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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Intent To Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s (NIFA) intention to request an extension and revision of collection titled *Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)*.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by September 19, 2022 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Martin, 202–445–5388, Robert.martin3@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title of Collection: Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP).

OMB Control Number: 0524–0050.
Expiration Date of Current Approval: 12/31/2022.

Type of Request: Notice of intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

NIFA is requesting a three-year extension for the current collection entitled “Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program.”

NIFA is also proposing to update the VMLRP application forms to ensure that they align with the VMLRP loan repayment and awardee requirements as found in 7 U.S.C. 3151a and 7 CFR 3431, as well as updated VMLRP program policies as outlined in NIFA–21–015 VMLRP Program Guidance Manual (March 2021).

Abstract: In January 2003, the National Veterinary Medical Services Act (NVMSA) was passed into law adding section 1415A to the National

Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1997. This law established a new Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) (7 U.S.C. 3151a) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program of entering into agreements with veterinarians under which they agree to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. The purpose of the program is to ensure an adequate supply of trained food animal veterinarians in shortage situations.

NIFA is requesting to extend and modify a currently approved information collection. NIFA will collect information from current and former VMLRP participants and State Animal Health Officials. NIFA will use this information to assess the VMLRP program and to improve oversight of the program. Each form has been updated to align with the VMLRP loan repayment and awardee requirements as found in 7 U.S.C. 3151a and 7 CFR 3431, as well as updated VMLRP program policies. The surveys have been modified based on stakeholder input to maximize the impact of feedback collected and minimize the burden of responding for State Animal Health Officials, applicants, and participants of the VMLRP.

Total Estimate of Burden: The estimated annual reporting burden for all VMLRP collection is as follows:

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Estimated burden per response (hours)	Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours)
<i>Applicants:</i>				
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program, Application OMB0524–0050	150	1	11	1,650
Applicants subtotal				1,650
<i>State Animal Health Officials:</i>				
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program Shortage Situation Nomination OMB0524–0050	60	4	2	480
Survey of Animal Health Officials Completing VMLRP Veterinary Shortage Nomination Form	60	1	.25	15
State Animal Health Officials subtotal				495
<i>Active Participants:</i>				
Service Log	150	260	.25	9,750
Applicant Feedback Survey	150	1	.25	38
Awardee Feedback Survey	80	1	.25	20
Close-out Report	80	1	.5	40
Active Participants subtotal				9,848
<i>Past Participants:</i>				

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Estimated burden per response (hours)	Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours)
Post-Award Termination Survey	240	1	.25	60
Past Participants subtotal	60
Grand Total	12,053

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request to OMB for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Obtaining a Copy of the Information Collection: A copy of the information collection and related instructions may be obtained free of charge by contacting Robert Martin as directed above.

Done at Washington, DC, this day of July 5, 2022.

Dionne Toombs,

Acting Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-22-NONE-0017]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant; OMB Control No.: 0570-0052

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RB-CS), announces its’ intention to request an extension of a

currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 19, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the “Search Field” box, labeled “Search for Rules, Proposed Rules, Notices or Supporting Documents,” enter the following docket number: (RBS-22-NONE-0017). To submit or view public comments, click the “Search” button, select the “Documents” tab, then select the following document title: (60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant; OMB Control No.: 0570-0052) from the “Search Results” and select the “Comment” button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the “Commenter’s Checklist” (optional). Insert your comments under the “Comment” title, click “Browse” to attach files (if available). Input your email address and select “Submit Comment.”

Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site’s “FAQ” link.

Other Information: Additional information about Rural Development and its programs is available on the internet at <https://www.rd.usda.gov>.

All comments will be available for public inspection online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<https://www.regulations.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Pemberton, Management Analyst, Branch 1, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 260-8621. Email: Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB)

regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see*, 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies the following information collection that RB-CS is submitting to OMB as extension to an existing collection with Agency adjustment.

Title: Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant.

OMB Number: 0570-0052.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2022.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18.75 hours per response.

Respondents: Provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups through eligible cooperatives and cooperative development centers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 668 hours.

Abstract: The SDGG program was authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 2006 (Section 2744), and further updated by the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 2009 (Section 310B (e)) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932). The Act enables the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to cooperatives, groups of cooperatives, and cooperative development centers where a majority of the board of directors or governing board is comprised of individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged groups and whose primary focus is to provide assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups. The reporting burden covered by this collection of information consists of forms, documents and written burden to