

by E.O. 13990. In addition, the Executive Order tasked the IWG with the following:

(1) Publishing a final update to the SC–GHG estimates no later than January 2022;

(2) providing recommendations by Sept 1, 2021, regarding areas of decision-making, budgeting, and procurement by the Federal Government where the SC–GHG estimates should be applied;

(3) providing recommendations by June 1, 2022, regarding a process for reviewing and, as appropriate, updating the SC–GHG estimates to ensure that these estimates are based on the best available economics and science;

(4) providing recommendations, to be published with the January 2022 SC–GHG estimates if feasible, to revise methodologies for SC–GHG calculations to the extent that current methodologies do not adequately take account of climate risk, environmental justice, and intergenerational equity; and

(5) considering the recommendations of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) as reported in *Valuing Climate Damages: Updating Estimation of the Social Cost of Carbon Dioxide* (2017) and other pertinent scientific literature; engaging with the public and stakeholders; seeking the advice of ethics experts, and ensuring that the SC–GHG estimates reflect the interests of future generations in avoiding threats posed by climate change.

## 2. Issues for Comment

The IWG is issuing this notice in order to facilitate early and robust interaction with the public on this key aspect of this Administration's climate policy.

*Request for Comment:* The Co-Chairs of the IWG request comments, and any studies or other useful materials related to, the following:

- The general advances in science and economics included in this interim TSD, available at [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/TechnicalSupportDocument\\_SocialCostofCarbonMethaneNitrousOxide.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/TechnicalSupportDocument_SocialCostofCarbonMethaneNitrousOxide.pdf);

- Approaches to implementing the recommendations of the NASEM as reported in *Valuing Climate Damages: Updating Estimation of the Social Cost of Carbon Dioxide* (2017), including recommendations for how the IWG should prioritize and respond to these recommendations;

- Other recent advances in science and economics, beyond those presented in the interim TSD, that could be incorporated into the pending update,

including approaches to adequately take account of climate risk, environmental justice, and intergenerational equity;

- How best to reflect the latest scientific and economic understanding of discount rates appropriate for intergenerational analysis when using the interim SC–GHG estimates; and
- Areas of decision-making, budgeting, and procurement by the Federal Government where the SC–GHG estimates should be applied.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA–2021–027]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed extension request.

**SUMMARY:** We are proposing to request an extension to use the two information collections described in this notice, which the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) uses in its grant program. Organizations requesting a grant from the NHPRC must submit certain information the NHPRC staff, reviewers, and the Commission use to determine if the applicant and proposed project are eligible for an NHPRC grant; if the request is recommended for approval, the prospective grantee provides additional information acknowledging the offer of the grant and regulatory requirements; and, grantees must respond to an accounting questionnaire designed to identify potential recipients with limited experience managing Federal funds and provide appropriate training or additional safeguards for Federal funds. We invite you to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** We must receive written comments on or before July 6, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments by email to [tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov](mailto:tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov). Because our buildings are temporarily closed during the COVID–19 restrictions, we are not able to receive comments by mail during this time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tamee Fechhelm, Paperwork Reduction

Act Officer, by email at [tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov](mailto:tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov) or by telephone at 301.837.1694 with requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. If you have comments or suggestions, they should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collections are necessary for NARA to properly perform its functions; (b) our estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections and its accuracy; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect; (d) ways we could minimize the burden on respondents of collecting the information, including through information technology; and (e) whether these collections affect small businesses.

We will summarize any comments you submit and include the summary in our request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

In this notice, we solicit comments concerning the following information collections:

*Title:* National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) Grant Program Budget Form and Instructions and NHPRC Grant Offer Acknowledgement.

*OMB number:* 3095–0013.

*Agency form number:* NA Form 17001 and 17001a.

*Type of review:* Regular.

*Affected public:* Nonprofit organizations and institutions, state and local government agencies, and Federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups, who apply for and receive NHPRC grants for support of historical documentary editions, archival preservation and planning projects, and other records projects.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 244 per year submit applications; approximately 25 grantees need to submit revised budgets.

*Estimated time per response:* 10 hours per application; 5 hours per revised budget.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion for the application; as needed for revised budget. Currently, the NHPRC considers grant applications two times per year. Respondents usually submit no more than one application per year, and, for those who need to submit revised budgets, only one revised budget per year.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 1,765 hours.

**Abstract:** The NHPRC posts grant announcements to their website and to grants.gov ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)), where the information will be specific to the grant opportunity named. The basic information collection remains the same. The NA Form 17001 is used by the NHPRC staff, reviewers, and the Commission to determine if the applicant and proposed project are eligible for an NHPRC grant, and whether the proposed project is methodologically sound and suitable for support. The NA Form 17001a, NHPRC Grant Offer Acknowledgement, is used after the Archivist of the United States, as chair of the Commission, recommends a grant for approval. The prospective grantee must acknowledge the offer of the grant and agree to meet the requirements of applicable Federal regulations. In addition, they must verify the existence of an indirect cost agreement with a cognizant Federal agency if they are claiming indirect costs in the project's budget.

1. *Title:* Accounting System and Financial Capability Questionnaire.

*OMB number:* 3095-0072.

*Agency form numbers:* NA Form 17003.

*Type of review:* Regular.

*Affected public:* Not-for-profit institutions and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 75.

*Estimated time per response:* 4 hours.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 300.

**Abstract:** Pursuant to the Title 2, Section 215 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations (formerly OMB Circular A-110), and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, grant recipients are required to maintain adequate accounting controls and systems in managing and administering Federal funds. Some of the recipients of grants from the NHPRC have proven to have limited experience with managing Federal funds. This questionnaire is designed to identify those potential recipients and provide appropriate training or additional safeguards for Federal funds. Additionally, the questionnaire serves as a pre-audit function in identifying potential deficiencies and minimizing the risk of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement, which we use in lieu of a more costly

and time consuming formal pre-award audit.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Grantee Reporting Requirements for the Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0223.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to reinstate without revision an information collection for three years.

*Proposed Project:* The purpose of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program is to help ensure the vitality and diversity of the scientific and engineering workforce of the United States. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and in STEM education. The GRFP provides three years of support, to be used during a five-year fellowship period, for the graduate education of individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant research achievements in STEM and STEM education.

The Graduate Research Fellowship Program uses several sources of information in assessing and documenting program performance and impact. These sources include reports from program evaluation, the GRFP Committee of Visitors, and data compiled from the applications. In addition, GRFP Fellows submit annual activity reports to NSF.

The GRFP Completion report is proposed as a continuing component of the annual reporting requirement for the program. This report, submitted by the GRFP Institution, certifies the completion status of Fellows at the institution (e.g., in progress, completed, graduated, transferred, or withdrawn). The existing Completion Report, Grants Roster Report, and the Program Expense Report comprise the GRFP Annual Reporting requirements from the Grantee GRFP institution. Through submission of the Completion Report to NSF GRFP institutions certify the current status of all GRFP Fellows at the institution as either: In Progress, Graduated, Transferred, or Withdrawn. For Graduate Fellows with Graduated status, the graduation date is a required reporting element. Collection of this information allows the program to obtain information on the current status of Fellows, the number and/or percentage of Graduate Fellowship recipients who complete a science or engineering graduate degree, and an estimate of time to degree completion.