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Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

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: Owner Certification with HUD’s Tenant Eligibility and Rent Procedures.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0204.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Form Number: HUD–50059, HUD–50059–A, HUD–9887/9887–A, HUD–27061–H, HUD–90100, HUD–90101, HUD–90102, HUD–90103, HUD–90104, HUD–90105–a, HUD–90105–b, HUD–90105–c, HUD–90105–d, HUD–90106, HUD–91067 and new forms, HUD–90011 (Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System Multifamily Housing Coordinator Access Authorization Form) and HUD–90012 (Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System User Access Authorization Form)

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Department needs to collect this information in order to establish an applicant’s eligibility for admittance to subsidized housing, specify which eligible applicants may be given priority over others, and prohibit racial discrimination in conjunction with selection of tenants and unit assignments. The Department must specify tenant eligibility requirements as well as how tenants’ incomes, rents and assistance must be verified and

computed so as to prevent the Department from making improper payments to owners on behalf of assisted tenants. The Department also must provide annual reports to Congress and the public on the race/ethnicity and gender composition of subsidy program beneficiaries. This information is essential to maintain a standard of fair practices in assigning tenants to HUD Multifamily properties.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,850,895.

Estimated Number of Responses: 3,050,117.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 3.25.

Total Estimated Burden: 1,439,460.

B. 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.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

Jeffrey D. Little,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6467–N–01]

Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG–DR) and Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG–MIT) Grantees

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice governs Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG–DR) and Community Development Block Grant mitigation (CDBG–MIT) funds awarded under several appropriations acts identified in the Table of Contents. Specifically, this notice includes waivers and alternative requirements for the States of North Carolina and Alaska in response to their submitted requests for waivers and alternative requirements for grants provided under the public laws cited in this notice. As further outlined below, this notice provides a waiver and alternative requirement to the State of North Carolina to align buyout requirements across the State’s various CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT grants and a waiver and alternative requirement to the State of Alaska to increase the limit on planning costs for the State’s CDBG–MIT funds. The Department has waived and established similar alternative requirements for other grantees in the past, so the waivers and alternative requirements described in this notice are not unique or precedent setting.

DATES: Applicability Date: July 15, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tennille Parker, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202–708–3587 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>. Email inquiries may be sent to *disaster_recovery@hud.gov*.

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I. Authority To Grant Waivers

Each of the appropriations acts cited in the Table of Contents authorize the Secretary to waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary, or use by the recipient, of grant funds, except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment. HUD may also exercise its regulatory waiver authority under 24 CFR 5.110, 91.600, and 570.5.

All waivers and alternative requirements authorized in this notice are based upon a determination by the Secretary that good cause exists, and that the waiver or alternative requirement is not inconsistent with the overall purposes of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*) (HCDA). The good cause for each waiver and alternative requirement is summarized in this notice.

II. Public Law 114–254, 115–31, 115–123, 115–254, and 116–20 Waivers and Alternative Requirements

Waiver and Alternative Requirement for North Carolina’s CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT Buyout Programs (State of North Carolina only).

The Department received a request and justification of good cause from the State of North Carolina to waive the requirement that only real property is eligible for acquisition in buyout activities, which limits the acquisition of manufactured, modular, or mobile housing units (MHUs). Given that the Department has already updated this provision for newer grants, allowing this waiver for North Carolina’s older grants would merely align requirements across their grant portfolio. These newer, more flexible requirements published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2023 (88 FR 3212) and May 24, 2022 (87 FR 31648) as Appendix B (“the Consolidated Notice”) allow CDBG–DR funds to be used to acquire homes that are MHUs, regardless of whether MHUs are considered real property under state law, as part of the acquisition of an MHU’s underlying real property in a buyout activity.

This waiver and alternative requirement, as further described below, applies to the State’s CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT funds allocated to the State under Public Law 114–254, 115–31,

115–123, 115–254, and 116–20. These CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT funds are subject to the requirements in the **Federal Register** notices published on January 18, 2017 (82 FR 5591), November 21, 2016 (81 FR 83254) (the “November 2016 Notice”), August 7, 2017 (82 FR 36812), January 27, 2020 (85 FR 4681), February 9, 2018 (83 FR 5844) (the “February 2018 Notice”), August 14, 2018 (83 FR 40314), February 19, 2019 (84 FR 4836), June 20, 2019 (84 FR 28848), August 30, 2019 (84 FR 45838) (the “August 2019 Notice”), and January 6, 2021 (86 FR 561) (collectively, the “Prior Notices”).

