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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4566-N-06]

Notice of Proposed Information for Public Comments on Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Community Planning and
Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information
collection requirement described below,
regarding the competitive components
of the Housing Opportunities for
Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program,
will be submitted to the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) for
review, as required by the Paperwork
Reduction Act. The Department is
soliciting public comments on the
subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* June 30,
2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are
invited to submit comments regarding
this proposal. Comments should refer to
the proposal by name and/or OMB
Control Number and should be sent to:
Reports Liaison Officer, Shelia E. Jones,
Department of Housing & Urban
Development, 451-7th Street, SW,
Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Priscilla Poindexter (202) 708-1934
(this is not a toll-free number) for copies
of the proposed forms and other
available documents:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Department will submit the proposed

information collection to OMB for
review, as required by the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.
Chapter 35 as amended).

The Notice is soliciting comments
from members of the public and affected
agencies concerning the proposed
collection of information to: (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; (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 collection
techniques or other forms of information
technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic
submission of responses.

The HOPWA program is authorized
by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act
(42 U.S.C. 12901) as amended by the
Housing and Community Development
Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved
October 28, 1992). The program is
governed by the HOPWA Final Rule, 24
CFR Part 574, as amended, and the
Consolidated Submissions for
Community Planning and Development
Programs, Final Rule, 24 CFR Part 91, as
amended. This paper work submission
extends the current collection of
information that is used by the
Department in conducting an annual
competition to award program funds
and in reviewing grant performance
reported in annual progress reports and
through the use of the Department's
Information Technology Reporting
Systems. The information collected is
essential in order to implement
statutory requirements and ensure that
funds are used within the public trust
for their intended purposes.

The Housing Opportunities for
Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program
provides housing assistance and related
supportive services for low-income
persons with HIV/AIDS and their

families. Ten percent of the
appropriated funds are awarded by
competition as grants under two
categories of assistance as: (1) Special
Projects of National Significance (SPNS)
which, due to their innovative nature or
their potential for replication, are likely
to serve as effective models in
addressing the needs of eligible persons;
Applications for this category can be
submitted by States, local governments
and non-profit organizations; and (2)
Projects which are part of Long-term
Comprehensive Strategies for providing
housing and services for eligible persons
in non-formula areas. Applications for
this category can be submitted by States
and local governments to undertake
activities in areas that did not qualify
for formula allocations during the fiscal
year. Funds may be used over a three
year operating period. Grantees report to
the Department on program
accomplishments in annual progress
reports and through the use of the
Department's Information Technology
Reporting Systems.

This Notice also lists the following
information:

Title of Proposal: Housing
Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
(HOPWA) program.

OMB Control Number, if applicable:
2506-0133.

*Description of the need for the
information and proposed use:* The
information to be collected is provided
in applications for competitively-
awarded funds and in annual progress
reports through the use of the
Department's Information Technology
Reporting Systems for grantees who
receive these awards.

Agency form numbers, if applicable:
HUD-40110-B and HUD-40110-C

Members of affected public: States,
units of general local government, and
non-profit organizations.

**Estimation of the total numbers of
hours needed to prepare the
information collection including
number of respondents, frequency of
response, and hours of response:**

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Hours of response
Application	150	1	60
Annual Progress Reports/IT Reports	90	1	120

The total annual estimated burden
hours for these optional activities are
20,775 hours, including 975 hours that
are estimated for miscellaneous
activities such as grant signing,

amendments, environmental, and
relocation activities.

*Status of the proposed information
collection:* Public comment requested by
HUD.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35,
as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Vos, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS
Housing, Room 7212, U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20410, and telephone number (202) 708-1934 (this is not a toll-free number) and TTY 1-800-877-8339 for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Cardell Cooper,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Renewal Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)

AGENCY: Information Collection Renewal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) plans to submit the collection of information requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). You may obtain copies of the collection requirement and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. The Service is soliciting comment and suggestions on the requirement as described below.

DATES: Interested parties must submit comments on or before June 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should send comments and suggestions on the requirement to Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 222, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 358-2278 or *Rebecca_Mullin@fws.gov* E-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Hicks, (703) 358-1851, fax (703) 358-1837, or *Jack_Hicks@fws.gov* E-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Forms: Grant Agreement and Amendment to Grant Agreement.

OMB Approval Number: 1018-0049 expires 8/31/2000. The Service may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Description and Use: The Service administers several grant programs authorized by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Vessel Act, the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act, and the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act. The Service uses the information collected to make awards within these grant programs. This includes determining if the estimated cost is reasonable, the cost sharing is consistent with the applicable program statutes, and whether sufficient Federal funds are available for obligation. The State or other grantee uses the form to request funds and identify proposed cost sharing. Grantees initiate an Amendment to Grant Agreement to request a change to a previously approved Grant Agreement. The Service

uses the Amendment to Grant Agreement to revise a previous funding obligation or otherwise document the approval of a revision.

These forms were previously approved under the referenced OMB control number. The new forms are modified slightly to lessen the burden on the public, and these changes also make them easier for the Service to use.

Service Form Numbers: 3-1552 (Grant Agreement) and 3-1591 (Amendment to Grant Agreement).

Supplemental Information: The service plans to submit the following information collection requirements to OMB for review and extension approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are invited on (1) whether the 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 estimates of burden of the 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 collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Frequency: Generally annually.

Description of Respondents: State, territorial (the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa), local governments, and others receiving grant funds.

COMPLETION TIME AND ANNUAL RESPONSE AND BURDEN ESTIMATE

Form name	Completion time per form (hours)	Annual response (forms)	Annual burden hours
Grant Agreement	1	3500	3500
Amendment to Grant Agreement	1	1750	1750
Totals		5250	5250

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