

submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add Civics and Citizenship Toolkit/Teacher Training Registration in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(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 agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the 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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Civics and Citizenship Toolkit/Teacher Training Registration.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* No Form Number; File No. OMB-58. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households.* This information collection is necessary to register for training and to obtain a toolkit.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Citizenship Toolkit: 7,000 responses at 10 minutes (.166 hours) per response. Teacher Training Registration: 1,100 responses at 10 minutes (.166 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 1,344 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Clearance Officer, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20529-2020; Telephone 202-272-8377.

Dated: March 17, 2011.

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Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5487-N-01]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment Choice Neighborhoods

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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 of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended). The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal, to assure better understanding of the reporting requirements and consistency in the submission of data.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* May 23, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4160, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202.402.3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Pollard at [Colette\\_Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette_Pollard@hud.gov). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. (Other than the HUD USER information line and TTY numbers, telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlette Mussington, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., (L'Enfant Plaza, Room 2206), Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202-

402-4109, (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended). 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 the 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.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Choice Neighborhood.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0269.

*Description of Information Collection:* This is a revised information collection. The Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117, enacted on December 16, 2009) permits the HUD Secretary to use up to \$65,000,000 of the HOPE VI appropriations for a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative demonstration. Thus, except as otherwise specified in the appropriations act, the HOPE VI program requirements and selection criteria will apply to Choice Neighborhoods grants for FY 2011. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will contain the selection criteria for awarding Choice Neighborhoods grants and specific requirements that will apply to selected grantees.

The program aims to transform neighborhoods of poverty into viable mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities by revitalizing severely distressed public and assisted housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, effective schools and education programs, public assets, public transportation and improved access to jobs. Choice Neighborhoods grants will primarily fund the transformation of public and/or HUD-assisted housing developments through preservation, rehabilitation, and

management improvements as well as demolition and new construction. In addition, these funds can be used on a limited basis (and combined with other funding) for improvements to the surrounding community, public services, facilities, assets and supportive services. Choice Neighborhoods grant funds are intended to catalyze other investments that will be directed toward necessary community improvements. The leveraging of other sources will be necessary to address other key neighborhood assets and achieve the program's core goals. HUD is working with other Federal agencies to integrate Choice Neighborhoods with other Federal place-based programs.

*Agency Form Number:* Pending.

*Members of Affected Public:* Local governments, public housing authorities, nonprofits, and for-project developers that apply jointly with a public entity.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses:* For Choice Neighborhoods burden hours per response total to 68.09 for Implementation Grant applications and 34.59 for Planning Grant applications. The total burden hours, estimating 150 respondents for both application is 6,864.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* This is a new information Collection.

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

Dated: March 15, 2011.

**Merrie Nichols-Dixon,**

*Deputy Director for Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5498-N-01]

### Reallocation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Capital Funds—Capital Fund Grant Program Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Recovery Act) included a \$4 billion appropriation of Capital Funds for public housing

agencies (PHAs) to carry out capital and management activities, as authorized under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (the 1937 Act). The Recovery Act required that \$3 billion of these funds be distributed as formula funds and the remaining \$1 billion be distributed through a competitive process. HUD obligated approximately \$2.985 million in formula funds to PHAs on March 18, 2009. On May 7, 2009, HUD posted on its Web site its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which launched the competitive distribution of Capital Funds. In September 2009, HUD announced the award of \$995 million in Capital Fund Recovery Competition (CFRC) Grants. In accordance with the Recovery Act, HUD was required to reallocate any Recovery Act Capital Funds that were returned prior to the initial obligation deadline and/or recaptured.

After award, a number of grantees were subsequently unable to meet the NOFA and Recovery Act criteria and approximately \$14 million in CFRC funds were recaptured. Additionally, another \$3.2 million in Capital Fund Recovery Grant (CFRG) funds that were unable to meet the obligation deadline were recaptured. Since the Act required that HUD redistribute any grant funds that were not in compliance, \$17,161,649.00 was awarded to pending Recovery Act PHA applicants who had applied for funding under Category 4, Option 2 of the NOFA *Creation of Energy Efficient, Green Communities*, consistent with the Department's objective of promoting energy efficiency. This notice announces the grantees that received the reallocated funds.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC, 20410-400, telephone number 202-402-8500 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through the TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NOFA for HUD's CFRC Grants program made available \$995 million to PHAs for capital and management activities as authorized under section 9 of the 1937 Act in accordance with four funding categories: (1) Improvements addressing the needs of the elderly and/or persons with disabilities; (2) public housing

transformation; (3) gap financing for projects that are stalled due to financing issues; and (4) creation of energy efficient, green communities.

In accordance with the Recovery Act (Pub. L. 111-5, approved February 17, 2009), PHAs had to give priority to capital projects that could award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds were made available to the PHAs and had to prioritize capital projects that were already underway or included in the 5-year Capital Fund plans required by the 1937 Act. Additionally, funds had to supplement and not supplant expenditures from other Federal, State, or local sources or funds independently generated by the grantee. Finally, the Recovery Act provided for alternate obligation and expenditure deadlines (and penalties) as follows:

(1) HUD must obligate the CFRC grant funding to grantees by September 30, 2009.

(2) PHAs must obligate 100 percent of the grant funds awarded under this NOFA within 1 year of the date on which funds become available to the PHA for obligation (which is the effective date of the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) amendment). If a PHA fails to comply with the 1-year obligation requirement, the Recovery Act required HUD to recapture all remaining unobligated funds awarded to the PHA, and to reallocate the recaptured funds to PHAs that are in compliance with the Recovery Act's obligation requirement.

(3) PHAs must expend at least 60 percent of the grant funds within 2 years of the date on which funds become available to the PHA for obligation (which is the effective date of the ACC amendment). If a PHA fails to comply with the 2-year expenditure requirement, the Recovery Act required HUD to recapture the balance of the funds awarded to the PHA, and to reallocate the recaptured funds to PHAs that are in compliance with the Recovery Act's 2-year expenditure requirement.

(4) PHAs must expend 100 percent of the grant funds within 3 years of the date on which funds become available to the PHA for obligation (which is the effective date of the ACC amendment). If a PHA fails to comply with the 3-year expenditure requirement, the Recovery Act required HUD to recapture the balance of the funds awarded to the PHA, and to reallocate the recaptured funds to PHAs that are in compliance with the Recovery Act's 3-year expenditure requirement.