

who are appointed to committees to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated as Special Government Employees as defined in 18 U.S.C. 202.

Nominations to the HCFAC must be submitted via Form HUD-90005, which is available here: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HCFAC-Application-HUD-Form-90005.pdf>. Each nominee will be required to provide all the information on Form HUD-90005.

Nominations should be submitted electronically to [HCFAC.application@hud.gov](mailto:HCFAC.application@hud.gov). Individuals that do not have internet access may submit nominations to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing Counseling, HUD, 451 7th Street SW, Washington DC 20410. Those who submitted applications previously, and those who have been appointed previously, must reapply if they wish to be considered for an appointment.

HCFAC members will be required to adhere to the conflict-of-interest rules applicable to Special Government Employees as such employees are defined in 18 U.S.C. 202(a). The rules include relevant provisions in 18 U.S.C. related to criminal activity, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (5 CFR part 2635) and Executive Order 12674 (as modified by Executive Order 12731). Therefore, applicants will be required to submit to pre-appointment screenings relating to identity of interest and financial interests that HUD might require. If selected, HCFAC members will also be asked to complete OGE Form-450 (Confidential Financial Disclosure Report).

Members of the HCFAC shall serve without pay but shall receive travel expenses including per diem in lieu of subsistence as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703. Regular attendance is essential to the effective operation of the HCFAC.

This Notice is not intended to be the exclusive method by which HUD will solicit nominations and expressions of interest to identify qualified candidates; however, all nominees for membership on the HCFAC will be subject to the same application process and evaluation criteria.

#### IV. Selection and Meetings

Member selections will be made by the Secretary and will be based on the Nominee's qualifications to contribute to the accomplishment of the HCFAC's objectives. Membership on the Committee is personal to the appointee and committee members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

The estimated number of meetings (in-person or virtual) anticipated within a fiscal year is two (2). Additional meetings may be held as needed to render advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Housing Counseling. The meetings may use electronic communication technologies for attendance.

All meetings will be announced by notice in the **Federal Register**. Announcements of the meetings may be made using other methods as well.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7035-N-02]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Reporting Information Collection Request; OMB Control No: 2535-0123

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Financial Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the revision of existing information collection requests, as well as a new information request, 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 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* December 6, 2021.

**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: Anna Guido, Management Analyst, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-5535 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Anna.P.Guido@HUD.gov](mailto:Anna.P.Guido@HUD.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through Teletype (TTY) by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dustin Hogenson, Department of

Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202-402-6554, (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Dustin Hogenson.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* CARES Act Reporting Information Collection Request.

*OMB Approval Numbers:*

2535-0123 Collection of required information for CARES Act Quarterly Reporting

*Type of Request:* Revisions of existing collections 2506-0133 (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program) 2506-0089 (Emergency Solutions Grant Data Collection), and 2506-0077 (Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program) and a new collection activity under 2535-0123 (Collection of Required Information for CARES Act Quarterly Reporting).

*Form Number(s)*

OMB Control Numbers

- 2506-0133
- 2506-0089
- 2506-0077

Other affected forms and systems

- HUD-40110-C
  - HUD-40110-D
  - Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS)
  - Sage HMIS Reporting Repository
- Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The change to the existing ICRs and renewal of the CARES Act Reporting ICR will enable HUD to collect from recipients of large covered funds, which are defined as CARES Act grants that exceed \$150,000 in the aggregate, the quarterly information required to be in compliance with the requirements outlined in Section 15011 of the CARES Act.

This will revise and renew existing OMB control numbers 2506-0133, 2506-0089, and 2506-0077, to help improve compliance with CARES Act requirements. This information will be reported by the grant recipients to the program offices within HUD, then aggregated with the related information

already approved. This aggregated information will form the required quarterly reporting for CARES Act funds that HUD submits to the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC).

A new information collection request under OMB control number 2353-0123 is also being submitted that will allow the collection of grant recipient reporting information through a reporting portal. This portal is in

development, and upon completion will enable certain HUD programs to collect and report information in line with CARES Act requirements.

#### BURDEN ESTIMATES

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
CDBG .....	1,209	4	4,836	78.5	379,626	35.16	13,347,650.16
ESG .....	2,360	4	9,440	12.75	120,360	39.96	4,809,585.60
HOPWA (HUD-40110-C) .....	128	4	512	41	20,992	25.35	532,147.20
HOPWA (HUD-40110-D) .....	116	4	464	55	25,520	25.35	646,932.00
IHBG .....	792	4	3,168	1	3,168	25	79,200.00
TBRA/Op Fund .....	1,230	4	4,920	2	9,840	35.16	345,974.40
Total .....	5,835	4	23,340	.....	559,506	.....	19,761,489.36

*\*Please note:* The CPD programs (CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA) in the table above reference existing ICRs under control numbers 2506-0113, 2506-0089, and 2506-0077. The PIH programs (IHBG, TBRA, Op Fund) will leverage the existing ICR under control number 2535-0123 to implement a new reporting portal.

#### 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.

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.

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The Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R7-ES-2021-0075;  
FXFR133707PB000-212-FF07CAMM00]

##### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of a 5-Year Status Review of the Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*)

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce our intention to conduct a 5-year status review under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for the polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*). The polar bear was listed as threatened in 2008. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of information that has become available since the last review of the species in 2017.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration of your comments in our preparation of this 5-year status review, we must receive your comments and information by December 6, 2021. However, we will accept information about any species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your information on the current status of the polar bear by one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R7-ES-2021-0075, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W;

5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3803; or

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting information to Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2021-0075. For more about submitting information, see Request for Information in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, below.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Gustine, Polar Bear Lead, Marine Mammals Management, by telephone at 907-786-3800. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are initiating a 5-year status review under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for the polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*). A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on this species that has become available since the last 5-year review was conducted in 2017.

##### Why do we conduct a 5-year review?

Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Further, our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species