

sponsoring the collection: Form N-426. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or Households. This form will be used by USCIS to request a verification of the military or naval service claim by an applicant filing for naturalization on the basis of honorable service in the U.S. armed forces.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 45,000 responses at 45 minutes (.75) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 33,750 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: March 14, 2008.

Stephen Tarragon,

Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5187-N-14]

Housing Counseling Program—Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency

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.

National, regional, Multi-State intermediaries and Local public and private nonprofit agencies that provide housing counseling services directly or through their affiliates or branches regarding home buying, homeownership and rental housing programs submit an application for designation as a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. HUD uses the information to evaluate the agency and populate Agency profile data in the Housing Counseling System (HCS) database. This data populates the HUD's Web site and automated 1-800 Hotline.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* April 18, 2008.

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-NEW) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

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_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: Housing Counseling Program—Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-NEW.

Form Numbers: HUD-9900.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:

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Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting burden	200	1		8		1,600

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,600.
Status: New Collection.

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

Dated: March 13, 2008.

Lillian L. Deitzer,

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act
 Officer, Office of the Chief Information
 Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5100-FA-02]

Announcement of Funding Awards for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program; Fiscal Year 2007

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jackie L. Williams, PhD, Director, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7137, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone (202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, call Community Connections at 1-800-998-9999 or visit the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Housing and Economic Development program was authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999. The competition was announced in the NOFA published March 13, 2007 (72 RF 11600). Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in that notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.250.

The Rural Housing and Economic Development Program is designed to build capacity at the state and local level for rural housing and economic development and to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. Eligible applicants are local rural non-profit organizations, community development corporations, federally recognized Indian tribes, state housing finance agencies, and state community and/or economic development agencies. The funds made available under this program were awarded competitively, through a selection process conducted by HUD.

For the Fiscal Year 2007 competition, a total of \$16,800,000 was awarded to 58 projects nationwide.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the grantees and amounts of the awards in Appendix A to this document.

Dated: February 29, 2008.

Nelson R. Bregón,

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for
 Community Planning and Development.*

Aleutian Housing Authority	AK	\$300,000.00
AVCP Regional Housing Authority	AK	300,000.00
Chilkoot Indian Association	AK	185,851.00
Collaborative Solutions, Inc.	AL	300,000.00
Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization	AL	300,000.00
Community Resource Group, Inc.	AR	300,000.00
Universal Housing Development Corporation	AR	300,000.00
Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.	AZ	300,000.00
Big Pine Paiute Tribe	CA	300,000.00
Community Assistance Network	CA	300,000.00
Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority	CA	300,000.00
Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians	CA	300,000.00
Walking Shield, Inc.	CA	300,000.00
National Council on Agricultural Life & Labor Research Fund	DE	300,000.00
Central Florida Community Development Corporation	FL	300,000.00
JCVision and Associates, Inc.	GA	300,000.00
Homeward, Inc.	IA	300,000.00
Community Ventures Corporation	KY	300,000.00
Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation	KY	300,000.00
Purchase Area Housing Corporation	KY	300,000.00
Young Adult Development in Action, Inc.	KY	300,000.00
La. Tech. College Foundation Tallulah	LA	300,000.00
Macon Ridge Community Development Corporation	LA	243,800.00
Four Directions Development Corporation	ME	299,992.00
Penobscot Indian Nation	ME	300,000.00
Penquis CAP, Inc.	ME	300,000.00
Huron Potawatomi, Inc.	MI	299,825.00
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	MI	300,000.00
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	MI	300,000.00
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	MI	300,000.00
Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation	MN	180,000.00
Tunica County Community Development Coalition, Inc.	MS	235,520.00
Browning Community Development Corporation	MT	300,000.00
Crow Tribal Housing Authority	MT	300,000.00
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe	NC	289,793.00