

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT****[Docket No. FR-7104-N-06]****60-Day Notice of Proposed Information
Collection: Indian Housing Block
Grants (IHBG) Program Reporting;
OMB Control No.: 2577-0218****AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Public and Indian Housing
(PIH), HUD.**ACTION:** Notice.**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 comments 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 are due: June 27,
2025.**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are
invited to submit comments regarding
this proposal. Written comments and
recommendations for the proposed
information collection can be posted
within 60 days of publication of this
notice on www.regulations.gov by
searching the Docket Number of this
notice and following the prompts.
Interested persons are also invited to
submit comments and recommendations
regarding via post. Comments and
recommendations should be postmarked
within 60 days of the publication of this
notice, refer to the proposal by name
and/or OMB Approval Number (located
at the top of this notice), and be sent to:
Leea Thornton, Department of Housing
and Urban Development, 451 7th Street
SW, Room 3178, Washington, DC 20410.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leea
Thornton, Department of Housing and
Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW,
Room 3178, Washington, DC 20410;
email address leea.j.thornton@hud.gov,
telephone number 202-402-6455. This
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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](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:** 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:* Indian
Housing Block Grants (IHBG) Formula
and Competitive Programs.*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-0218.*Type of Request:* Revision or
extension of currently approved
collection.*Form Number:* HUD-4117, HUD-4117
A-D, HUD-4119, HUD-4119 A-D,
HUD-52736-A, HUD-52736-B, HUD-
52737 IHP-APR, HUD-52737 GEMS
IHP/APR, HUD-53248 IHBG-COMP
APR.*Description of the need for the
information and proposed use:* HUD's
Office of Native American Programs
(ONAP) will use the pre-award and
post-award information collected to
assess program compliance, monitor
grantee performance throughout the
grant term, and to report annually to
Congress. HUD's Office of NativeAmerican Programs (ONAP) is
responsible for managing the IHBG
Formula and IHBG Competitive
programs, as described below.*IHBG Formula Program:* The Native
American Housing Assistance and Self-
Determination Reauthorization Act of
1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*)
(NAHASDA) authorizes the IHBG
Formula program what supports the
development, management, and
operation of affordable homeownership
and rental housing; infrastructure
development; and other forms of
housing assistance intended for low-
income persons. Federally recognized
Native American tribes, Alaska Native
villages, tribally designated housing
entities, and a limited number of State-
recognized tribes that were funded
under the Indian Housing Program
authorized by the U.S. Housing Act of
1937 are eligible to receive IHBG funds.
Under the IHBG Formula Program,
eligible recipients receive an equitable
share of funds as appropriated by
Congress.*IHBG Competitive Program:* Since
2018, Congress has appropriated
additional funding under the IHBG
Formula program for the IHBG
Competitive Grant (IHBG-COMP), also
under assistance listing 14.867. IHBG-
COMP prioritizes projects that increase
the availability of affordable housing in
Tribal communities with consideration
to extent of need and administrative
capacity. The regulations and
requirements governing the IHBG
formula program apply to the IHBG
Competitive program. The IHBG-COMP
Notices of Funding Opportunities
(NOFO) are published on Grants.gov,
where applicants submit applications.*Annual Reporting Burden:* The annual
reporting burden hours are based on the
estimates provided below.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
SF-424	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SF-424D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SF-425	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUD-2880	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUD-4117	792	1	792	2	1,584	\$43.10	\$68,270.40
HUD 4117 Appendix A	15	1	15	2	30	43.10	1,293.00
HUD 4117 Appendix B	15	1	15	2	30	43.10	1,293.00
HUD 4117 Appendix C	15	1	15	2	30	43.10	1,293.00
HUD 4117 Appendix D	15	1	15	2	30	43.10	1,293.00
HUD-4119	15	1	15	150	2,250	43.10	96,975.00
HUD-4119 Appendix A	15	1	15	2	30	43.10	1,293.00
HUD-4119 Appendix B	15	1	15	10	150	43.10	6,465.00
HUD-4119 Appendix C	15	1	15	15	225	43.10	9,697.50
HUD-4119 Appendix D	15	1	15	2	30	43.10	1,293.00
HUD-4123	120	1	120	2	240	43.10	10,344.00
HUD-4125	120	1	120	2	240	43.10	10,344.00
HUD-52736-A	15	1	15	0.25	3.75	43.10	161.63
HUD-52736-B	15	1	15	0.25	3.75	43.10	161.63

