

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: April 4, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4653-N-04]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Assessment of Third-Party Economic Development Loans Funded Through HUD's Community Planning and Development Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* June 11, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name or OMB control number and be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judson L. James, Office of Research, Evaluation and Monitoring, Program Evaluation Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-3700 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents to be submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. James.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimated burden; (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: Assessment of Third-Party Economic Development Loans Funded Through HUD's Community Planning and Development Programs.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information to be collected is part of a larger study of the character and impacts of third-party economic development lending activities funded through HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Economic Development Initiative (EDI), and section 108 Guaranteed Loan programs. Although many communities have used large amounts of CDBG, EDI, and section 108 funds for such purposes, there is very little systematically collected information about the extent of such lending

nationally, the character and performance of the loans that are made, and the economic development impacts of such loans. This information collection is intended to fill this gap by: describing and characterizing the extent of third-party lending under the CDBG, section 108, and EDI programs; characterizing the nature of the national economic development loan portfolio; and assessing the basic performance and impacts of economic development loans. Together with data collected from administrative records, this information will provide HUD with key performance and evaluation data on its community and economic development programs as well as inform ongoing policy discussion regarding the desirability and feasibility of initiating secondary market sales of locally-issued economic development loans. Secondary market sales could provide such jurisdictions with increased capital availability for economic development purposes.

Members of affected public: In addition to collection of administrative data associated with economic development lending, these objectives will be accomplished through three surveys. The first involves brief telephone interviews with the national universe of local Directors of Community/Economic Development Departments that have used HUD funds for economic development purposes over the last decade. The second involves in-person, in-depth interviews with a sample of local Directors and other officials of Community/Economic Development Departments in 65 local jurisdictions (cities and urban counties) and states that have done extensive lending for economic development—averaging three interviews per jurisdiction/state. The third involves telephone interviews with principals/representatives of private businesses that in recent years have received economic development loans using CDBG, EDI, or section 108 funds.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection, including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response.

Types of respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Minutes per respondent	Total burden hours
Community/Economic Development Department Directors (by telephone)	800	1	20	266
Community/Economic Development Department Directors/Officials (in person)	195	1	60	195
Principals/Representatives of Business Loan Recipients (by telephone)	600	1	20	200
Total	1595			661

Status of proposed information collection: Pending OMB approval.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 29, 2001.

Lawrence L. Thompson,
General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4529-N-02]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* June 11, 2001.

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: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8001, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Katz, Office of Assistant General Counsel for New England, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 60 Causeway Street, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02122, telephone (617) 996-8250 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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 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: Information request to owners of HUD-assisted multifamily housing in Boston, pursuant to section III.A of consent Decree in *N.A.A.C.P., Boston Chapter v. Cuomo*.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2510-0008.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Pursuant to section III.A of the Consent Decree in *NAACP, Boston Chapter v. Cuomo*, as modified, HUD is required to submit annual reports to the Court setting forth the current racial makeup, family composition, and vacancy rate of HUD-assisted multifamily rental housing located in the city of Boston. The information is required to prepare reports to determine if there has been any progress toward achieving the goal of the Decree.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

Respondents: 213.

Frequency of response: once a year.

Hours of response: one hour.

Total burden hours at one hour per response: 213.

Status of the proposed information collection: This is an reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

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

Dated: April 4, 2001.

George L. Weidenfeller,

Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Housing Finance and Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4579-FA-08]

Housing Counseling Program Announcement of Noncompetitive Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2000

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

ACTION: Announcement of noncompetitive 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 response to unsolicited proposals for funding of organizations providing housing counseling services. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the agencies selected for funding and the award amount.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margaret Burns, Director, Program Support Division, Room 9166, Office of Single Family Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2121. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service on 1-800-877-8339 or (202) 708-9300. (With the exception of the "800" number, these are not toll free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Housing Counseling Program is authorized by Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x). HUD enters into agreement with qualified public or private nonprofit organizations to provide housing counseling services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families nationwide. The services include providing information, advice and assistance to renters, first-time homebuyers, homeowners, and senior citizens in areas such as pre-purchase counseling, financial management, property maintenance and other forms of housing assistance to improve the clients' housing conditions and meet the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership.

The purpose of the grant is to offer financial assistance to organizations that offer housing counseling services to meet priority housing needs, as identified by HUD. The availability of housing counseling program grants depends upon the appropriation of funds by the U.S. Congress for this purpose, the amount of those funds, and