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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: The Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Housing Application Packaging Grants.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 12, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy McDaniel, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Processing Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 0783, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone (202) 720-1486.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Housing Application Packaging Grants.

OMB Number: 0575-0157.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 1996.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service under Section 509 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes grants to public and private nonprofit organizations and state and local governments to package housing applications for Sections 502, 504, 514/516, 515, and 533 in colonias and designated counties. Eligible organizations will aid very low- and low-income individuals and families in obtaining benefits from RHS housing programs.

RHS will be collecting information from grantees to assure the organizations participating in this program are eligible entities and have participated in RHS training in application packaging. The respondents are nonprofit organizations, States, State agencies, and units of general local government. The information required for approval of housing application packaging grants is used by RHS personnel to verify program eligibility requirements and to secure grant assistance. The information is collected at the RHS field office responsible for the processing of the application being submitted. The information is also used to insure the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. If not collected, RHS would be unable to determine if a grantee would qualify for grant assistance.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Private and public nonprofit organizations, and State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1800 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from the Director, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 720-9725.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to

Director, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Ag Box 0743, Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 6, 1996.

Maureen Kennedy,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: 1996 Community Census.

Form Number(s): DT-1A, 1B, 1(E), 1(E)SUPP, 10, 20A, 31, 14B.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 1,203 hours.

Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 7 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau plans to conduct the 1996 Community Census to test new and improved methodologies for reducing the differentials in the census among the various components of the population and for containing costs associated with conducting a census. The test will be conducted on two American Indian Reservations and in 6 census tracts in Chicago, Illinois. Objectives are to test the Integrated Coverage Measurement Program in a reengineered census setting and compare rostering strategies for improving within-household coverage. We will use respondent friendly forms to maximize mail response. We also plan to implement and evaluate a partnership agreement with tribal governments and expand the Tribal Liaison's role to include involvement in census operational activities.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.