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
HUD-52737 IHP-APR	773	2	1584	62	95,852	43.10	4,131,221.20
HUD-52737 GEMS IHP/APR	19	2	38	62	2,356	43.10	101,543.60
HUD-53248 IHBG-COMP APR	30	1	30	32	960	43.10	41,376.00
Totals	2,019	19	2,849	350	104,045	43.10	4,484,317.95

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.

C. Authority

Section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

Sylvia Whitlock,

Acting Chief, Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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HEARTH Act Approval of Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation, Amended Leasing Ordinance

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs approved the Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation, Amended Leasing Ordinance under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act of 2012 (HEARTH

Act). With this approval, the Tribe is authorized to enter into agriculture, business, residential, wind and solar, wind energy evaluation, public, religious, educational, cultural, and recreational leases without further Secretary of the Interior approval.

DATES: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs issued the approval on April 17, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carla Clark, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, 1001 Indian School Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, carla.clark@bia.gov, (702) 484-3233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Summary of the HEARTH Act

The HEARTH Act makes a voluntary, alternative land leasing process available to Tribes, by amending the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act of 1955, 25 U.S.C. 415. The HEARTH Act authorizes Tribes to negotiate and enter into business leases of Tribal trust lands with a primary term of 25 years, and up to two renewal terms of 25 years each, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary). The HEARTH Act also authorizes Tribes to enter into leases for residential, recreational, religious, or educational purposes for a primary term of up to 75 years without the approval of the Secretary. Participating Tribes develop Tribal leasing regulations, including an environmental review process, and then must obtain the Secretary's approval of those regulations prior to entering into leases. The HEARTH Act requires the Secretary to approve Tribal regulations if the Tribal regulations are consistent with the Department of the Interior's (Department) leasing regulations at 25 CFR part 162 and provide for an environmental review process that meets requirements set forth in the HEARTH Act. This notice announces that the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, has approved the Tribal regulations for the Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation.

II. Federal Preemption of State and Local Taxes

The Department's regulations governing the surface leasing of trust and restricted Indian lands specify that, subject to applicable Federal law, permanent improvements on leased land, leasehold or possessory interests, and activities under the lease are not subject to State and local taxation and may be subject to taxation by the Indian Tribe with jurisdiction. *See* 25 CFR 162.017. As explained further in the preamble to the final regulations, the Federal Government has a strong interest in promoting economic development, self-determination, and Tribal sovereignty. 77 FR 72440, 72447-48 (December 5, 2012). The principles supporting the Federal preemption of State law in the field of Indian leasing and the taxation of lease-related interests and activities applies with equal force to leases entered into under Tribal leasing regulations approved by the Federal Government pursuant to the HEARTH Act.

Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. 5108, preempts State and local taxation of permanent improvements on trust land. *Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation v. Thurston County*, 724 F.3d 1153, 1157 (9th Cir. 2013) (citing *Mescalero Apache Tribe v. Jones*, 411 U.S. 145 (1973)). Similarly, section 5108 preempts State taxation of rent payments by a lessee for leased trust lands, because "tax on the payment of rent is indistinguishable from an impermissible tax on the land." *See Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Stranburg*, 799 F.3d 1324, 1331, n.8 (11th Cir. 2015). In addition, as explained in the preamble to the revised leasing regulations at 25 CFR part 162, Federal courts have applied a balancing test to determine whether State and local taxation of non-Indians on the reservation is preempted. *White Mountain Apache Tribe v. Bracker*, 448 U.S. 136, 143 (1980). The *Bracker* balancing test, which is conducted against a backdrop of "traditional notions of Indian self-government," requires a particularized examination of the relevant State, Federal, and Tribal interests. We hereby adopt the *Bracker*