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SUBJECT: Justification for Emergency Processing: Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program Grantee Survey

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) requests emergency processing for an Emergency Rental Assistance program information collection request.

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the “Act”). Division N, Title V, Section 501(a)(1) of the Act provides \$25 billion for the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to make payments to States (defined to include the District of Columbia), U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa), Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities, as applicable, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, and certain local governments with more than 200,000 residents (collectively the “eligible grantees”) to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible households.

Treasury is seeking approval for a one-time brief online survey of ERA grantees to capture summary information on the utilization of federal ERA grant assistance to date in order to understand the pace and characteristics at the local level. The survey seeks information on grantee’s current and planned rental assistance programming, plans for launching their ERA program, program activities to date, and their preferences regarding technical assistance to be provided by Treasury.

Due to the need to gather important grantee-level program information to help inform our reporting process and the types of assistance Treasury may provide to the grantee in implementing their project, Treasury requests emergency processing and approval on March 15, 2021 to be able to make the survey available online for grantees on March 16. Given the inability to seek public comment during such a short timeframe, Treasury requests a waiver from the requirement to publish notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment.