

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Solution for Funding Opportunity Announcement”

TITLE: Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) Stage 1.

USDA Agency: Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Alignment with Information Collection Package: (Check one)

☐ One-Time Pilot Program.

☒ One-Time Funding Announcement of New Program.

Purpose: *(Briefly describe the program. Explain the information to be collected to clearly describe to OMB the requirements and burden on the respondents. For example, if the table below shows 150 burden hours for project summary, provide additional detail elaborating on what the respondents are required to provide to meet that requirement.)*

SDRP Stage 1 will provide assistance to producers for losses to crops, trees, bushes, and vines due to wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, tornadoes, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), smoke exposure, excessive moisture, qualifying drought, and related conditions occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024, as authorized by Division B of Title I of the American Relief Act, 2025 (“the Act”; Pub. L. 118-158). SDRP will be administered in two stages, referred to as Stage 1 and Stage 2, which will be announced in separate final rules. This request is for SDRP Stage 1, which will cover losses for which data is already on file with USDA from previously issued Federal crop insurance indemnities and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) payments. SDRP will use approximately \$16.09 billion of the authorized \$30.78 billion in funding under the Act. If funding remains available after issuing assistance to producers through Stage 2, which will cover unindemnified losses, FSA may make additional payments to Stage 1 participants.

FSA and USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) will identify the producers who received NAP payments and crop insurance indemnities under eligible policy types, and FSA will generate an FSA-526, Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) Stage 1 Application, with the crop and unit information pre-filled using information already on file with USDA. Producers will submit one FSA-526 for each crop year for which they had an eligible loss. The eligible crop years are 2023, 2024, and 2025.¹

FSA will mail copies of pre-filled applications to producers with a letter providing information about the program and how to apply. Producers may also electronically obtain pre-filled applications by contacting their FSA county office. Producers may submit applications to their FSA county office in person or by mail, email, facsimile, or other methods announced by FSA. FSA will also allow producers with a Level 2 E-authentication account to submit their applications online. Producers must submit their complete application to their FSA county office by the deadline announced by FSA.

¹The 2025 crop year is included because a qualifying disaster event occurring in the 2024 calendar year may cause a loss of a crop during the 2025 crop year, based on how “crop year” is defined in the applicable crop insurance policy or NAP provisions.

To complete FSA-526, the producer must enter the qualifying disaster event that caused, in whole or in part, the crop, tree, or vine loss listed on the application form. All producers must also certify on FSA-526 that they will meet the statutory requirement to purchase Federal crop insurance or NAP coverage for the next 2 available crop years.

Producers who received crop insurance indemnities under Whole-Farm Revenue Protection policies must also certify the percentage of their expected revenue from specialty and high value crops for the purpose of administration of the separate payment limitations for specialty and high value crops combined and for all other crops. In addition to this certification, they must also provide documentation to support their certification by the application deadline.

For producers who had Federal crop insurance, the application will list the primary policy holder and any producers with a substantial beneficial interest (SBI) who have a record established with FSA. If one or more producers with an SBI had a share in a crop, the primary policy holder must update the application to show the share in the crop for each of those producers in addition to the primary policy holder. If the producer(s) are determined to be eligible, payments will be issued to the primary policy holder and to any eligible producers with an SBI based on their ownership share of the crop.

Producers must also have the following forms on file with FSA within the deadline announced by FSA:

- AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification, for the producer and applicable affiliates as provided in 7 CFR part 12 (not included in estimated burden hours for this collection because administration of HELC and WC provisions are exempt from PRA; 16 U.S.C. 3846);
- CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities, if applicable;
- CCC-902E, Farm Operating Plan for an Entity, if applicable;
- CCC-902I, Farm Operating Plan for an Individual, if applicable; and
- FSA-510, Request for an Exception to the \$125,000 Payment Limitation for Certain Programs, for the applicant and members of entities requesting the increased payment limitation.

Most producers will already have CCC-901, CCC-902, and AD-1026 on file with FSA due to participation in other FSA programs. Some producers will also have previously filed FSA-510 through participation in the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) 2023 and 2024.

