

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4818-N-10]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment on the Notice of Funding Availability for Research on the Socio-Economic Change in Cities**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice.

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

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number) and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alastair McFarlane, Economist, Economic Development and Public Finance Division, Office of Policy Development and Research Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Alastair_McFarlane@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-0426. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. McFarlane.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for processing, an information collection package with respect to funding research studies on Research on the Socio-Economic Change in Cities. This research would fulfill HUD's goal of improving community quality of life and economic vitality.

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: Notice of Funding Availability for research on the Socio-Economic Change in Cities.

Description of Information Collection: A study of homeownership and affordable lending will aid in the formulation of policies in support of the President's goal of increasing the number of minority homeowners.

OMB Control Number: 2528-0227.

Agency Form Numbers: HUD 424, HUD 424-B, HUD 424 CB, HUD 424 CBW, SF LLL, HUD 2880 HUD 2993, HUD 2994, HUD 1044, SF 1199A, HUD 27053, HUD 27054, HUD 269.

Members of Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of response: An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 5,010, number of respondents is 120 for the award phase and 15 for the post-award Phase, frequency of response is on occasion and quarterly, and the hours of response is 40 for applicants and an additional 14 for recipients.

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

Dated: July 29, 2003.

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Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-28]

Revocation and Redesignation of Authority Under Section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of revocation and redesignation of authority.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) revokes all prior redelegations of authority made within the office of the Assistant Secretary for FHEO under Section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), and redelegates this authority to FHEO headquarters and regional staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Myron P. Newry, Director: FHIP/FHAP Division, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5224, Washington, DC 20410-2000.

Telephone: (202) 708-2288 Ext. 7095.

(This is not a toll-free number.) Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fair Housing Initiatives Program contained in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-242, approved February 5, 1988) authorizes the Secretary to provide funding to state and local governments or their agencies, public or private non-profit organizations or other public or private entities formulating or carrying out programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices. This enables the recipients to carry out activities designed to obtain enforcement of the rights granted by the federal Fair Housing Act or by substantially equivalent state or local fair housing laws. This also enables the recipients to carry out education and outreach activities designed to inform the public of their rights and obligations under such federal, state or local laws prohibiting discrimination. On May 21, 1988, the Secretary delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FHEO the authority to administer the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, pursuant to 24 CFR 125.104(a). (See 53 FR 25583, July 7, 1988.)

Through this notice, the Assistant Secretary for FHEO redelegates to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO the authority, under Section 561 of the Housing and Community Act of 1987, to administer the Fair Housing Initiatives Program. The General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO, in turn, redelegates this authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs, to the Director of the Office of Enforcement and to the FHEO Hub Directors.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for FHEO and the General Deputy