

chapter 35). The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

*Title:* Flood Mitigation Assistance (eGrants) and Grant Supplemental Information.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0072.

*Abstract:* FEMA uses the FMA program eGrants application, evaluation, and award process to provide Federal grant assistance to grantees for three types of grants—Planning, Project, and Technical Assistance. FMA Planning Grants are available to States, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participating communities, and Indian tribal governments to prepare Flood Mitigation Plans. FMA Project Grants are available to States, NFIP participating communities, and Indian tribal governments to implement measures to reduce flood losses. Ten percent of the Project Grant is made available to States, NFIP participating communities, Indian tribal governments, and communities in non-participating States as a Technical Assistance Grant. The National Flood Insurance Reform Act (42 U.S.C. 1366), as amended by the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, (Pub. L. 108-264) authorizes the Flood Mitigation Assistance program. The FMA program is designed to award grants to States, NFIP participating communities, and Indian tribal governments so that measures can be taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA encourages the use of FMA eGrants applications described in this notice; however, applicants may also use the Agency's grant administration paper-based forms currently under OMB control number 1660-0025 to apply.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government and not for profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 56 States.

*Number of Responses:* 280.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:*

FEMA has estimated the burden associated with this information collection request as follows: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program eGrants—Grant Supplemental Information—Sub-grant applications.

- Benefit Cost Determination—5 hours per response.

- Environmental Review—7.5 hours per response.
- Project Narrative—12 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,088.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion and quarterly.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate/FEMA, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or facsimile number (202) 395-7285. Comments must be submitted on or before May 2, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Section, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472; facsimile number (202) 646-3347; or, e-mail address [FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the

estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

*Title:* Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program/eGrants.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0071.

*Abstract:* FEMA uses the PDM program eGrants application, evaluation, and award process to provide Federal grant assistance to grantees (State and federally-recognized tribal government) who administer grant awards for sub-grantee applicants (State-level agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribal governments, local governments, public colleges and universities, tribal colleges and universities, and regional planning districts and councils of governments). Private-non-profit (PNP) organizations and private colleges and universities are not eligible sub-applicants; however, a relevant State agency or local government may apply to the grant applicant for assistance on their behalf. The grant assistance must be used to: develop mitigation plans in accordance with section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, implement pre-disaster mitigation projects that reduce the risks of natural and technological hazards on life and property, and provide information and technical assistance on cost-effective mitigation activities.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 56 States.

*Number of Responses:* 1,176.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:*

FEMA has estimated the burden associated with this information collection request as follows:

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program eGrants—Grant Supplemental Information—Sub-grant applications.

- Benefit Cost Determination—5 hours per response.
- Environmental Review—7.5 hours per response.
- Project Narrative (including PDM Evaluation Information Questions)—12 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50,887.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion and quarterly.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate/FEMA, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW.,

Washington, DC 20503 or facsimile number (202) 395-7285. Comments must be submitted on or before May 2, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Section, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472; facsimile number (202) 646-3347; or, e-mail address *FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov*.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed revised information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the collection of information from States and local communities seeking flood insurance premium discounts through the Community Rating System Program (CRS).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-488 as amended) created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) whose central element is the promotion and implementation of sound local floodplain management in an effort to reduce loss of property and life. Participation in the NFIP is contingent on communities' adoption of minimum floodplain management standards. The Community Rating System was designed by FEMA to encourage States and communities to undertake activities that will mitigate flooding and flood damage beyond the minimum standards for NFIP participation. Under this system, communities apply for activity points, leading up to a CRS rating and

commensurate flood insurance premium discounts. This information collection consists of the NFIP/CRS Coordinator's Manual, which describes the floodplain management and insurance benefits available to qualifying communities that undertake additional activities and contains the application worksheets and required documentation. The National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 codified the CRS.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Community Rating System (CRS) Program Application Worksheets and Commentary.

*Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0022.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Abstract:* The Community Rating System (CRS), designed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), provides flood insurance premiums discounts to communities that undertake activities that will mitigate flooding and flood damage beyond the minimum standards required by the NFIP. Communities select approved activities they want to get credit for either as a first time or continuing participant.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 11,280 hours.

TABLE 1.—ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, etc.)	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of responses (B)	Burden hours per respondent (C)	Annual responses (A × B)	Total annual burden hours (A × B × C)
Application (first time) .....	240	1	31	240	7,440
Maintenance (continuing) .....	960	1	4	960	3,840
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1</b>	.....	<b>1,200</b>	<b>11,280</b>

*Estimated Cost:* \$308,346.00

TABLE 2.—ANNUAL COST TO RESPONDENTS

Program	Burden hours	Median hour rate (\$)	Average cost per hour per respondent (\$)	Annualized cost all respondents (\$)
Application .....	7,440	27.38	849.00	203,707.00
Maintenance .....	3,840	27.38	110.00	105,139.00
<b>Grand Total</b> .....	<b>11,280</b>	.....	.....	<b>308,346.00</b>

*Comments:* Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency,

including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of

information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be