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General Comment

The proposed revision to the UAIP information collection has the potential to meaningfully reduce paperwork burden by synchronizing reporting timeframes with other Federal grant reporting requirements and eliminating duplicative data entry. Aligning reporting cycles will allow recipients to consolidate administrative efforts and improve efficiency across multiple Federal awards.

Additionally, the proposal streamlines the types of data collected through the use of structured fields and drop-down menus, which should improve consistency and reduce time spent drafting narrative responses. Standardized response categories can also enhance data quality and comparability across projects.

I am fully supportive of this notice and the effort to reduce overly burdensome or duplicative reporting requirements for grant recipients. As these updates are implemented, I encourage careful consideration of the guidance accompanying the newly updated drop-down menus. Clear instructions, precise definitions, and well-defined classifications will be essential to ensure consistent interpretation across diverse urban agriculture projects and to avoid unintended reporting ambiguity.

Thoughtful implementation of these revisions will help balance administrative efficiency with the program's accountability and evaluation needs.