

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6086-C-10]

National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols, Scoring Notice; Correction

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is correcting a final notice entitled, “National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols, Scoring Notice” that published in the *Federal Register* on July 7, 2023.

DATES: Applicable January 17, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirby C. Kornegay Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street SW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20410-4000, telephone number (202) 708-1112 (this is not a toll-free number), email NSPIRERegulations@hud.gov. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 7, 2023, (88 FR 43371), HUD published a final notice establishing the physical inspection scoring and ranking methodology to implement HUD’s National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) rule for Public Housing and Multifamily Housing programs, including Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) and other Multifamily assisted housing, Section 202/811 programs, and HUD-insured Multifamily as described in the NSPIRE rule. HUD provided the model used to calculate inspection sample sizes and calculated the sample size for every possible population of units by applying the model. In reviewing the July 7, 2023, final notice, HUD identified two inadvertent errors in Table 9 in Section V entitled, “Number of Units Sampled Under NSPIRE Scoring and Sampling Methodology Based on Property Size.” Specifically,

the rows listing number of units in the property in the following two rows are in error.

| Units in property | UPCS sample | NSPIRE sample |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 111-132 | 22-23 | 26 |
| 133-166 | 23-24 | 27 |

HUD is correcting the error so that these rows read as follows:

| Units in property | UPCS sample | NSPIRE sample |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 111-133 | 22-23 | 26 |
| 134-166 | 23-24 | 27 |

The UPCS and NSPIRE sample sizes are unchanged.

For the convenience of the public, HUD is correcting this error by republishing Table 9 in its entirety.

Correction

In the *Federal Register* of July 7, 2023, in FR Doc. 2023-14362, on pages 43379-43380, replace Table 9 titled, “Number of Units Sampled Under NSPIRE Scoring and Sampling Methodology Based on Property Size” with the following:

TABLE 9—NUMBER OF UNITS SAMPLED UNDER NSPIRE SCORING AND SAMPLING METHODOLOGY BASED ON PROPERTY SIZE

| Units in property | UPCS sample | NSPIRE sample |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 6 | 6 |
| 8 | 7 | 7 |
| 9 | 7 | 8 |
| 10 | 8 | 8 |
| 11-12 | 8 | 9 |
| 13-14 | 9 | 10 |
| 15-16 | 10 | 11 |
| 17-18 | 11 | 12 |
| 19-21 | 12 | 13 |
| 22-24 | 13 | 14 |
| 25-27 | 14 | 15 |
| 28-30 | 14 | 16 |
| 31-35 | 15 | 17 |
| 36-39 | 16 | 18 |
| 40-45 | 17 | 19 |
| 46-51 | 18 | 20 |
| 52-59 | 18 | 21 |
| 60-67 | 19 | 22 |
| 68-78 | 20 | 23 |
| 79-92 | 21 | 24 |
| 93-110 | 21-22 | 25 |
| 111-133 | 22-23 | 26 |
| 134-166 | 23-24 | 27 |
| 167-214 | 24-25 | 28 |
| 215-295 | 25 | 29 |
| 296-455 | 25-26 | 30 |
| 456-920 | 26 | 31 |
| 921+ | 27 | 32 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7080-C2-64]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for the Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages: OMB Control No.: 2577-0191; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer, Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice; correction.

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 an additional 30 days of public comment. This notice is a correction to the notice HUD published on December 26, 2024.

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/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Anna Guido, Clearance Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8210, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-5534 (this is not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Guido, Clearance Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov, telephone 202-402-5534. This is not a toll-free number. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or

communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD published an information collection notice in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2024 at 89 FR 105064 entitled “Indian Community Development Block Grant Information Collection”. This notice corrects the title and the burden hours.

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 October 21, 2024 at 89 FR 84184.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Indian Community Development Block Grant Information Collection.

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0191.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: SF–425, HUD–2516, and Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER).

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 authorizes

Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG) and requires that grants be awarded annually on a competitive basis. The purpose of the ICDBG program is to develop viable Indian and Alaska Native communities by creating decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for low- and moderate-income persons. Consistent with this objective, not less than 70 percent of the expenditures are to benefit low-and- moderate income persons. Eligible applicants include Federally recognized tribes, which includes Alaska Native communities, and tribally authorized tribal organizations. Eligible categories of funding include housing rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing, homeownership assistance, public facilities and improvements, economic development, and microenterprise programs. For a complete description of eligible activities, please refer to 24 CFR part 1003, subpart C.

The ICDBG program regulations are at 24 CFR part 1003. The ICDBG program requires eligible applicants to submit information to enable HUD to select the best projects for funding during annual competitions. Additionally, the information submitted is essential for HUD in monitoring grants to ensure that grantees are complying with applicable statutes and regulations and implementing activities as approved.

ICDBG recipients are required to submit annually a Federal Financial

Report (SF–425) that describes the use of grant funds drawn from the recipient’s line of credit. The reports are used to monitor cash transfers to the recipients and obtain expenditure data from the recipients. (2 CFR 200.327)

The regulations at 24 CFR part 200 require that grantees and sub-grantees take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority firms, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Consistent with these regulations, 24 CFR 1003.506(b) requires that ICDBG grantees report on these activities on an annual basis, with Contract and Subcontract Activity Report being due to HUD on October 10 of each year (HUD–2516).

