

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5831-N-22]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information
Collection: Family Self Sufficiency
Program Demonstration****AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information
Officer, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: May 28, 2015.

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: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the

information collection for a period of 60 days was published on December 29, 2014 at 79 FR 78100.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection:
Family Self-Sufficiency Program
Demonstration.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0296.

Type of Request: Revision of a
currently approved collection.

Form Numbers: N/A.

*Description of the need for the
information and proposed use:* 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 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 if
the information will have practical
utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the
agency's estimate of the burden of
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.

The Department is conducting this
study under contract with MDRC and its
subcontractors (Branch Associates and
M. Davis and Company, Inc.). The
project is an evaluation of the Family
Self-Sufficiency Program operated at
Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) across
the U.S. The study will use random-
assignment methods to evaluate the
effectiveness of the program. FSS has
operated since 1992 and serves voucher
holders and residents of public housing.
The FSS model is essentially case
management plus an escrow account.
FSS case managers create a plan with

families to achieve goals and connect
with services that will enhance their
employment opportunities. Families
accrue money in their escrow accounts
as they increase their earnings. To date,
HUD has funded two other studies of
the FSS program, but neither can tell us
how well families would have done in
the absence of the program. A random
assignment model is needed because
participant self-selection into FSS limits
the ability to know whether program
features rather than the characteristics
of the participating families caused
tenant income gains. Random
assignment will limit the extent to
which selection bias is driving observed
results.

This demonstration will document
the progress of a group of FSS
participants from initial enrollment to
program completion (or exit). The intent
is to gain a deeper understanding of the
program and illustrate strategies that
assist participants to obtain greater
economic independence. While the
main objective of FSS is stable, suitable
employment, there are many interim
outcomes of interest, which include:
getting a first job; getting a higher
paying job; self-employment/small
business ownership; no longer needing
benefits provided under one or more
welfare programs; obtaining additional
education, whether in the form of a high
school diploma, higher education
degree, or vocational training; buying a
home; buying a car; setting up savings
accounts; or accomplishing similar goals
that lead to economic independence.

Data collection referenced in this
notice focuses on program participation
and data will be collected for FSS
program participants only.

Respondents: 18 PHAs
(approximately 1 staff per PHA) 1,785
Study Participants.

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

Information collection	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Management Information System (MIS) ..	18 PHAs	3.5 responses (assumes annual entry 2015, 2016, 2017, and part of 2018).	.83 hours (assume 50 minutes/year).	3,809 burden (18 PHAs * 73 program participants ¹ * 3.5 responses * .83 hours).
Tracking Survey	1,785 Study Participants.	2 responses (semi-annual follow-ups).	.17 hours (assume 20 minutes/year).	607 burden (18 PHAs * 1,785 program participants * 2 responses * .17 hours).
Total	4,416 hours

¹ Total sample = 2,609, of which 1,306 is in the FSS group and 1,303 are in the Control group (excluding withdrawn or ineligible participants). There is an average of 73 FSS group members per PHA (1306 FSS group members/18 PHAs).

Estimated Number of Responses: See table.

Frequency of Response: See table.

Average Hours per Response: See table.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 4,416 Burden Hours.

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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: April 21, 2015.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5841-N-01]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Certification of Consistency With Sustainable Communities Planning and Implementation

AGENCY: Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Grants Management and Oversight Division, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection.

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 comment 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 Due Date: June 29, 2015.

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: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

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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: Certification of Consistency and Nexus between Activities Proposed by the Applicant with Livability Principles Advanced in Preferred Sustainability Status Communities.

OMB Approval Number: 2535-0121.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-2995.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD seeks grantees that envision and work toward sustainable communities, and provides a number of strategies to do so. To receive points for this policy priority, applicants must go beyond the basic minimum requirements of the NOFA to which they are applying, and must commit to incorporate into their proposed activities the appropriate Livability Principles described by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, which includes HUD, the Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency. These activities include: metropolitan regional plans, neighborhood plans, infrastructure investments, site plans, or architectural plans, so that resulting development or reuse of property takes into account the impacts of the development on the community and the metropolitan region, consistent with sustainable development as expressed in the Livability Principles, as follows: