

agency, then publication in the **Federal Register** would be a function or service excepted under the Antideficiency Act.

At the onset of an appropriations lapse, the OFR may suspend the regular 3-day publication schedule to permit a limited number of exempt personnel to process excepted documents. Agency officials will be informed as to the schedule for filing and publishing individual documents.

OFR has posted frequently asked questions and excepted letter templates on the following website, which will be updated as necessary:

www.archives.gov/federal-register/agencies/shutdown-faqs.

Authority: The authority for this action is 44 U.S.C. 1502 and 1 CFR 2.4 and 5.1.

Oliver A. Potts,

Director of the Federal Register.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

60-Day Notice for the “ArtsHERE Grant Program Forms” Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of collections of subgrantee information and technical assistance provider information for the ArtsHERE grant program. A copy of the current information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below within 60 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Sunil Iyengar, National Endowment for the Arts, via email (research@arts.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NEA is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Dated: March 10, 2025.

RaShaunda Thomas,

Deputy Director, Office of Administrative Services & Contracts, National Endowment for the Arts.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 2025 Pay Schedules

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain Federal civilian employees are adjusted effective in January 2025. The Executive order authorizes a 1.7 percent across-the-board increase for statutory pay systems and locality pay increases costing approximately 0.3 percent of basic payroll, reflecting an overall average pay increase of 2.0 percent. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Dismond; Pay, Leave, and Workforce Flexibilities; Workforce Policy and Innovation; Office of Personnel

Management; (202) 606-2858 or paypolicy@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order (E.O.) 14132 (89 FR 106963, December 23, 2024) implemented pay adjustments for certain Federal civilian employees in January 2025. E.O. 14132 provides an overall average pay increase of 2.0 percent for the statutory pay systems. This is consistent with the President's alternative pay plan issued under 5 U.S.C. 5303(b) and 5304a on August 30, 2024. The pay rates in E.O. 14113 have been superseded.

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in Section 5(b) of E.O. 14132 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2025 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule 1 of E.O. 14132 provides the rates for the 2025 General Schedule (GS) and reflects a 1.7 percent increase from 2024. Executive Order 14132 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2025 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 14132.)

General Schedule employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2025, locality payments ranging from 17.06 percent to 46.34 percent apply to GS employees in the 58 locality pay areas. The 2025 locality pay area definitions¹ can be found on OPM's website.

The 2025 locality pay percentages became effective the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2025 (January 12, 2025). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.)

Executive Order 14132 establishes the new Executive Schedule (EX), which incorporates a 1.7 percent increase required under 5 U.S.C. 5318 (rounded to the nearest \$100). By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 14132 establishes the 2025 range of rates of basic pay for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES is \$150,160 in 2025. The maximum rate of the SES rate range is \$225,700 (level

¹ Office of Personnel Management. “2025 Locality Pay Area Definitions.” Locality Pay Area Definitions.” <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2025/locality-pay-area-definitions>