

Belmont County for Individual Assistance (already designated for Public Assistance.) (The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individual and Household Housing; 97.049, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1509-DR]

South Carolina; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of South Carolina (FEMA-1509-DR), dated February 13, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 13, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated February 13, 2004, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of South Carolina, resulting from a severe ice storm on January 26-30, 2004, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of South Carolina.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds

available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses. You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act is later requested and warranted, Federal funding under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of total eligible costs. Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Carlos Mitchell, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of South Carolina to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Clarendon, Edgefield, Florence, Horry, Kershaw, Lexington, Marion, McCormick, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of South Carolina are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4903-N-7]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: HUD Initiative for the Removal Regulatory Barriers

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

This information collection is in support of HUD's America's Affordable Communities Initiative focusing on regulatory barriers that impede the production of affordable housing.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* March 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; e-mail Melanie_Kadlic@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the

information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the contact information of an agency official familiar with the proposal and the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: HUD Initiative for the Removal Regulatory Barriers.

OMB Approval Number: 2510-pending.

Form Numbers: To be assigned.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: This information collection is in support of HUD's America's Affordable Communities Initiative focusing on

regulatory barriers that impede the production of affordable housing. It is intended to promote efforts by State and local governments, and to provide for incentives, to remove regulatory barriers to affordable housing.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government, and Business or other for-profit.

Frequency of Submission: Once.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
<i>Reporting Burden:</i>	8,000	1		1.5		12,000

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 12,000.

Status: Proposed new information collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

Wayne Eddins,

Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4910-N-04]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment for the Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP); Budget/Progress Report, Actual Modernization Cost Certificate

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below 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:* April 26, 2004.

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: Sherry F. McCown, Acting Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and

Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherry F. McCown, (202) 708-0614, extension 7651. (This is not a toll-free number).

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).

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) will continue to submit to HUD Form HUD-52825, CIAP Budget, and Form HUD-53001, Actual Modernization Cost Certificate (AMCC) under terms of the grant. The HUD-52825 covers all developments being funded in the modernization program for the current FFY. The HUD-52825 is the controlling document during implementation in terms of HUD-approved work items and costs. The HUD-52825 is a combined Budget/Progress Report. The HUD-53001 is required for fiscal closeout of a completed or terminated program. The PHA submits the AMCC to HUD when all funds have been expended and all contractor liens have been released.

This 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.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP); Budget/Progress Report, Actual Modernization Cost Certificate.

OMB Control Number: 2577-0044.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: When requested by HUD, grantees must prepare the CIAP Budget for the modernization program, describing the activities which are planned to be undertaken with CIAP funds. On an as-needed basis, grantees can submit a revised CIAP Budget when prior HUD approval is required to revise the Budget. Grantees prepare and submit the Progress Report until all funds are expended. Grantees prepare and submit the Actual Modernization Cost Certificate (AMCC) for each terminated or completed modernization program under CIAP. The CIAP Budget and Progress Report are the controlling documents during implementation, in terms of HUD-approved work items and costs.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-52825; HUD-53001.

Members of affected public: Local, State, or Tribal Governments, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: 1,000 respondents (grantees); HUD-52825, one response per year; eight hours per response; 8,000 hours reporting; HUD-53001, one response per year; two hours per response, 2,000 hours reporting; 10,000 hours total reporting burden.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension.