

information is needed to provide HUD with preliminary assessment as to the statutory and regulatory eligibility of proposed grantee projects. A secondary need is informing citizens of intended uses for program funds.

*Agency Form Numbers (if applicable):* The Department's collection of this information is in compliance with statutory provisions of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 that requires participating jurisdictions submit a Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (Section 216(5)), the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, that requires states and localities to submit a Community Development Plan (Section 104(b)(4) and Section 104(b)(m)) and statutory provisions of these Acts that require states and localities to submit

applications for these formula grant programs.

*Members of the Affected Public:* State and local governments participating in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) program, or the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) 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:* Since the original approval of the Consolidated Planning paperwork reduction estimate in 1995 (OMB Control Number 2506-0117), additional localities have qualified for assistance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

program, thus increasing the overall burden calculation. Additionally, this submission includes paperwork estimates associated with narrative information required by the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Reporting on annual performance was not included in the original Consolidated Plan paperwork estimate that was submitted to OMB. There have been several minor regulatory changes made to existing CDBG regulations and those for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program which have resulted in a slight increase in overall burden hours calculations. Each of these regulatory changes have been submitted for comment in the National Register and to OMB independently.

The revised paperwork estimates are as follows:

Task	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total U.S. burden hours
Consolidated Plan:			
Localities .....	1,000	1	332,025
States .....	50	1	48,900
Performance Report:			
Localities .....	1,000	1	150,000
States .....	50	1	12,000
Abbreviated Strategy .....			7,000
<b>Total .....</b>			<b>549,925</b>

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement, with minor changes of a previously approved collection for which approval is near expiration and the request for OMB approval's for three years. The current OMB approval expires December 31, 1998.

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

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**Cardell Cooper,**

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4380-N-05]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comments Due Date: January 15, 1999.

**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 must be received within sixty (60) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be sent to: Ms. Shelia Jones, Reports Liaison Officer, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yvette Aidara, Office of Block Grant Assistance; (202) 708-1322, ext. 4378 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents may be obtained from Mrs. Aidara.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB an information collection package with respect to a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the HUD Colonias Initiative. A request for emergency processing, essential to secure the funding appropriated October 27, 1997, was approved on July 29, 1998.

The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Pub. L. 105-65, approved October 27, 1997) (FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act) allocated \$25,000,000 to test comprehensive approaches to developing a job base through economic development, developing affordable low- and moderate-income rental and homeownership housing, and increasing the investment of both private and nonprofit capital in rural and tribal areas of the U.S. Of that amount, \$5 million has been targeted for the HUD Colonias NOFA to address housing and other development needs of colonia residents in the four border states where colonias are found (California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas). Of the \$5 million, \$1 million may be provided to

one or more private or nonprofit intermediary organization(s) that would provide capacity-building loans, grants, or technical assistance to local nonprofit organizations serving colonia residents. The \$4 million may be used by organizations serving colonias to provide decent, safe, sanitary, and accessible affordable housing as well as to address related development needs. Examples of likely activities are: new housing construction, self-help construction training, homeownership assistance, installation of water wells or septic systems, refinancing of debt to convert contracts-for-deed, surveying or replatting of existing subdivisions, and other related activities to support housing development.

Eligible applicants are organizations (for profit and non-profit) providing assistance to and for residents of colonias in any of the four colonia States.

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 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 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 has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35):

*Title of Proposal:* NOFA: HUD Colonias Initiative.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2506-0167.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The information collection is essential so that HUD staff may determine the eligibility, qualifications and capability of applicants to carry out the HUD Colonias Initiative activities. HUD will review the information provided by the applicants against the selection criteria contained in the NOFA in order to rate and rank the applications and select the best and most qualified applications for funding. The selection criteria are:

- (1) Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Staff;
- (2) Need/Extent of the Problem;
- (3) Soundness of Approach; and
- (4) Financial Feasibility/Leverage Resources.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* SF-424 (including a maximum 25 page application in response to the Factors for Award)

*Members of affected public:* Eligible applicants are organizations (for profit and nonprofit) providing assistance to and for residents of colonias in any of the four colonia States.

*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 estimated number of applicants is 25, with approximately 8 recipients. The proposed frequency of the response to the collection of information is one-time; the application need be submitted only one time. Preparation time of 80 hours per application is estimated for a total of 2000 hours. Annual recordkeeping (including electronic payments) is estimated at 2016 hours for 8 grant recipients.

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

Dated: November 5, 1998.

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*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4340-FA-06]

### Announcement of Funding Awards for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program Fiscal Year 1998

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

**ACTION:** Notice of 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 a competition for funding under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Program. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the awardees and the amount of the awards made available by HUD to provide assistance to the HBCUs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Delores Pruden, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1590 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339. Information may also be obtained from a HUD field office, see Appendix A for names, addresses and telephone numbers, or for general information, applicants can call Community Connections at 1-800-998-9999.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This program is authorized under section 107(b)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (the 1974 Act) (42 U.S.C. 5307(b)(3)), which was added by section 105 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (Pub. L. 101-235). The program is governed by regulations contained in 24 CFR 570.400 and 570.404, and in 24 CFR part 570, subparts A, C, J, K, and O.

This notice announces FY 1998 funding of \$6.5 million to HBCUs to be used to stimulate economic and community development activities in the HBCUs' locality. The FY 1998 grantees announced in this Notice were selected for funding consistent with the provisions in the NOFA published in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 1998 (63 FR 15527).

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.237.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the grantees and amounts of the awards in Appendix B.

Dated: November 5, 1998.

**Cardell Cooper,**

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

### Appendix A—Community Planning and Development (CPD) Directors With Historically Black Colleges and Universities Located Within their Jurisdiction

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