The regulations at 24 CFR 1003.506 instruct recipients to submit to HUD an Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER) that describes the progress made in completing approved activities with a listing of work to be completed; a breakdown of funds expended; and when the project is completed, a program evaluation expressing the effectiveness of the project in meeting community development needs. The ASER is due by November 15 each year and at grant closeout. The information collected will allow HUD to accurately audit the program.

Respondents: Federally recognized Native American Tribes, Alaska Native communities and corporations, and tribal organizations.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS, RESPONSES, AND BURDEN HOURS PER ANNUM

| Type of submission | Number of respondents | Frequency of submissions | Total responses | Estimate average time (hours) | Estimate annual burden (hours) | Hourly Rate* | Total annual cost |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Federal Financial Report (SF-425) | 75 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contract and Subcontract Activity Report (HUD-2516) | 75 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 75 | 43.55 | 3,266 |
| Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER) | 75 | 1.25 | 94 | 4 | 376 | 43.55 | 16,375 |
| Total | 225 | | 169 | | 451 | | 19,641 |

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 to 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. chapter 35.

Anna Guido,

Clearance Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research.

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Department of Housing and Urban Development

[Docket No. FR–6486–N–02]

Modifying HUD's Elevated Blood Lead Level Threshold for Children Under Age 6 Who Are Living in Certain HUD-Assisted Target Housing Covered by the Lead Safe Housing Rule

AGENCY: Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces HUD's modifying its elevated blood lead level (EBLL) threshold under its Lead Safe Housing Rule from 5 to 3.5 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) for a child under the age of 6, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's current blood lead reference value of 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$. This notice also describes the required compliance dates for implementing this modification, which depend on whether the applicable State, State-level jurisdiction, territory, or local jurisdiction has already incorporated a blood lead level action threshold equal to or lower than the CDC's current blood lead reference value.

DATES: The provisions of this notice relating to HUD's revision to its EBLL take effect on January 17, 2025.

Compliance Dates: Compliance with the provisions of this notice relating to HUD's revision to its EBLL threshold is required as described in this notice at section V, "Compliance dates for change to the EBLL threshold."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Warren Friedman, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8236, Washington, DC 20410–3000, telephone 202–402–7698 (this is not a toll-free number), and email LeadRegulations@HUD.gov. HUD invites that any further comments on this notice be sent to HUD using the contact information provided in this

section. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

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Abbreviations

BLRV: blood lead reference value
 CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 EBLL: elevated blood lead level
 EPA: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 HHS: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 HUD: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 OLHCHH: Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes
 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$: micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood

I. Background and HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule

On September 15, 1999, HUD published a final rule entitled "Requirements for Notification, Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federally Owned Residential Property and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance."¹ HUD's September 15, 1999 final rule, including revisions made through subsequent rulemakings since the rule's original publication, is referred to throughout this notice as the "Lead Safe Housing

Rule."² The Lead Safe Housing Rule's purpose is to implement the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, as amended,³ and the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992,⁴ and specifically "to ensure that housing receiving Federal assistance and federally owned housing that is to be sold does not pose lead-based paint hazards to young children."⁵

Under the Lead Safe Housing Rule, when a child under age 6 residing in certain housing built before 1978—*i.e.*, "target housing"⁶—that is HUD-assisted is identified as having an EBLL, the "designated party"—the property owner or other entity (*e.g.*, Federal agency, State, local government, public housing agency, Indian Tribe, tribally designated housing entity, sponsor) responsible for complying with applicable requirements of the Lead Safe Housing Rule for that assistance⁷—is required to undertake certain actions. These required actions are generally the same for each of the four applicable Lead Safe Housing Rule subparts in 24 CFR part 35 regarding HUD assistance:

- Subpart H, Project-Based Assistance,
- Subpart I, HUD-Owned and Mortgagee-in-Possession Multifamily Property,
- Subpart L, Public Housing Programs, and
- Subpart M, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance.

Additionally, subpart D, which covers project-based assistance provided by a Federal agency other than HUD, has slightly narrower requirements. Under subpart D, other Federal agencies are not required to report instances of

² See 24 CFR part 35, subparts B through R.

³ 42 U.S.C. 4821 *et seq.*

⁴ 42 U.S.C. 4851 *et seq.*; see also 24 CFR 35.100(a).

⁵ 64 FR 50140, 50199 (Sept. 15, 1999).

⁶ Most housing built before 1978 is considered "target housing," which is the focus of the Lead Safe Housing Rule and other HUD and EPA rules and programs on lead safety in housing. The Lead Safe Housing Rule defines "target housing," in part, as "any housing constructed prior to 1978, except housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities (unless a child of less than 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities) or any zero-bedroom dwelling." 24 CFR 35.110, target housing. HUD is preparing to amend the definition of "target housing" in 24 CFR part 35 to reflect the slight expansion of the scope of the term by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115–31, enacted May 5, 2017) to include the small number of pre-1978 zero-bedroom dwellings in which a child under age 6 resides or is expected to reside. See the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Fall 2024 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, HUD Regulatory Identification Number 2501–AE03, <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaViewRule?pubId=202410&RIN=2501-AE03>.

⁷ See 24 CFR 35.110, designated party.

¹ 64 FR 50140.