

16. The HSGP is a resource among a limited pool of funding for the development of new and sustained capabilities. Given the limited funding, how do you prioritize building new capabilities versus sustaining existing capabilities? A complete answer would provide examples.

17. The HSGP contains an element of the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) that provides the legislative requirement to subaward at least 80% of state funds to local units of government. Do you believe this an adequate measure to help ensure that funds are properly invested for building capabilities? If not, why not?

18. What suggestions do you have for proper alignment and balancing of SHSP funds to build capabilities?

19. What can FEMA and DHS do to help ensure law enforcement needs are met while also balancing the needs of other state and urban area grant recipient stakeholders such as fire and emergency management?

20. The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (LETPA) program imposes a minimum spend requirement on law enforcement terrorism prevention. How can FEMA and DHS refine LETPA requirement to ensure state and local capabilities to prevent terrorist attacks are being supported?

21. What can FEMA and DHS do to ensure campus law enforcement agencies understand how to access the Homeland Security Grant Program funding, to include Urban Area Security Initiative funding?

22. What can FEMA and DHS do to simplify the grant requirements for applicants and recipients to enhance the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program?

### (3) Urban Areas Security Initiative Program

The Urban Areas Security Initiative Program is subject to the evolving and expanding threat landscape. Threats faced by the nation have changed dramatically over the last twenty years, becoming more dispersed in nature and often carried out by a single individual or small groups using very simple tactics. As a result, risk is no longer concentrated in the largest urban areas; the risk to smaller urban areas has risen, as well.

23. The Urban Areas Security Initiative Program must address this new threat environment, both in terms of eligible urban areas and risk-based funding allocations. Please provide your input on how this can best be accomplished without undermining the progress made over the past 20 years in building capacity to prevent, protect, and respond to terrorist acts.

### (4) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

24. Do you find the current EMPG work plan template preferable to the previous narrative format?

25. How much does the 50% cost share/match, which requires that the federal share applied toward the EMPG Program be no more than 50% of the total budget, factor into the State Administrative Agency's ability and approach to pass through EMPG funding to subrecipients?

### C. 2021 Request for Information Follow Up Questions

FEMA released an RFI in April 2021 to receive input from the public on specific FEMA programs, regulations, collections of information, and policies for the agency to consider modifying, streamlining, expanding or repealing in light of Executive Order 13985, "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government", among executive actions. The questions in this Simplifying FEMA Preparedness Grants 2023 RFI expands on the 2021 RFI feedback, and explores opportunities to identify and redress potential inequities in how partners access, apply and receive preparedness grant funds.

The 2021 RFI identified areas for improving the NSGP Investment Justification (IJ) process. As another example, one commentator suggested that communities that meet the small, impoverished community definition could use simpler forms or receive direct assistance from FEMA staff or FEMA-hired contractors to prepare the grant application.

1. What steps can FEMA take to improve the application process for our preparedness suite of grant programs?

2. How can FEMA better engage with underserved communities about national preparedness initiatives and grant programs?

3. Are there entities that are excluded from preparedness grant programs that could meet the priorities of one or more programs and provide a benefit to their community? Please provide the name of the grant program(s), entity type and how they can support a priority of the program(s).

4. How does your organization capture data on underserved communities serviced with preparedness grant resources?

FEMA notes that this notice is issued solely for information and program-planning purposes. Responses to this

notice do not bind FEMA to any further actions related to the response.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0017]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 10, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2008-0009. All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0017 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2008-0009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, telephone number (240) 721-3000 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the

USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2023, at 88 FR 29685, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS received one comment in connection with the 60-day notice.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2008-0009 in the search box. The comments submitted to USCIS via this method are visible to the Office of Management and Budget and comply with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.12(c). All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-192; e-SAFE; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or households. The data collected will be used by CBP and USCIS to determine whether the applicant is eligible to enter the United States temporarily under the provisions of section 212(d)(3), 212(d)(13), and 212(d)(14) of the INA. The respondents for this information collection are certain inadmissible nonimmigrant aliens who wish to apply for permission to enter the United States and applicants for T nonimmigrant status or petitioners for U nonimmigrant status. CBP has developed an electronic filing system, called Electronic Secured Adjudication Forms Environment (e-SAFE), through which Form I-192 can be submitted when filed with CBP.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-192 is 61,050 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour and 11 minutes; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection e-SAFE is 7,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 56 minutes.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 78,549 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$17,522,875.

Dated: September 1, 2023.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

##### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0023]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Application To Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e. the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until November 7, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0023 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2009-0020. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2009-0020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommnes, Chief, telephone number (240) 721-3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**