

Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1692-DR]

New York; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of New York (FEMA-1692-DR), dated April 24, 2007, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 24, 2007.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated April 24, 2007, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of New York resulting from severe storms and inland and coastal flooding during the period of April 14-18, 2007, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of New York.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act that you deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and Other Needs Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Public Assistance is later warranted, Federal funds provided under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Further, you are authorized to make

changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Marianne C. Jackson, 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 New York to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Orange, Rockland, and Westchester Counties for Individual Assistance.

All counties within the State of New York are 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.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5123-N-11]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request, Alternative Housing Pilot Program Evaluation Baseline Survey

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian L. Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed information collection requirement as described below. This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting 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: Alternative Housing Pilot Program Evaluation Baseline Survey.

Description of Information Collection: The proposed information collection will collect baseline data from families before they received housing under FEMA's Alternative Housing Pilot Program. HUD is conducting an evaluation of AHPP. Four states affected

by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita received AHPP grants to test out alternative approaches to providing temporary housing after a disaster. HUD is charged with measuring what benefits and costs are associated with each of the alternatives being implemented by the states. Measuring the program impact on health, satisfaction, and general well-being of the occupants are a key part of the evaluation. This baseline survey is needed to know the characteristics of eligible households applying to participate in the program. This information is critical as an evaluation tool to:

- (1) Document the demographic characteristics of those that apply for the program;
- (2) Provide information about how the disaster affected their pre-storm housing and information on their expectations at securing permanent housing at some point; and
- (3) Capture limited baseline information for comparison at a later time on impact measures of interest (such as income, source of income, perceptions of housing and neighborhood quality, and physical and mental health).

These data are also important as covariates in estimating program impacts after 2 years and 4 years of occupancy. HUD is working with states to make selection of those that actually receive a unit (from a pool of those eligible and applying) to be random. A random selection process will allow HUD to evaluate program impacts by comparing the outcomes of those offered a unit against outcomes for those not offered a unit.

OMB Control Number: To be assigned.

Agency Form Numbers: None.

Members of Affected Public:

Individuals still requiring temporary housing due to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of response: The estimated number of burden hours needed to prepare the information collection is 4,167 hours; the number of respondents is estimated as 10,000, generating approximately 10,000 annual responses; the frequency of response is once at the time of application for the AHPP program; each response is estimated to take 25 minutes.

Status: Proposed new collection.

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

Dated: May 1, 2007.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Board for Exceptional Education

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Education, Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), the Bureau of Indian Education requests nominations of individuals to serve on the Advisory Board for Exceptional Education (Advisory Board). The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) will consider nominations received in response to this Request for Nominations, as well as other sources. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Nomination applications must be received on or before June 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nomination applications to Gloria Yepa, Supervisory Education Specialist, Bureau of Indian Education, Albuquerque Service Center, Division of Performance and Accountability, P.O. Box 1088, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1088, Telephone 505-563-5264.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria Yepa, Supervisory Education Specialist, at the above listed address, Telephone 505-563-5264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. The following provides information about the Committee, the membership and the nomination process.

Objective and Duties

(a) Members of the Advisory Board will provide guidance, advice and recommendations with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in Bureau-funded schools in accordance with the requirements of IDEIA of 2004.

(b) The Advisory Board will:

- (1) Provide advice and recommendations for the coordination

of services within the BIE and other local, State and Federal agencies.

(2) Provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues dealing with the provision of educational services to American Indian children with disabilities.

(3) Serve as advocates for American Indian students with special education needs by providing advice and recommendations regarding best practices, effective program coordination strategies, and recommendations for improved educational programming.

(4) Provide advice and recommendations for the preparation of information required to be submitted to the Secretary of Education under section 611(h)(2)(D).

(5) Provide advice and recommend policies concerning effective inter/intra-agency collaboration, including modifications to regulations, and the elimination of barriers to inter/intra-agency programs and activities.

(6) Report and direct all correspondence to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs through the Director, BIE with a courtesy copy to the Designated Federal Official (DFO).

Membership

(a) As required by IDEIA of 2004, section 611(h)(6), the Advisory Board shall be composed of individuals involved in or concerned with the education and provision of services to Indian infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. The Advisory Board composition will reflect a broad range of viewpoints and will include at least one member representing each of the following interests: Indians with disabilities, teachers of children with disabilities, Indian parents or guardians of children with disabilities, service providers, State Education Officials, Local Education Officials, State Interagency Coordinating Councils (for states having Indian reservations), tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives, and other members representing the various divisions and entities of the BIE.

(b) The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs may provide the Secretary of the Interior recommendations for the chairperson; however, the chairperson and other board members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Advisory Board members shall serve staggered terms of 2 years or 3 years from the date of their appointment.

Miscellaneous

(a) Members of the Advisory Board will not receive compensation, but will