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SUBJECT: Justification for Emergency Processing: Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Grant Application

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 a Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) information collection request, including issuance of a new OMB Control Number.

The CPF was established by Section 604 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Pub. L. No. 117-2. ARPA appropriated \$10 billion to the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to provide grant payments to states, territories, freely associated states, and Tribal governments “to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)”.

Treasury is seeking approval for the CPF grant application form that will be hosted on Treasury’s web-based portal. This grant application will be used by an estimated 656 eligible recipients to apply online for CPF funds. The collected data will be used to verify applicant identities, assess eligibility, and ultimately issue payments. This information collection is necessary for Treasury to launch the CPF.

The CPF was established as an emergency measure. Recipients are expected to use CPF grant funds to, among other things, directly address connectivity shortfalls exacerbated by the pandemic which make it challenging for some communities to access work, education, and health monitoring services. Due to the need for recipients to request funds from Treasury as soon as possible, Treasury requests emergency processing and approval of the CPF grant application form by September 14, 2021. There is insufficient time available before Treasury’s scheduled launch date to seek public comment. Therefore, Treasury requests a waiver from the requirement to publish a notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment.