

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Kenneth Clark, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Texas to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

El Paso County for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance.

El Paso County in the State of Texas is eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. (The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

R. David Paulison,

Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management and Director of FEMA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1606-DR]

Texas; Amendment No. 9 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1606-DR), dated September 24, 2005, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 18, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Public Law 109-234, FEMA is amending the cost-sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford

Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206, for the State of Texas, declared on September 24, 2005, due to damage resulting from Hurricane Rita. As required by Public Law 109-234, the States of Texas and Louisiana, declared major disasters on September 24, 2005, as a result of Hurricane Rita, must be treated equally for purposes of cost-share adjustments. The Texas major disaster declaration is amended as follows:

Federal funds for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program, are authorized at 100 percent of total eligible costs, through and including June 30, 2006. Effective July 1, 2006, the Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program, is authorized at 90 percent of total eligible costs. Further, Federal funds for all categories of Public Assistance are authorized at 90 percent of total eligible costs, except assistance previously approved at 100 percent.

This adjustment to State and local cost sharing applies only to Public Assistance costs and direct Federal assistance eligible for such adjustments under the law. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act specifically prohibits a similar adjustment for funds provided to States for Other Needs Assistance (Section 408) and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Section 404). These funds will continue to be reimbursed at 75 percent of total eligible costs.

This cost share is effective as of the date of the President's major disaster declaration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Open Meeting, Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy

AGENCY: U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announces the following committee meeting:

Name: Board of Visitors (BOV) for the National Fire Academy.

Dates of Meeting: October 5-7, 2006

Place: Building H, Room 300, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Time: October 5, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; October 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; October 7, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Proposed Agenda: Review National Fire Academy Program Activities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announces that the committee meeting will be open to the public in the Emmitsburg commuting area with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the general public who plan to participate in the meeting should contact the Office of the Superintendent, National Fire Academy, U.S. Fire Administration, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-1117, on or before September 27, 2006.

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available for public viewing in the Office of the U.S. Fire Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request within 60 days after the meeting.

The National Fire Academy Board of Visitors is administered by the United States Fire Administration, which is currently being transferred to the newly created Preparedness Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. During this transition FEMA, also part of the Department of Homeland Security, will continue to support this program as the new Directorate stands up. Ultimately this function will be transferred to the Preparedness Directorate.

Dated: August 17, 2006.

Charlie Dickinson,

Acting U.S. Fire Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5039-N-02]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Fair Housing Initiatives Program Grant Application and Monitoring Reports

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comment Due Date: October 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposed information collection requirement. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number, and should be sent to: Myron Newry, Director, FHIP Support Division, Office of Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5222, Washington, DC 20410-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Myron Newry, Director, FHIP Support Division, Office of Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5222, Washington, DC 20410-2000; telephone: (202) 708-0800 (this is not a toll free number). (Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at: 1-800-877-8339.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting this proposed information collection requirement to the OMB for review, as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended]. Required forms for applicants were approved under Departmental clearance under the SuperNOFA process. We have included three new quarterly reporting

forms for your review. These forms replace information that had previously been supplied in narrative format.

This notice solicits comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed information collection in order to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the Department's program functions; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the Department's assessment of the paperwork burden that may result from the proposed information collection; (3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information which must be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on responders, including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., electronic transmission of data).

Title of Regulation: 24 CFR Part 125, Fair Housing Initiatives Program.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2529-0033.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This is a revision of the currently approved information collection for selecting applicants for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) grants that will be part of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). These grants are to fund fair housing enforcement and/or education and outreach activities under the following initiatives: Administrative Enforcement; Private Enforcement, Education and Outreach, and Fair Housing Organizations. Information is also collected to monitor grants and grant funds. Proposed revisions to the currently approved information collection include: changes in the program description from "Fair Housing Initiatives Program Grant Application" to "Fair Housing Initiatives Program Grant Application and Monitoring Reports" and changing the application submission process from paper to electronic via the web. Monitoring reports will continue to be submitted manually in paper format. In the event that monitoring reports become electronic, HUD anticipates changes in the related paperwork reduction process at that time.

Agency form number(s), if applicable: Not applicable since HUD forms and formats were identified in the SuperNOFA General and FHIP Program Sections as well as the automated grant announcement.

Members of affected public: The collection of information involves Qualified Fair Housing Organizations (QFHOs); Fair Housing Organizations

(FHOs); public or private non-profit organizations or institutions and other public or private entities that are working to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices; State and local governments; and Fair Housing Assistance Program Agencies.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: An estimation of 48,444 total hours will be needed to prepare the information collection. The number of respondents is 400 with a frequency response of 1 per annum, and the total hours per respondent is 86.50 hours for application development. The estimated 104 agencies that will receive funding will be required to submit quarterly and final reports, with approximately 60 of those 104 agencies also required to submit quarterly Enforcement Logs and Narrative Reports. The estimated number of respondents is based on the average of the number of submissions for Fiscal Years 2000 to 2006. The number of hours is an average based on grantee estimates of time to review instructions, search existing data sources, prepare required responses to the application, complete the certification, and assemble exhibits.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: August 10, 2006.

Bryan Greene,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Announcement of Past Funding Awards for the Youthbuild Program Fiscal Years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005

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

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102 (a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of past funding