The Prior Notices require the State to adhere to more stringent requirements for buyout activities undertaken with CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT funds. Per these requirements, CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT grantees undertaking buyout activities are required to adhere to the housing acquisition activity requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and the associated regulations at 24 CFR 570.201(a), which limit housing acquisition to real property. Further, the Prior Notices define the term “buyout” as the acquisition of property located in a floodway or floodplain that is intended to reduce risk from future flooding or the acquisition of properties in Disaster Risk Reduction Areas (DRRA), as designated by the grantee. Because the Prior Notices do not waive requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and the associated regulations at 24 CFR 570.201(a), any buyout program is limited to the acquisition of real property or property considered to be part of a community’s permanent housing stock when it includes acquisition of the underlying real property (*i.e.*, land). However, 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and the associated regulations only permit the use of funds for MHUs under HUD’s regulatory oversight, including HUD’s Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (“HUD Code”, 24 CFR part 3280) and therefore, exclude MHU’s only built to state and local standards.

Beginning with the application of the Consolidated Notice to CDBG–DR funds, HUD waived the requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5305(a) to the extent necessary for the creation of a new eligible activity termed “buyouts.” CDBG–DR grant funds subject to the requirements in the Consolidated Notice may be used for buyout activities defined as the acquisition of properties located in a floodway, floodplain, or other DRRA that is intended to reduce risk from future hazards. This means that CDBG–DR funds, subject to the requirements of the Consolidated Notice, may be used to

acquire MHUs, that can sometimes be treated as personal property or do not meet the HUD Code, as part of the acquisition of an MHU’s underlying real property in a buyout activity.

The State of North Carolina has requested a waiver of the requirement that buyouts are limited to the acquisition of real property to allow the State to align its buyout activities with the flexibilities provided in the Consolidated Notice. The waiver and alternative requirement are necessary to allow the State to undertake buyout activities for MHUs that do not qualify as real property or meet the HUD Code to reduce the risk of future flooding to the State’s housing stock and the administrative burden of managing different requirements for other buyout activities across its grant portfolio. The waiver and alternative requirement provided herein will help the State promote recovery and mitigation following Hurricanes Matthew and Florence by expanding its buyout programs to include MHUs in a DRRA and enable the State to move more homes and households out of harm’s way.

The State’s waiver request notes that it is currently implementing its Strategic Buyout Program (SBP) with CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT funds and that MHUs constitute a significant portion of the housing stock in the State, making up 25 percent of all housing stock in disaster-impacted areas. The State’s request also points out the need to include the value of MHUs in buyout offers to equitably serve this population and reduce the risk of future damage to the State’s MHU-housing stock, which also tends to be among the most vulnerable.

The State plans to use its CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT funding under Public Law 114–254, 115–31, 115–123, 115–254, and 116–20 for the implementation of its SBP, which began accepting applications in January 2020. The SBP is a voluntary buyout program that beneficiaries may apply for that provides funding for the purchase of eligible properties in a DRRA, resulting in a deed restriction that limits future development on the acquired parcel. Applicants and properties must meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the State’s SBP Manual.

After reviewing the State’s request and based on the good cause provided herein, the Department is waiving 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and the buyout requirements established in the Prior Notices under section VI.B.35 of the November 2016 Notice (81 FR 83271), section VI.B.37 of the February 2018 Notice (83 FR 5863), and section V.B.4 of the August 2019 Notice (84 FR 45864)

for the State of North Carolina's Public Law 114–254, 115–31, 115–123, 115–254, and 116–20 CDBG–DR and CDBG–MIT funds and establishing as an alternative requirement the requirements in section II.B.7. (including II.B.7.a.) of the January 18, 2023, Notice (88 FR 3212). Any buyouts of MHUs under this alternative requirement must include acquisition of the underlying real property.

III. Public Law 116–20 Waiver and Alternative Requirement

Waiver and Alternative Requirement on Limitation of CDBG–MIT Planning Costs (State of Alaska only).

The Department received a request and justification of good cause from the State of Alaska to increase the limit on planning costs from 15 to 48 percent of its CDBG–MIT grant to implement a planning activity in the State's approved Action Plan. This request applies to the State's CDBG–MIT funds under Public Law 116–20 announced in the **Federal Register** notice published on January 6, 2021 (86 FR 561) (the "January 2021 Notice") for a disaster occurring in 2018. The January 2021 Notice included waivers and alternative requirements for grantees that received a CDBG–MIT allocation under Public Law 115–123 or 116–20 and required grantees to adhere to the relevant requirements of the **Federal Register** notices published on August 30, 2019 (84 FR 45838) (the "August 2019 Notice") and on September 28, 2020 (85 FR 60821).

The State is requesting that the Department modify paragraph V.A.8.b.(1) of the August 2019 Notice to accommodate its proposed planning activity. Specifically, the State is requesting the ability to use \$1,086,800, or approximately 48 percent, of its CDBG–MIT grant amount to upgrade the Municipality of Anchorage's local vertical datum reference system to the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). However, paragraph V.A.8.b.(1) of the August 2019 Notice and Section II.B. of the January 2021 Notice provide an alternative requirement that limits CDBG–MIT grantees to spending a maximum of 15 percent of their total grant amount or \$750 million, whichever is less, on planning costs.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) defines and manages the NSRS through its National Geodetic Survey. The NSRS serves as a consistent coordinate system that defines latitude, longitude, height, scale, gravity, and orientation throughout the United States. The NSRS includes a network of permanently marked points; a consistent, accurate, and up-to-date national shoreline; a

network of Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) which supports three-dimensional positioning activities; and a set of accurate models describing dynamic, geophysical processes that affect spatial measurements.

The Municipality of Anchorage's existing network of vertical datum monuments (benchmarks) is not tied to the NSRS, references a superseded local mean sea level, has minimal compatibility with modern survey techniques that rely heavily on the use of GPS equipment, and is generally outdated and in poor condition. For the Municipality to adopt the NSRS datum, additional funding is needed to create an inventory of existing benchmarks, identify existing benchmarks that may be used in conjunction with the NSRS, establish new benchmarks in areas where few monuments exist, and conduct a project to establish NSRS positions on new and existing benchmarks referencing the Municipality of Anchorage datum. The State's planning activity will verify and update the GPS coordinates of all benchmarks within the Municipality of Anchorage, which is a National Geodetic Survey requirement for communities to participate in the modernized NSRS.

After consulting with the Municipality of Anchorage, the Office of Emergency Management, the Office of Economic and Community Development (MOA/OECD), and other Federal partners, and reviewing its Mitigation Needs Assessment, the State determined it is critical to allocate funds to upgrade the local vertical datum reference system to the NSRS in order to support FEMA in remapping the Municipality's Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). Local and State Hazard Mitigation Plans identify flood risk as one of the most urgent potential hazards in the Municipality. However, existing flood hazard maps are inaccurate, which limits the Municipality's ability to mitigate risk through land-use planning, infrastructure, building codes, and other measures. Flood hazard and other spatial mapping currently rely on the local vertical datum reference system, which the November 30, 2018, earthquake made more inaccurate. Upgrading the local vertical datum reference system to the NSRS will enable coordination with FEMA to update the Municipality's SFHAs to accurately convey flood risks within the community, making it a strategic and high-impact project to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses.

Further, FEMA has adopted the NSRS as the official datum of the National

Flood Insurance Program and is moving to transition all Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) to the NSRS. The Municipality's adoption of the NSRS will conform to FEMA standards, increase the alignment of federally funded geospatial data sets with local projects, enable the use of GPS technology in local surveying, and provide specifications for not only updating flood maps, but also tsunami warning systems and other disaster resources.

