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**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).

The 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 of information 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 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:* Community Development Block Grants: State's Program

*OMB Control Number:* 2506-0085

*Description of the need for the information and proposed used:* The information is needed to assist HUD in determining whether States are carrying out the CDBG program in accordance with the applicable laws. In addition, States must maintain records at the state level to facilitate review and audit by HUD of each state's administration of its grant pursuant to section 104(e) of the statute and section 570.490 of the State CDBG rule.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:*

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, requires states that administer the CDBG program to submit: (1) a Final Statement that contains the community development objectives, a method of distribution, and the certification by the Governor or a duly authorized state official (Section 104(a)(1)); (2) an annual performance and evaluation report (PER) (Section 104(e)); and such records as may be necessary to facilitate review and audit by HUD of the state's administration of CDBG funds (Section 104(e)(2)).

*Members of affected public:* State Governments participating in the State administered CDBG program

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

Task	Number of respondents	Frequency of response (annual)	Estimate of burden hours	Total U.S. burden hours
PER (Performance & Evaluation Report).	49 .....	1 .....	216	10,584
Recordkeeping:				
States .....	49 .....	On-going .....	117	5,733
Localities .....	3,500 .....	On going .....	26	91,000
Consolidated Plan* .....	*49 .....	(*) .....	(*)	(101,950)
Total .....	49 plus .....	.....	7065	107,317

\*ConPlan paperwork hours reported with 2506-0117.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement, with minor change, of a previously approved collection for which approval is near expiration and request for OMB renewal for three years. The current OMB approval expires in April, 1997.

This report *does not* include 101,950 hours (2039 per respondent) spent on Consolidated Plan preparation and reporting. Those hours are reported with 2506-0117.

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

Dated: March 26, 1997.

**Jacque Lawing,**

*General Deputy, Assistant Secretary.*

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#### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program 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: June 2, 1997.

**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:

Reports Liaison Officer, Sheila E. Jones, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451-7th Street, SW, Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre Maguire-Zinni, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, (202) 708-1577 (this is not a toll-free number).

**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).

The 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 of information 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 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:* Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2506.0077.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement grantees are required by 24 CFR 570.506 to retain records necessary to document compliance with statutes, regulations, Executive Orders, and OMB Circulars applicable to the CDBG Entitlement Program. Also, Entitlement grantees are required by Section 104(e) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act to annually submit a performance report, which is necessary for the Secretary to perform an annual review of performance required by that section of the law, as well as providing the documentation necessary to prepare the Annual Report to Congress on the CDBG program.

Entitlement grantees will no longer be required to submit a separate annual report (Grantee Performance Report or GPR) specifically addressing all CDBG Entitlement program activities. Grantees will now report on their CDBG activities in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (which would also include performance report information for the HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Shelter Grants [ESG], and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS [HOPWA] programs as well, should the CDBG grantee also be a recipient of any funds under these programs).

The automated Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) will be a key component in the production of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Grantees will input information about their CDBG program activities into IDIS on an on-going basis throughout their program year. Since data can be easily extracted from IDIS to be included in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, the time necessary to produce the report will be reduced. Duplication of information and inconsistent reporting will be reduced also. There are no standard forms required to be used in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation

Report, therefore grantees have much flexibility with respect to its design and format.

The proposed information collection requirement includes a revision of the currently approved recordkeeping and reporting requirements for entitlement grantees in the CDBG program. The existing approval granted under OMB Number 2506-0077 is due to expire May 31, 1997. The existing approval includes the Final Statement (SF-424), which was submitted by grantees as a condition for receiving their grant, and GPR (Forms HUD-4949.1 through 4949.6), which was submitted at the end of each grantee's program year.

This is to advise that the Final Statement will be excluded from the information collection requirement, since the information previously included in the Final Statement is now submitted to the Department as part of the consolidated Submission for Community Development Planning and Development Programs (see OMB approval No. 2506-0117).

Although the IDIS and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report can contain information on a grantee's CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs, this information collection requirement submitted to OMB requests approval for *CDBG Entitlement Program recordkeeping and reporting requirements only*.

The Department is in the process of converting all of its CDBG Entitlement grantees into the IDIS. Given the wide range of grantee program year start dates for 1997 (January 1, 1997 to October 1, 1997) some grantees have yet to be fully converted into the IDIS. Some communities may continue to report through the GPR until they are fully converted into the IDIS. Also, the IDIS does not collect all information necessary to meet all requirements for the Entitlement CDBG program. Grantees will have to submit supplementary documents with their Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to meet these requirements. In future program years, grantees will report through the IDIS system, with supplementary documents submitted.

*Members of affected public:* Entitlement grantees of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection, including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The Department estimates that each of its 925 grantees will annually use, on average, 125 hours to keep records (non-IDIS

recordkeeping) on their CDBG activities, and 305 hours to prepare reports on activities (both IDIS-generated and non-IDIS reports).

570.506 (recordkeeping) (on-going): 925×125 hrs=115,625 hrs.

570.507 (reporting): 925×305 hrs=282,125 hrs.

Total burden hours=397,750 hrs.

Computation of reporting hours: (Quarterly and annual reports from IDIS, annual total): 925×284 hrs=262,700

(Non-IDIS reports, Supplemental annual): 925×21 hrs=19,425

Total reporting hrs=282,125 hrs.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval is near expiration and request for OMB renewal for three years. The current OMB approval expires in May 1997.

This report *does not* include 35,920 hours spent on Consolidated Plan preparation and submission. Those hours are reported with 2606-0117.

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

Dated: March 26, 1997.

**Jacque Lawing,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission (Commission), established by the Secretary of the Interior under the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, will meet to receive direct testimony from its contracted researchers who are reporting on issues in six major river basins in the west and to meet on other Commission business.

**DATES:** Thursday, April 17, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, April 18, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 19, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Location: Regal Harvest House, 1345 28th Street, Boulder, Colorado. Room locations will be posted in the hotel lobby. Copies of the agenda are available from the Western Water Policy Review Office, D-5001; P.O. Box 25007; Denver, CO 80225-0007.