

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Maryland resulting from severe winter storms and snowstorms during the period of February 5–11, 2010, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq. (the “Stafford Act”). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Maryland.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. You are further authorized to provide emergency protective measures, including snow assistance, under the Public Assistance program for any continuous 48-hour period during or proximate to the incident period. You may extend the period of assistance, as warranted. For the authorized areas, the time period for emergency protective measures, including snow assistance, under the Public Assistance program is extended from 48 hours to 72 hours. This assistance excludes regular time costs for the sub-grantees’ regular employees.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Regis Leo Phelan, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Maryland have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, Saint Mary’s, Talbot, Washington, and Wicomico Counties and the Independent City of Baltimore for Public Assistance.

Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, Saint Mary’s, Washington, and Wicomico Counties and the Independent City of Baltimore for emergency protective measures (Category B), including snow assistance, under the Public Assistance program for any continuous 48-hour period during or proximate to the incident period.

Cecil, Howard, Kent, and Talbot Counties for emergency protective measures (Category B), including snow assistance, under the Public Assistance program for any continuous 72-hour period during or proximate to the incident period.

All counties within the State of Maryland are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5281–N–39]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request; Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program (Combined and Simplified Indian Housing Plan and Annual Performance Reporting Requirements)

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal, to assure better understanding of the reporting requirements and consistency in the submission of data.

DATES: June 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (14) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; fax: (202) 395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leroy McKinney, Jr., Departmental

Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–8048, (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail Mr. McKinney at

Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms, or other available information. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. McKinney.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed information collection that combines and simplifies reporting for the Indian Housing Plan and Annual Performance Report and reduces the estimated annual burden hours for preparing the combined report.

Recipients of IHBG funds are required to submit an annual *Indian Housing Plan* (IHP) (HUD–52735) that provides a series of goals and objectives for the recipient to accomplish with the IHBG funds to provide affordable housing for its low- to moderate-income tribal members (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), § 102).

At the end of each 1-year period the recipient is to submit an *Annual Performance Report* (APR) (HUD–52735–AS) to (1) Describe the use of grant funds; (2) compare relationship of grant fund use to the IHP goals and objectives; (3) discuss program accomplishments; and (4) describe how the recipient would change its program delivery and implementation based upon the recipient’s experience (NAHASDA § 404).

IHBG recipients (tribes and tribally designated housing entities) are required to submit information annually to demonstrate compliance with eligibility and other requirements of NAHASDA and for HUD’s annual report to Congress. The information collected enables HUD to maintain its databases in order to monitor a recipient’s performance and determine program compliance.

The proposal to create a combined IHP/APR reporting form is necessary for improving the quality of reported data and reducing the burden hours to complete the forms. HUD anticipates that the simplification of the IHP will reduce the average estimated hours to complete the IHP section of the IHP/APR. The simplification of the APR and combining it with the IHP enables recipients to avoid unnecessary data entry while eliminating the need to

report on multiple open grants in each APR, thereby improving data quality and reducing reporting burden. In compliance with requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, the agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because the statutory changes accelerate the submission of the IHP starting in fiscal year 2011. With implementation of the statutory changes, the IHP is due 75 days prior to the beginning of the grantee's fiscal year. For grantees with a fiscal year beginning in October 1, 2010, the revised IHP will be due July 16, 2010.

Title of Proposed Notice: Indian Housing Block Grant Program (Combined Indian Housing Plan and Annual Performance Reporting Requirements).

Description of Information Collection: This is a revision of a previously approved information collection. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements associated with HUD's proposed combined IHP/APR. The combined reporting format will simplify the reporting process, improve the quality of data submitted annually, and reduce the annual burden for recipients IHBG funds. As a result, HUD will receive improved reporting data for monitoring a recipient's performance and determining program compliance.

OMB Control Number: 2577-0218.

Agency Form Numbers: HUD-52735, HUD-52735-AS. (This revision modifies and combines both the HUD-52735 and 52735-AS and requests that the revised combined form be assigned a new form number or letter designation. Prior editions of the HUD-52735 should become obsolete. The HUD-52735-AS will need to be used for approximately three more years.)

Members of Affected Public: Tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses: The estimated number of respondents is 366; the frequency of response is once per year; and the total reporting burden will reduce significantly from the current total reporting time of 93,308 hours to 52,941 hours.

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

Dated: May 17, 2010.

Leroy McKinney, Jr.,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Federal Housing Administration (FHA)—Temporary Exemption From Compliance With FHA's Regulation on Property Flipping

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that FHA has waived its regulation that prohibits the use of FHA financing to purchase properties that are being resold within 90 days of the previous acquisition. Prior to the waiver of this regulation, which took effect for all sales contracts executed on or after February 1, 2010, a mortgage was not eligible for FHA insurance if the contract of sale for the purchase of the property that is the subject of the mortgage is executed within 90 days of the prior acquisition by the seller and the seller does not come under any of the exemptions to this 90-day period that are specified in the regulation. During this period of high foreclosures, FHA seeks to encourage investors that specialize in acquiring and renovating properties to renovate foreclosed and abandoned homes with the objective of increasing the availability of affordable homes for first-time and other purchasers and helping to stabilize real estate prices as well as neighborhoods and communities where foreclosure activity has been high. While the waiver is granted for the purpose of stimulating rehabilitation of foreclosed and abandoned homes, the waiver is applicable to all properties being resold within the 90-day period after prior acquisition, and is not limited to foreclosed properties.

The waiver, however, has conditions, and eligible mortgages must meet the conditions specified in this notice. Additionally, the waiver is not applicable to mortgages insured under HUD's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Program.

Although the waiver is currently in effect, HUD seeks comments from industry, potential purchasers, and other interested members of the public

on the conditions which must be met for the waiver to be provided. Comments will be taken into consideration in determining whether any modifications should be made to the waiver eligibility conditions.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 1, 2010 through February 1, 2011.

Comment Due Date: June 21, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this rule to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 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.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202-708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing