

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7034-N-55]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: FHA Catalyst: Multifamily Application Portal; OMB Control No.: 2502-0620**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* November 18, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/StartPrintedPage15501PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on July 2, 2021, at 86 FR 35310.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: FHA Catalyst: Multifamily Application Portal.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0620.

OMB Expiration Date: 5/31/2021.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of previously approved

collection for which approval has expired.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) Office of Multifamily Housing Programs (MFH) has developed a web-based portal for FHA-approved multifamily lenders to submit applications for FHA multifamily mortgage insurance to HUD electronically. The *FHA Catalyst: Multifamily Application Portal* (“*FHA Catalyst*”), was released in fall 2020 to aid in the collection of information for FHA multifamily mortgage insurance program applications. The National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1701 et. seq.) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 200–266 authorize HUD/FHA to administer the multifamily mortgage insurance programs. The specific authority to require a mortgage insurance application is found at 24 CFR 200.45(b): “[a]n application for a firm commitment must be made by an approved mortgagee for any project for which a mortgagor seeks mortgage insurance under the Act.”

FHA Catalyst allows FHA-approved multifamily lenders to submit electronic applications for FHA multifamily mortgage insurance and related documents to HUD through a web-based portal, and HUD staff are able to receive and download the documents from the portal. The system is designed to streamline existing processes for collecting information to administer FHA multifamily mortgage insurance programs; no new information will be collected as a result of *FHA Catalyst*. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, multifamily lenders submitted applications to HUD in USB and hard copy format via mail. Due to the pandemic, multifamily lenders are currently submitting electronic applications using various online file-sharing platforms (e.g., Dropbox) as a short-term solution. *FHA Catalyst* provides multifamily lenders and MFH with a central, secure portal and long-term solution for online application submissions that will be used for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Hard copies and/or removable USB drives will no longer be required for applications submitted through *FHA Catalyst* once *FHA Catalyst* becomes mandatory.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; individuals or households; not-for-profit intuitions; state, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 741.

Estimated Number of Responses: 741.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 1.

Total Estimated Burden: 741.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

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

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

(5) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

Colette Pollard,

*Department Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7034-N-59]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Phase 1 Evaluation of the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration, OMB Control No.: 2528-New

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested

parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* November 18, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov* or *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain*. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email her at *Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov* or telephone 202-402-5535. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the

information collection for a period of 60 days was published on January 25, 2021 at 86 FR 6909.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Phase 1 Evaluation of the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration.

OMB Approval Number: 252-New.

Type of Request: New collection.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use:

The Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R), at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is proposing the collection of information for Phase 1 Evaluation of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Mobility Demonstration. Under contract with HUD PD&R, Abt Associates Inc. and its subcontractors the Urban Institute, MEF Associates, Social Policy Research Associates, and Sage Consulting are conducting Phase 1 of a planned two-phase Evaluation of the HCV Mobility Demonstration. The Demonstration is a multi-site, randomized-controlled trial of the effect of housing mobility-related services on the share of HCV holders with children that move to lower poverty areas.

This Demonstration will allow participating public housing agencies (PHAs) throughout the country to implement housing mobility programs by offering mobility-related services to increase the number of voucher families with children living in opportunity areas. Participating PHAs will work together in their regions to adopt

administrative policies that further enable housing mobility, increase landlord participation, and reduce barriers for families to move across PHA jurisdictions through portability. Eligible families that consent to participate in the Demonstration are randomly assigned to either receive mobility-related services or to not receive services.

Through the Demonstration, HUD will implement, test, and evaluate whether housing mobility programs expand access to opportunity neighborhoods. The Demonstration will roll out in two phases over a period of approximately six years. The Phase 1 Evaluation has a five-year period of performance and will evaluate the effectiveness of a comprehensive set of mobility-related services at no more than 10 sites. For voucher holders, outcomes of the mobility-related services are hypothesized to be increases in the number of families who move to lower poverty areas. The Phase 1 evaluation will also document the implementation of the Demonstration and analyze the cost-effectiveness of mobility-related services.

Data collection efforts include the families that are part of the treatment and control groups, as well as PHA and mobility-related services staff, and landlords of properties participating in the HCV program. Data will be gathered through a variety of methods including informational interviews and discussions, direct observation, and analysis of administrative records.

EXHIBIT A-4—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Cost
Household Roster and Baseline Information Form (Instrument 1)	10,100	1	10,100	0.75	7,575	\$7.39	\$55,979.25
Phase 1—Head of Household Existing Voucher Family Informed Consent for Study Participation (Attachment B)	6,334	1	6,334	0.25	1,583.5	7.39	11,702.07
Phase 1—Head of Household Waitlist Family Informed Consent for Study Participation (Attachment C)	3,166	1	3,166	0.25	791.5	7.39	5,849.19
Phase 2—Head of Household Existing Voucher Family Informed Consent for Study Participation (Attachment N)	400	1	400	0.25	100	7.39	739.00
Phase 2—Head of Household Waitlist Family Informed Consent for Study Participation (Attachment O)	200	1	200	0.25	50	7.39	369.50
Phase 1—Other Adult Household Member Informed Consent for Study Participation (Attachment D)	10,100	1	10,100	0.25	2,525	7.39	18,659.75
Phase 2—Other Adult Household Member Informed Consent for Study Participation (Attachment P)	5,050	1	5,050	0.25	1,262.5	7.39	9,329.88
Parent/Guardian Permission Form (Attachment E)	10,100	1	10,100	0.25	2,525	7.39	18,659.75
Baseline Survey (Instrument 2)	10,100	1	10,100	0.75	7,575	7.39	55,979.25
PHA Staff Interview Guide (Instrument 3)	45	1	45	1.5	67.5	42.47	2,866.73
Head of Household Family Interview Advance Letter (Attachment I)	180	1	180	0.17	30.6	7.39	226.13
Head of Household Family Interview Email Reminder (Attachment J)	180	1	180	0.08	14.4	7.39	106.42
Head of Household Family Interview Consent Form (Attachment H)	180	1	180	0.25	45	7.39	332.55
Interview Guide for Participating Families Currently Searching for Housing (Instrument 5)	90	1	90	1.5	135	7.39	997.65
Interview Guide for Participating Families Who Have Leased Up (Instrument 6)	90	1	90	1.5	135	7.39	997.65

EXHIBIT A-4—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN—Continued

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Cost
Mobility Services Provider Interview Outreach (Attachment K)	45	1	45	0.17	7.65	25.06	191.71
Mobility Services Provider Interview Guide (Instrument 4)	45	1	45	1.5	67.5	25.06	1,691.55
Cost Study Data Collection Outreach (Attachment M)	34	1	34	0.17	5.78	42.47	245.48
Cost Data Collection Interview Guide (Instrument 8)	34	1	34	2	68	42.47	2,887.96
Landlord Interview Advance Letter (Attachment L)	72	1	72	0.17	12.24	35.37	432.93
Interview Guide for Opportunity Area Landlords (Instrument 7)	36	1	36	1	36	35.37	1,273.32
Mobility Services Delivery Tool (Attachment G)	30	1,512	45,360	0.2	9,072	25.06	227,344.32
Total	56,611	101,941	33,684.17	416,862.01

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) 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) If the information will be processed and used in a timely manner;
- (3) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (4) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (5) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0095;
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Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

DATES: We must receive comments by November 18, 2021.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0095.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0095.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0095; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185, via email at DMAFR@fws.gov, or via the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Public Comment Procedures****A. How do I comment on submitted applications?**

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold