

Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116–260, 134 stat. 1182, 2129–36 (2020) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1301 nt.), Congress created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided \$3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58, 135 stat. 429, 1238–44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751–52), Congress modified and extended EBBP, provided an additional \$14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC’s Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (“National Verifier”), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants’ eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by determining whether they receive Medicaid or SNAP benefits administered by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

*Participating Agencies:* Virginia Department of Social Services.

*Authority for Conducting the Matching Program:* The authority for the FCC’s ACP is Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58, 135 stat. 429, 1238–44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751–52); 47 CFR part 54. The authority for the FCC’s Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C. 254; 47 CFR 54.400 through 54.423; Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, *et al.*, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962, 4006–21, paras. 126–66 (2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*).

*Purpose(s):* The purpose of this modified matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program and ACP by checking an applicant’s/subscriber’s participation in Medicaid and SNAP in Virginia. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts and also for ACP benefits.

*Categories of Individuals:* The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; or are individuals who have received Lifeline and/or ACP benefits.

*Categories of Records:* The categories of records involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security Number, date of birth, and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Virginia Department of Social Services, which will respond either “yes” or “no” that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: Medicaid or SNAP administered by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

*System(s) of Records:* The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 86 FR 11526 (Feb. 25, 2021).

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the ACP system of records, FCC/WCB–3, Affordable Connectivity Program, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 86 FR 71494 (Dec. 16, 2021).

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and its continuation at the conclusion of the open meeting on March 10, 2022.

**PLACE:** 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC and virtual (this meeting will be a hybrid meeting).

**STATUS:** This meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Compliance matters pursuant to 52 U.S.C. 30109.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

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**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

*Authority:* Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

**Vicktoria J. Allen,**

*Acting Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[No. 2022–N–2]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Agency.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice of submission of information collection for approval from Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA or the Agency) is seeking public comments concerning an information collection known as “Advances to Housing Associates,” which has been assigned control number 2590–0001 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). FHFA intends to submit the information collection to OMB for review and approval of a three-year extension of the control number, which is due to expire on June 30, 2022.

**DATES:** Interested persons may submit comments on or before May 2, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to FHFA, identified by “Proposed Collection; Comment Request: ‘Advances to Housing Associates, (No. 2022–N–2)’” by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* [www.fhfa.gov/open-for-comment-or-input](http://www.fhfa.gov/open-for-comment-or-input).
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. If you submit your comment to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*, please also send it by email to FHFA at [RegComments@fhfa.gov](mailto:RegComments@fhfa.gov) to ensure timely receipt by the agency.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Federal Housing Finance Agency, Office of General Counsel, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20219, ATTENTION: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: “Advances to Housing Associates, (No. 2022–N–2)”.

We will post all public comments we receive without change, including any personal information you provide, such as your name and address, email address, and telephone number, on the FHFA website at <http://www.fhfa.gov>.

Copies of all comments received will be available for examination by the public through the electronic comment docket for this PRA Notice also located on the FHFA website.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James Hedrick, Senior Financial Analyst, by email at [James.Hedrick@FHFA.gov](mailto:James.Hedrick@FHFA.gov), by telephone at (202) 649–3319, or Angela Supervielle, Counsel, [Angela.Supervielle@fhfa.gov](mailto:Angela.Supervielle@fhfa.gov), (202) 649–3973 (these are not toll-free numbers); Federal Housing Finance Agency, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20219. For TTY/TRS users with hearing and speech disabilities, dial 711 and ask to be connected to any of the contact numbers above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Need For and Use of the Information Collection**

Section 10b of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) establishes the requirements for making Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) advances (secured loans) to nonmember mortgagees, which are referred to as “Housing Associates” in FHFA’s regulations.<sup>1</sup> Section 10b also establishes the eligibility requirements an applicant must meet in order to be certified as a Housing Associate.

Part 1264 of FHFA’s regulations implements the statutory eligibility requirements and establishes uniform review criteria the Banks must use in evaluating applications from entities that wish to be certified as a Housing

Associate. Specifically, § 1264.4 implements the statutory eligibility requirements and provides guidance to an applicant on how it may satisfy those requirements.<sup>2</sup> Section 1264.5

authorizes the Banks to approve or deny all applications for certification as a Housing Associate, subject to the statutory and regulatory requirements.<sup>3</sup> Section 1264.6 permits an applicant that has been denied certification by a Bank to appeal that decision to FHFA.<sup>4</sup>

Subpart B of 12 CFR part 1266 governs Bank advances to Housing Associates that have been approved under 12 CFR part 1264. Section 1266.17 establishes the terms and conditions under which a Bank may make advances to Housing Associates.<sup>5</sup> Specifically, § 1266.17(e) imposes a continuing obligation on each certified Housing Associate to provide information necessary for the Bank to determine if it remains in compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, as set forth in part 1264.

The OMB control number for the information collection, which expires on June 30, 2022, is 2590–0001. The likely respondents include entities applying to be certified as a Housing Associate and current Housing Associates.

**B. Burden Estimates**

FHFA estimates the total annualized hour burden imposed upon respondents by this information collection to be 306 hours (14 hours for applicants + 292 hours for current Housing Associates), based on the following calculations:

*I. Applicants*

FHFA estimates that the total annual average number of entities applying to be certified as a Housing Associate over the next three years will be one, with one response per applicant. The estimate for the average hours per application is 14 hours. Therefore, the estimate for the total annual hour burden for all applicants is 14 hours (1 applicant × 1 response per applicant × 14 hours = 14 hours).

*II. Current Housing Associates*

FHFA estimates that the total annual average number of existing Housing Associates over the next three years will be 73, with one response per Housing Associate required to comply with the regulatory reporting requirements. The estimate for the average hours per response is 4 hours. Therefore, the

estimate for the total annual hour burden for current Housing Associates is 292 hours (73 certified Housing Associates × 1 response per associate × 4 hours = 292 hours).

**C. Comments Request**

FHFA requests written comments on the following: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FHFA functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FHFA’s estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Shawn Bucholtz,**

*Chief Data Officer, Federal Housing Finance Agency.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**

[Petition No. P1–22]

**Petition of Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. for a Temporary Exemption From the Statutory Tariff Publication Requirements; Notice of Filing and Request for Comments**

Served: February 25, 2022.

Notice is hereby given that Expeditors International of Washington, Inc., (“Petitioner”) has petitioned the Commission pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 40103 and 46 CFR 502.92 requesting a 90-day “exemption from the statutory tariff publication requirements at 46 U.S.C. 40501 and the corresponding FMC regulations at 46 CFR 520.7(c), 520.8(a)(1) and 520.8(a)(4) . . . .” Petitioner states that it is a non-vessel-operating common carrier (NVOCC) and that the exemption would “allow time for it to cope with the consequences of a targeted cyber-attack that caused it to shut down most of its operating systems globally in protection of its systems, including its ability to access and update its electronic ocean transportation rate tariffs”.

In order for the Commission to make a thorough evaluation of the requested exemption and rulemaking presented in the Petition, pursuant to 46 CFR 502.92, interested parties are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the Petition no later than March 7, 2022. Replies shall be sent to the Secretary by email to [Secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:Secretary@fmc.gov) or by mail

<sup>2</sup> See 12 CFR 1264.4.

<sup>3</sup> See 12 CFR 1264.5.

<sup>4</sup> See 12 CFR 1264.6.

<sup>5</sup> See 12 CFR 1266.17.

<sup>1</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 1430b; 12 CFR 1264.3.