

more qualified persons for membership on the Council. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Council.

A nomination package should include the following information for each nominee:

(1) A completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Form AD-755, (<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>).

(2) A curriculum vitae and/or resume, and

(3) A biographical sketch of the nominee (cover letter) explaining which group the nominee would represent (see "Structure"), how they are qualified to represent that group, and why they want to serve on the Council.

The following is optional:

- A letter of nomination stating the nominee's name, affiliation, and contact information, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, what specific attributes recommend him/her for service in this capacity), and the nominee's field(s) of expertise.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all member appointments to the Council. To ensure that the recommendations of the Council consider the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the many communities, identities, races, ethnicities, backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and beliefs of the American people, including underserved communities.

USDA prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, political beliefs, income derived from a public assistance program, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs).

The Charter and additional information on the Council will be available on the website at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/GCSA> or may be requested by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

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Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by September 12, 2024 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR part 1924-A, Planning and Performing Construction and Other Development.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0042.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is the credit Agency for rural housing and community development within Rural Development of the United States Department of Agriculture. The Agency offers a supervised credit program to build modest housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. This regulation prescribes the policies and

responsibilities, including the information and collection necessary to demonstrate compliance with applicable acts for planning and performing development work for these facilities. Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace, or rehabilitate dwellings, farm buildings and/or related facilities to provide decent, safe, sanitary living conditions and adequate farm buildings and other structures in rural areas. Section 506 of the Act requires that all new buildings and repairs shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications as required by the Secretary and that such construction be supervised and inspected. Section 509 of the Act grants the Secretary the power to determine and prescribe the standards of adequate farm housing and other buildings. The Housing and Urban Rural Recovery Act of 1983 amended section 509(a) and section 515 to require residential buildings and related facilities comply with the standards prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, the standards prescribed by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, or the standards prescribed in any of the nationally recognized model building codes. Similar authorizations are contained in sections 303, 304, 306, and 339 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, which authorized loans and grants for essential community services. In several sections of both acts, loan limitations are established as percentages of development costs, requiring careful monitoring of those costs. Also, the Secretary is authorized to prescribe regulations to ensure that Federal funds are not wasted or dissipated, and that construction will be undertaken economically and will not be of elaborate or extravagant design or materials.

Need and Use of the Information: RHS provides several forms to assist in the collection and submission of information. The information is used by Rural Development to determine whether a loan/grant can be approved, to ensure that Rural Development has adequate security for the loans financed, to provide for sound construction and development work, and to determine that the requirements of the applicable acts have been met. The information is also used to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the loan/grant and to monitor the prudent use of Federal funds.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, Local and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 12,425.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Report: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 51,572.

Rural Housing Service

Title: Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Restructuring Demonstration Program (MPR).

OMB Control Number: 0575–0190.

Summary of Collection: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law No: 114–113, signed December 18, 2015, authorized USDA to conduct a demonstration program for the preservation and revitalization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA/Multi-Family Housing (MFH) loans expressly to ensure the project has sufficient resources to provide safe and affordable housing for low-income residents and farm laborers under the programs authorized by the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485 and 1486). The authorities to be demonstrated through this program will allow the Agency to test the efficacy of many of the preservation and revitalization tools identified in a fiscal year 2004 study report titled, “Rural Rental Housing—Comprehensive Property Assessment and Portfolio Analysis.” This report has subsequently been followed up in a report which again reviewed the section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) loan portfolio and examined the degree of impact the repairs had made on the overall portfolio. It concluded that although the portfolio has been well managed, it has continued to mature and needs attention now to assure that it can continue to deliver decent, safe and sanitary affordable rental housing into the future.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agency will be collecting information from the proposer to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses to which the proposal concept possesses or lacks the attributes set forth in the proposed content and evaluation criteria. RHS will use the collected information to select the most feasible proposals that will enhance the Agency’s chances in accomplishing the demonstration objective. The information will be utilized to sustain and modify RHS’ current policies pertaining to revitalization and preservation of affordable rental housing in rural areas.

Description of Respondents: Private sector; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 11,180.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: 7 CFR 4280–A, Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0035.

Summary of Collection: The

information collected is necessary to implement section 313(b) (2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940(c)) that established a loan and grant program. Rural Business Service (RBS) mission is to improve the quality of life in rural America by financing community facilities and businesses, providing technical assistance and creating effective strategies for rural development. Under this program, zero interest loans and grants are provided to electric and telecommunications utilities that have borrowed funds from RUS. The purpose of the program is to encourage these electric and telecommunications utilities to promote rural economic development and job creation projects such as business start-up costs, business expansion, community development, and business incubator projects.

Need and Use of the Information: The various forms and narrative requirements are no more than what a prudent commercial lender would require in the private sector if they processed an application without governmental assistance. The information requested is necessary and vital in order for RBS to be able to make prudent and financial analysis decisions. RBS has reviewed the program needs versus the burden placed on the public and is of the opinion that the program is necessary and will be beneficial to all parties involved. RBS, through its respective Program Management Division in Washington, DC, and its staff located in 47 State Offices throughout the United States, will be the primary user of the information collected. It is projected that 120 applicants per year will apply and be approved for a Rural Economic Development loan or grant. The information collected will be used to evaluate applications for funding consideration, conduct an environmental review, prepare legal documents, receive loan payments, oversee the operation of a revolving loan fund, monitor the use of RBS funds, and enforce other Government requirements such as compliance with civil rights regulations.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit Institutions; Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 120.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On Occasion, Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 4,742.