

Estimate of Respondent Cost: 522,103 hours × \$31/hour = \$16,185,193.

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

Dated: July 21, 2009.

Mercedes Márquez,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5281-N-58]

Multifamily Project Applications and Construction Prior to Initial Endorsement

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.

Information provided is the application for HUD/FHA multifamily mortgage insurance. The information form sponsors and general contractors, and submitted by a HUD-approved mortgagee, is needed to determine project feasibility, mortgagor/contractor acceptability, and construction cost. Documentation from operators/managers of health care facilities is also required as part of the application for firm commitment for mortgage insurance. Project owners/sponsors may

apply for permission to commence construction prior to initial endorsement.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* August 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-0029) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian Deitzer at Lillian.L.Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone 202-402-8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting 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: Multifamily Project Applications and Construction Prior to Initial Endorsement.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0029.

Form Numbers: HUD-92013, HUD-92013-SUPP, HUD-92013-E, HUD-92264-A, HUD-92264-T, HUD-92273, HUD-92274, HUD-92326, HUD-92329, HUD-92331, HUD-92415, HUD-92447, HUD-92452, HUD-92485, HUD-91708, HUD-92010, FM-1006, HUD-2880, HUD-92466 (Rider Forms-92466-R1, 92466-R2, 92466-R3, 92466-R4).

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: Information provided is the application for HUD/FHA multifamily mortgage insurance. The information form sponsors and general contractors, and submitted by a HUD-approved mortgagee, is needed to determine project feasibility, mortgagor/contractor acceptability, and construction cost. Documentation from operators/managers of health care facilities is also required as part of the application for firm commitment for mortgage insurance. Project owners/sponsors may apply for permission to commence construction prior to initial endorsement.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion. Other required with each project application.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	18,901	1.50		1.82		51,860

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 51,860.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: July 22, 2009.

Lillian Deitzer,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5329-N-01]

Notice of Certification and Funding of State and Local Fair Housing Enforcement Agencies Under the Fair Housing Assistance Program; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP), HUD

provides funding to State and local fair housing agencies that enforce laws that HUD has deemed substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act. The Department's FHAP regulations provide that the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity may publish, on an annual basis, a notice that identifies all agencies that received interim certification during the prior calendar year, and to solicit public comment on the State or local fair housing laws of the interim agencies, including the performance of agencies in enforcing such laws. Today's **Federal Register** publication is being issued in

accordance with this regulatory provision.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* August 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments to the FHAP Division, Office of Enforcement, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 5206, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title. Facsimile (FAX) comments will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth J. Carroll, Director, FHAP Division, Office of Enforcement, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 5206, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone number 202-402-7044 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may contact the FHAP Division by calling 1-800-290-1671 (this is a toll-free number), or 1-800-877-8339 (the Federal Information Relay Service TTY) (this is a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Through the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP), HUD provides funding to State and local fair housing agencies that enforce laws HUD has deemed substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*). HUD's regulations for the FHAP are codified at 24 CFR part 115 (entitled "Certification and Funding of State and Local Fair Housing Enforcement Agencies").

In order to participate in FHAP, HUD's Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) must first determine whether a State or local law, on its face, provides rights, procedures, remedies, and judicial review provisions that are substantially equivalent to the Federal Fair Housing Act. An affirmative conclusion that the State or local law is substantially equivalent on its face will result in HUD offering interim certification to the agency. During the period of interim certification, HUD's Assistant Secretary for FHEO will determine whether the State or local law, in operation, affords rights, procedures, remedies, and the availability of judicial review in a manner substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act. An affirmative conclusion during interim certification that the State or local law is substantially equivalent both on its face

and in operation will result in HUD offering certification to the agency.

Certification is for a term of 5 years, during which the agency's ability to maintain certification is evaluated. After the five years of certification, if the Assistant Secretary for FHEO determines that the agency continues to qualify, HUD will renew the agency's certification for another 5 years.

II. This Notice

The FHAP regulations at 24 CFR 115.102(b) provide that the Assistant Secretary for FHEO may, on an annual basis, publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that identifies all agencies that received interim certification during the preceding year. The notice must invite the public to comment on the State or local laws of the new interim agencies, including on the performance of the agencies in enforcing their laws.

In accordance with § 115.102(b) of the FHAP regulations, HUD seeks public comment on the following agencies that were granted interim certification during the prior calendar year:

- Westchester County Human Rights Commission (New York).
- Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (Oregon).
- City of Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission (Indiana).

Dated: July 1, 2009.

John Trasviña,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5305-N-01]

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Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008: Pilot Program for Automated Process for Borrowers Without Sufficient Credit History; Solicitation of Comments on Program Design

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 requires that HUD carry out a pilot program to establish, and make available to mortgagees, an automated process for providing alternative credit rating information, which might include rent, utilities, and insurance payment histories, etc., for mortgagors and prospective mortgagors

who have insufficient credit histories for determining their credit worthiness. With this notice, HUD commences the process for development of the mandated pilot program and solicits public comment and suggestions for a practicable design of the pilot program that is consistent with statutory goals, program requirements, and fair lending standards, and includes comment on how the pilot program might align with existing Federal Housing Administration policy regarding nontraditional credit verification. Comments addressing the information, data, and experience necessary to support an evaluation of the operation, performance, and fair lending compliance of a pilot are welcome as well. All comments will be considered in the development of the pilot program.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* September 28, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title. There are two methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. *Submission of Comments by Mail.* Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

2. *Electronic Submission of Comments.* Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of the two methods specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the rule.