To ensure that producers who receive SDRP Stage 1 payments comply with the statutory requirement to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage for the next two available crop years, FSA and RMA will review crop insurance and NAP participation data for those years. If the data indicate that the producer met the requirement, FSA will issue a letter notifying producers that they have been determined compliant and no further action is needed.

If the available data do not indicate that the producer obtained crop insurance or NAP coverage for the required crop years, FSA will send a letter to the producer notifying them that FSA was unable to verify that they obtained crop insurance or NAP coverage and providing an opportunity to submit documentation if they believe they did meet the requirement. Producers who submit documentation that establishes their compliance will receive a letter notifying the producer that FSA has determined they were compliant. Producers who do not respond or who provide a response that does not establish that they met the requirement will be issued a letter notifying them of their ineligibility to retain the SDRP payment.

Burden hours will vary, depending on factors such as whether the producer is applying for multiple crop years, has previously filed the required eligibility forms, and/or is required to submit documentation of their compliance with the requirement to purchase crop insurance. Approximately 50

percent of applicants will have the lowest application times of under 30 minutes. Approximately 28 percent of applicants will have an application time of between 30 minutes and 1 hour. Approximately 22 percent of applicants will have an application time of over 1 hour.

Announcement Dates: FSA intends to begin issuing SDRP Stage 1 payments on the *Federal Register* publication date (target publication is July 7, 2025). The specific dates will be dependent on the publication date of the final rule.

Type of Collection: (Check one)

☐ Grant.

☐ Cooperative agreement.

☒ Other: Final rule.

How will information collected be submitted to the agency?

☐ Grants.gov

☒ Other: Applicants will submit FSA-526 and other required forms to their FSA county office in person or by mail, email, facsimile, or other methods announced by FSA. FSA also intends to provide a method to submit applications online for producers with a Level 2 E-authentication account or Login.gov account.

Does the agency need to collect information, such as progress reports, beyond the expiration of this generic ICR (October 2027)? If so, will the agency be submitting a regular ICR package?

☒ Yes. ☐ No.

The application period will end prior to the expiration of this generic ICR; however, FSA will need to continue conducting compliance activities after the expiration date. FSA will submit a regular ICR package to cover those compliance activities that continue beyond October 2027.

Announcement:

☐ Notice of Funding of Opportunity (NOFO)

☐ Grants.gov Announcement

☐ Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

☐ Request for Application (RFA)

☐ Notice of Funding of Announcement (NOFA) (Announced in the Federal Register)

☐ Notice of Solicitation of Application (NOSA)

☐ Notice of Awards

☒ Other Funding Announcement Types: Final rule

Is the agency asking any questions of a sensitive nature? If yes, provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. Include the reasons justifying why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

☐ Yes. ☒ No.

If yes, additional info:

Certification:

I certify this grant or cooperative agreement to be true:

☒ Yes. ☐ No.

Burden Hours, Formats, and Reporting

Brief description of information being collected (project summary, NOA, etc.)	Forms number	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per respondent	Total Annual Responses	Time per Response (hours)	Burden hours per responses
Application Process						
Letter (mailed with application)	N/A	284,200	1	284,200	0.08	22,736
Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) Application	FSA-526	284,200	1.4	397,880	0.25	99,470
Member Information for an Entity	CCC-901	2,842	1	2,842	0.5	1,421
Farm Operating Plan for an Entity	CCC-902E	14,210	1	14,210	0.5	7,105
Farm Operating Plan for an Individual	CCC-902I	14,210	1	14,210	0.5	7,105
Request for an Exception to the \$125,000 Payment Limitation for Certain Programs	FSA-510	11,368	1.4	15,915	0.08	1,273
SUBTOTAL		284,200		729,257		139,110
Compliance Process						
Initial Notification Letter – Compliant	N/A	227,360	1	227,360	0.08	18,189
Initial Notification Letter – May Request Review	N/A	56,840	1	56,840	0.08	4,547
Time to gather information and respond to FSA	N/A	34,104	1	34,104	0.5	17,052
Second Notification Letter – Compliant	N/A	28,420	1	28,420	0.08	2,274
Second Notification Letter – Noncompliant	N/A	28,420	1	28,420	0.08	2,274
SUBTOTAL		284,200		375,144		44,335
TOTAL		284,200		1,104,401		183,445