were no public comments.

9. Explanation of any Payment/Gift to Respondents

Respondents will not receive any payments or gifts.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality Provided to Respondents

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a) is not applicable to this request, as this information collection will not obtain confidential information.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

There are no questions of a sensitive nature; the data collection does not request Social Security Numbers or Personal Identifiable Information on the enrollees (trainees) or graduates.

12. Estimates of Annualized Hour and Cost Burden

The table below includes estimates of the total burden hours for completing an application for the ANEW Program Notice of Funding Opportunity, which includes this information collection.

12A. Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Total Estimated Annualized burden hours:

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
ANEW Application including the ANEW Program Specific Tables and Attachments	236	1	236	7	1,652
Total	236		236		1,652

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Based on the estimated total number of burden hours, it is estimated that the annualized cost to each respondent is approximately \$340.76 for a total of \$80,419.36. This result was obtained by multiplying the number of burden hours by the average hourly wage rate of an individual employed in an academic setting. (Note: wage rates were obtained from the United States Department of Labor <http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm>. Average Hourly Rate for this labor category is

\$48.68.) Data collection and reporting activities are a grant requirement authorized under 45 CFR Part 74.

Estimated Annualized Cost to Respondents

Type of Respondent	Total Burden Hours	Hourly Wage Rate	Total Respondent Costs
Applicant	7	\$48.68	\$340.76
Total	1652	\$48.68	\$80419.36

13. Estimates of other Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents or Recordkeepers/Capital Costs

Other than their time, there is no cost to respondents. Applicant institutions already collect and maintain the required information such as number and characteristics of enrollees, graduates, students supported, and the types and characteristics of programs from which trainees are enrolling, receiving traineeship support and/or graduating.

14. Annualized Cost to Federal Government

There is no additional cost to the Federal Government for this information collection. The information is collected as part of the application process and housed in existing systems. The systems used to collect information for the applications are maintained at each applicant organization and the information is maintained in the HRSA EHBs system when submitted to this Federal agency.

15. Explanation for Program Changes or Adjustments

This is a renewal data collection and the estimated hourly burden remains the same.

16. Plans for Tabulation, Publication, and Project Time Schedule

The information collection forms will be published in the Notice of Funding Opportunity, which will be posted on the worldwide web, Grants.gov and the HRSA EHBs. Submitted information will be used to during the application process for determining eligibility for funding preferences and for determining award amount. Summarized data may be used in reports and in communications with the public and Congress. Clearance is requested for the maximum of 3 years.

17. Reason(s) Display of OMB Expiration Date is Inappropriate

The OMB number and Expiration date will be displayed on every page of every form/instrument.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

There are no exceptions to the certification.