

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-1849-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2008-0018]

Kansas; 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 Kansas (FEMA-1849-DR), dated June 25, 2009, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 25, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated June 25, 2009, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Kansas resulting from severe storms, flooding, straight-line winds, and tornadoes during the period of April 25 to May 16, 2009, 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 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Kansas.

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 Public 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 is supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act is later requested and warranted, Federal funding 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the

Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Michael L. Karl, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Kansas have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Anderson, Barber, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Elk, Finney, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Labette, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Reno, Rice, Sumner, Wabaunsee, and Wilson Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Kansas 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; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5287-N-02]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment on the Participation Agreement, Baseline Survey, Tracking Survey and Key Informant Interview Guide for the Homeless Family Interventions Study

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* September 11, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control 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 8234, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul B. Dornan at (202) 402-4486 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Dornan.

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 that will reduce the burden (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Homeless Families Interventions Study.

OMB Control Number: 2528-pending.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Participation Agreement, the Baseline and Tracking Survey Instruments and the Key Informant Interview Guide are all of the instruments necessary to put the Homeless Family Interventions Study into place. The Homeless Families Interventions Study is the first randomized experiment designed to test the impact of various combinations of housing and supportive services on the subsequent housing stability and well-being of homeless families. The Senate Appropriations Committee directed the Department in FY 2006 to "undertake research to ascertain the impact of various service and housing interventions in ending homelessness

for families.” These instruments establish the research foundation on which the Department can meet that direction. They will permit the research team a set of baseline characteristics and conditions for both an experimental and a control group with which later characteristics and conditions for those

same participants can be compared. A subsequent **Federal Register** Notice will include the follow-on survey which will permit the Department to report on the effects of various housing and services interventions on homeless families over time.

Members of affected public:
Households.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

ESTIMATED RESPONDENT BURDEN HOURS AND COSTS

Form	Respondent sample	Number of respondents	Average time to complete (minimum, maximum) in minutes	Frequency	Total burden (hours)
Baseline Survey	All enrolled families (N=3,000).	3,000	40 (35, 50)	1	2,000
Tracking Interview	All enrolled families (N=3,000).	3,000	10 (8, 15)	2	1,000
Tracking Letters	All enrolled families (N=3,000).	3,000	5 (3, 10)	3	750
Key Informant Interviews	Staff from programs providing services in the studied interventions.	300 (up to 25 respondents in each site).	60	3 responses per respondent to collect all needed program information.	900
Total Burden Hours	4,650

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Status of the proposed information collection: Pending OMB approval.

Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Section 9(a), and Title 12, U.S.C., Section 1701z-1 *et seq.*

Dated: July 2, 2009.

Jean Lin Pao,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5338-N-01]

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and Fair Housing Plans; Notice of Informal Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of an informal meeting that HUD intends to hold for the purpose of obtaining individual views and gathering information on specific issues related to HUD's intended development of a proposed rule concerning the obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. The issues for which HUD seeks input are primarily directed to improving HUD's oversight of recipients' implementation of the duty

to affirmatively further fair housing. HUD specifically invites to this meeting representatives of fair housing and civil rights organizations, State and local governments, public housing agencies, private and public housing providers, lending institutions, and other interested members of the public.

Date and Location of Meeting: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT, at HUD Headquarters, in Suite A of the Brooke-Mondale Auditorium, first floor of the Robert Weaver Building (HUD Headquarters), 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Room 5100, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-708-4252 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A central part of HUD's mission is to ensure nondiscrimination in its programs and to promote fair and equal opportunities for all individuals. HUD and its program recipients have the statutory responsibility to affirmatively further fair housing opportunities in HUD programs.

If you are interested in participating in the July 22, 2009, meeting, please send an e-mail to: affh@hud.gov. The following information should be included in the e-mail: (a) Your full name; (b) name of your organization; (c) telephone number; (d) e-mail address; and (e) make, model, and serial number of laptop, if you plan on bringing a laptop computer to the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to obtain views, opinions, perspectives, and suggestions from meeting participants, rather than try and reach consensus on affirmatively furthering fair housing. Specific issues that HUD will ask meeting participants to address include the following:

- How can the existing process be improved;
- What documentation recipients currently use to demonstrate compliance with affirmatively furthering fair housing requirements and to support their certifications to affirmatively further fair housing;
- What factors should be included in an analysis of impediments for fair housing choice (AI);
- How often should the AIs be updated, while not creating undue burden;
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of creating a regional approach to affirmatively further fair housing; and
- What can communities and public housing agencies do to reduce housing segregation and increase housing