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Subject: Change Request – Generic Performance Progress Report (OMB #0970-0490)

This memo requests approval of changes to the approved information collection, *Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Semiannual ACF Performance Progress Report; Appendix B - Program Indicators*, approved under the Generic Performance Progress Report (OMB #0970-0490).

Background

The Children's Bureau (CB) currently collects performance and progress data from grantees through semiannual progress reports (SAPRs), as approved under the Generic Performance Progress Report (ICR Ref. No. 201703-0970-007). CB would like to gather additional performance and progress data from each grantee around a similar set of questions related to the implementation and outcomes from activities conducted through race equity supplemental funding provided in May 2021. That funding supports the development and/or enhancement of Community Collaboration programs, activities, and services to address racial disparity and promote racial equity and inclusion in child welfare and family systems, especially in underserved communities. The supplemental funding was provided in accordance with the principals addressed in President Biden's Executive Order 13985 – Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

The collection of this additional information would be utilized to determine the success of current activities and potential funding opportunities for future related activities, future technical assistance products and/or for planning content for future annual grantees meetings. Data would be collected in conjunction with the currently approved SAPRs. Reporting this additional information would be voluntary for current grantees. Experience with this initial data collection may inform required reporting for future grantees.

Overview of Requested Changes

Appendix B of the SAPR is modified to add the following 6 questions:

- What activities using your supplemental funding were implemented during the reporting period?
- Were any adjustments needed to activities that you had initially planned in your request for supplemental funding?

- Did you collaborate with any partners during the reporting period as a component of the work?
- What, if any, challenges were experienced during the reporting period related to your planned activities?
- What has been the community response to implementing these activities? Lessons learned?
- What additional race equity activities, if any, would you consider if three were additional supplemental resources available?

Time Sensitivities

The SAPR is due 10/30/2022 covering activities conducted 04/01/22 – 09/30/22. Approval before the end of the reporting period would allow and encourage grantees to submit this additional information.