**Paperwork Reduction Act Submission**

Please read the instruction before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this forms, contact your agency’s Paperwork Reduction Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the Supporting Statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 Seventeenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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| 1. Agency/Subagency Originating Request:  **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  Office of Public and Indian Housing | | 2. OMB Control Number:  a. **2577-0178** | b. None |
| 3. Type of information collection: (check one)   1. New Collection 2. Revision of a currently approved collection 3. Extension of a currently approved collection 4. Reinstatement, **without change**, of previously approved   collection for which approval has expired   1. Reinstatement, **with change**, of previously approved collection   for which approval has expired   1. Existing collection in use without an OMB control number   For b-f, note item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions. | 4. Type of review requested: (check one)   1. Regular 2. Emergency - Approval requested by 3. Delegated   5. Small entities: Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities?  Yes No  6. Requested expiration date:  a. Three years from approval date b. Other (specify) | | |

7. Title:

**Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)**

8. Agency form number(s): (if applicable)

HUD-52650, HUD-52651, HUD-52652, HUD-50058, HUD-2880, HUD 52755, SF-424, SF-LLL, HUD-1044.

9. Keywords:

Housing, public housing, rent subsidies, self-sufficiency, funding application

10. Abstract:

Housing agencies enter into a Contract of Participation with each eligible family that opts to participate in the program; consult with local officials to develop an Action Plan; and report annually to HUD on implementation of the FSS program. PHAs may apply for funding to pay the salary (including fringe benefits) of FSS program coordinators. This Revision represents a revision under the current FSS statute. There will be a further revision of this Collection concurrent with the promulgation of new Regulations pursuant to the new FSS statute established as Section 306 of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (P.L. 115-174) on May 24, 2018.

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| 11. Affected public: (mark primary with “P” and all others that apply with “X”)  a. Individuals or households e. Farms  b. Business or other for-profit f. Federal Government  c. Not-for-profit institutions g. **P** State, Local or Tribal Government | | 12. Obligation to respond: (mark primary with “P” and all others that apply with “X”)  a.  Voluntary  b. **P** Required to obtain or retain benefils  c.  Mandatory |
| 13. Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden:  a. Number of respondents 740  b. Total annual responses 740  Percentage of these responses collected electronically 100%  c. Total annual hours requested 67,250   1. Current OMB inventory 36,743 2. e. Difference (+,- +30,507   f. Explanation of difference:  1. Program change:  2. Adjustment: +30,507 | | 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden: (in thousands of dollars)  Do not include costs based on the hours in item 13.  a. Total annualized capital/startup costs 0  b. Total annual costs (O&M) 0  c. Total annualized cost requested 0  d. Current OMB inventory 0  e. Difference 0  f. Explanation of difference:  1. Program change:  2. Adjustment: |
| 15. Purpose of Information collection: (mark primary with “P” and all others that apply with “X”)  a. **P** Application for benefits e. **X** Program planning or management  b. **X** Program evaluation f. Research  c. General purpose statistics g. **X** Regulatory or compliance  d. Audit | | 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting: (check all that apply)  a. Recordkeeping b. Third party disclosure  c. Reporting:  1. On occasion 2. Weekly 3. Monthly  4. Quarterly 5. Semi-annually 6. Annually  7. Biennually 8. Other (describe) |
| 17. Statistical methods:  Does this information collection employ statistical methods?  Yes No | 18. Agency contact: (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: Anice Chenault  Phone: FSS@hud.gov | |

**19.** **Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions**

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

**Note:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320/8(b)(3). appear at the end of the instructions. The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collections of information, that the certification covers:

1. It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
2. It avoids unnecessary duplication;
3. It reduces burden on small entities;
4. It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
5. Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
6. It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
7. It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
8. Why the information is being collected;
9. Use of the information;
10. Burden estimate;
11. Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory);
12. Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
13. Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
14. It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to collected (see note in item 19 of the instructions);
15. It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
16. It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

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| Signature of Program Official:  X Robert Mulderig, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Housing Investments | Date: |

**Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions**

**A. Justification**

1. The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is authorized under Section 23 of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The purpose of the FSS program is to develop local strategies to coordinate the use of public housing and Section 8 housing choice voucher rental assistance with support services provided by public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency.
2. Each Public Housing Agency (PHA) carrying-out a local FSS Program must enter into a Contract of Participation (Form HUD-52650) with each eligible family that opts to participate in the program. The contract enumerates the services of the local FSS Program that are made available to tenants, as well as the responsibilities and obligations of the participating family. The Contract of Participation is required by law (Section 23(c) of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937, as added by Section 554 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, P.L. 101-625).

Each PHA must consult with local officials to develop an Action Plan containing descriptions of the size, characteristics, and needs of the population to be served by its proposed self-sufficiency program; the services and activities to be provided by both public and private resources to FSS families; how the program will be implemented; a time-table for implementation; a certification of coordination in the development of the services and activities; and other information necessary for HUD to determine the soundness of the PHA’s proposed FSS program. The Plan will be submitted to HUD as required by law (Section 23 (g) of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937 as added by Section 554 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, P.L. 101-625).

PHAs must establish an FSS escrow account for each family participating in the program. The amount of the escrow credit is based on increases in the family’s total tenant payment resulting from increases in the family’s earned income during the term of the FSS contract. PHAs may use Form HUD-52652, FSS Escrow Account Credit Worksheet, to determine escrow credit for each participating family.

Submittal of annual reports to HUD is required by law (Section 23(1) of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937, as added by Section 554 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, P. L. 101-625). PHAs generally fulfill their annual FSS reporting requirements by completion of the FSS addendum to the Form HUD-50058. The burden hours for the reporting through the HUD-50058 are covered under OMB control number 2577-0083.

The application form, HUD-52651, for FSS Program Coordinator funding is necessary to ensure compliance with Section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545) (HUD Reform Act) and the regulations codified in 24 CFR part 4, subpart A which contain provisions to ensure greater accountability and integrity in provision of` assistance administered by HUD. Additional forms used in the application package are the SF-424, OMB approval # 0348-0043; SF-LLL, OMB approval # 0348-0046,

3. As part of the ongoing implementation of the Electronic Government (E-Government) component of the President's Management Agenda, all application packages for funding of salaries for Family Self-Sufficiency coordinators are submitted to HUD electronically by PHAs. In addition, information from each family's Escrow Credit Worksheet, HUD-52652, and FSS Contract of Participation, HUD-52650, is submitted to HUD electronically by PHAs using the HUD-50058, Family Report.

4. There is no duplication of effort. Information collected is unique to each participant and does not duplicate any similar information.

1. The information being collected has no significant impact on small businesses or other small entities. The burden associated with such collection of information is the minimum needed for program monitoring.
2. Federal program requirements, policy activities and statutory mandates would not be met if the collection is not conducted, or is conducted less frequently. This information must be collected so that funds for the salaries of FSS coordinators may be awarded timely to qualified applicants.
3. **Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information to be collected in a manner:**

* requiring respondents to report information to the agency more than quarterly;

**Not Applicable**

* requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;

**Not Applicable**

* requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;

**Not Applicable**

* requiring respondents to retain records other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;

**Not Applicable**

* in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results than can be generalized to the universe of the study;

**Not Applicable**

* requiring the use of statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;

**Not Applicable**

* that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or

**Not Applicable**

* requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information’s confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

**Not Applicable**

1. HUD published a Notice of Proposed Information Collection for public comments in the Federal Register, Volume 85; Number 147; Page 45917 on July 30, 2020. The public was given until September 28, 2020, to submit comments on the Proposed Information Collection. HUD received no public comments on this Proposed Information Collection.

9. No payment or gifts to respondents are provided.

10. Assurance of confidentiality is neither provided nor needed.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-579, 88 Stat. 1896, 5 U.S.C. 552a) protects respondents who meet the information reporting requirements.)

11. No sensitive questions are being asked.

1. Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden

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| **Information Collection** | **Number of Respondents** | **# of Responses per Respondents** | **Total Annual Responses** | **Burden Hours/Minutes per Response** | **Total Burden Hours** | **Hourly Cost** | **Total Annual Cost** |
| SF424 - Application for Federal Assistance | 800 | 1 | 800 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| SF LLL - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities | 40 | 1 | 40 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| HUD 2880- Applicant/Recipient/Disclosure/Update Form (OMB No. 2510-0011) | 800 | 1 | 800 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
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| HUD-52755 - Sample Contract Admin. Partnership Agreement (2577-0229) | 40 | 1 | 40 | 0 | .17 | 7 |  |
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| HUD-52651 - FSS Application | 800 | 1 | 800 | 1.50 | 1,200 | 37.13 | 44,556.00 |
| Subtotal (Application) | 800 | 1 | 800 | 1.50 | 1,200 | 37.13 | **$44,556.00** |
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| Action Plan | 20 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 200 | 37.13 | $7,426.00 |
| HUD-52650 - Contract of Participation | 900 | 10 | 9,000 | .25 | 2,250 | 37.13 | $83,542.50 |
| HUD-52652 - Escrow Account Credit Worksheet | 740 | 100 | 74000 | .85 | 62900 | 37.13 | $2,335,477.00 |
| HUD-1044 – Grant Agreement\* | 700 | 1 | 700 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| Annual Report (Narrative) | 700 | 1 | 700 | 1 | 700 | 37.13 | $25,991.00 |
| HUD-50058 – Family Report  (OMB No. 2577-0083) | 740 | 100 | 74000 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| Subtotal (Program Reporting/Recordkeeping) | 740 | 213 |  | 12.1 | 66050 | 37.13 | $2,452,436.50 |
| Total | **740** | **Varies** | **Varies** | **Varies** | **67,250** | 37.13 | **$2,496,992.50** |

\*HUD-1044, Award/Amendment is completed by HUD staff, signed by the recipient of the grant, and returned to HUD. This form is a certification and HUD ascribes no burden to its use.

Burden hours for forms showing zero burden hours in this collection are reflected in the OMB approval number cited or do not have a reportable burden.

The estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents/recordkeepers resulting from the collection of this information is: **67,250 burden hours x $37.13 per hour = $2,496,992.50**; assuming an hourly rate at the GS-12/Step 1 level.

13. There are no additional costs to the respondents.

1. Estimated annualized cost to the Federal Government for this collection:

No. of Hrs. Per Annual Cost Cost to

Responses Response Hrs Per Hr. Fed/yr

Action Plan 20 2 40 $37.13\* $1485.2

Reporting 700 0.5 400 $37.13 $12,995

Funding Application 750 4 3,000 $37.13 $111390

**Total Cost $125,870.20**

\*Assumes an hourly rate at the GS-12/Step1 level.

1. The Department is seeking to establish a collection that encompasses data from public housing agencies that administer the HUD’s FSS program, and its participants. The HUD-2994 “You Are Our Client” form is removed, because it is not used. Action Plans increased from 5 to 20 because the number of new programs has increased. The HUD-52652 Escrow Credit Worksheet and HUD-50058 Family Report numbers of respondents have been adjusted to conform with the number of participants that appear in the PIC system. We would expect one response per participant each year.
2. The information collection results will not be published; the funded grant awards will be published as required by the HUD Reform Act.
3. The expiration date and the OMB approval number will be displayed in the Notice of Funding Availability and on all related forms.

**B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

This collection of information does not employ statistical methods.