To reduce the risks and prioritize the protection of low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, the State of Alaska also verified that at least 50 percent of its CDBG–MIT award will continue to be used exclusively for activities that benefit LMI persons through its Tsunami Alert System and Home Flood Mitigation Program.

The August 2019 Notice and the January 2021 Notice waive section 106(d) of the HCDA (42 U.S.C. 5306(d)) and 24 CFR 570.489(a)(1)(i) and (iii) and create an alternative requirement that limits CDBG–MIT grantees to spending a maximum of 15 percent of their total grant amount or \$750 million, whichever is less, on planning costs.

Based on the reasons stated above, HUD has determined that good cause exists to modify the alternative requirement in paragraph V.A.8.b.(1) of the August 2019 Notice and the third paragraph of Section II.B. of the January 2021 Notice to the extent necessary to permit eligible planning expenses up to 48 percent of the State's CDBG–MIT grant amount. Additionally, to ensure that the State prioritizes activities benefitting LMI persons as described in its approved CDBG–MIT Action Plan, the Department will continue to require that at least 50 percent of the State's CDBG–MIT funds be expended on programs and projects that will benefit LMI persons.

As a reminder, the State must continue to limit its administrative costs for the CDBG–MIT grant to 5 percent of its total grant award and 5 percent of program income generated by the grant, as provided in Public Law 116–20, the August 2019 Notice, and the January 2021 Notice.

IV. Finding of No Significant Impact

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the environment has been made in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)). The FONSI is available online on HUD's CDBG–DR website at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/

comm_planning/cdbg-dr and for public inspection between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays in the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the docket file must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202-708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number).

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Marion M. McFadden,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as follows.

DATES: The Southeast Oregon RAC will meet on August 12, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon Pacific Time (PT) and September 24, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PT. The RAC will participate in a field tour on September 25, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. PT.

ADDRESSES: The August 12, 2024, meeting will be held virtually. The September 24, 2024, meeting will be held at the BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, and a virtual participation option will be available. The September 25, 2024, field tour will commence and conclude at the BLM's Oregon Wild Horse Corral, 26755 Highway 20 W, Hines, Oregon 97738. Instructions for

participating virtually, final agendas, and additional meeting details will be posted at least 10 days in advance of the meeting on the RAC's web page: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/oregon-washington/southeast-oregon-rac>. Previous meeting minutes, membership information, and upcoming agendas are also available on this web page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa McNee, Public Affairs Officer, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630; (541) 219-9180; lmcnee@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their countries to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southeast Oregon RAC is chartered, and the 15 members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Their diverse perspectives represent interests associated with the commercial timber industry, Federal grazing permits, energy and mineral development, recreation, wild horse and burro management, environmental organizations, and people who represent Indian Tribes, academia, and hold elected office. The RAC serves in an advisory capacity to BLM and U.S. Forest Service officials concerning planning and management of public lands and national forest resources located, in whole or part, within the boundaries of the BLM's Vale, Burns, and Lakeview Districts and the Fremont-Winema and Malheur National Forests. All meetings are open to the public in their entirety.

The August 12, 2024, agenda includes a review and RAC recommendations on the Lakeview Resource Management Plan Amendment. The September 24, 2024, agenda items include presentations on the Conservation and Landscape Health Rule, the Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation, and technology and fuels monitoring. The September 25, 2024, field tour to the BLM's Oregon Wild Horse Corral will provide an opportunity to view wild horses and burros gathered from Oregon, California, and Arizona that are being prepared for adoption. Members of the public who wish to participate in the field tour must provide their own transportation and meals.

Requests for Accommodations: Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive

listening devices, language translation services, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least 14 business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process the request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Public comment periods will be offered on August 12 and September 24. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak and the time available, the amount of time for oral comments may be limited. Information to be distributed to the RAC is requested before the start of each meeting. Written comments can be mailed in advance to the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. All comments received will be provided to the RAC. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1784-2)

James Forbes,

Lakeview District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Hassayampa Field Office, examined two parcels consisting of approximately 640 acres of public land and determined that the parcels are suitable for classification for lease and/or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act, as amended (R&PP). The R&PP allows local governments to lease, develop, and subsequently acquire public lands for recreational uses when the proposed use complies with local government and