

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
NEW program plan guidance for non-477 Tribes .....	<sup>1</sup> 15	1	29	435
NEW program plan guidance for 477 Tribes .....	<sup>2</sup> 11	1	29	319
NEW program report .....	<sup>3</sup> 45	1	15	675
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: .....	.....	.....	.....	1,429

<sup>1</sup> We estimate that 45 of the 78 NEW grantees will not include their NEW programs in P.L. 102–477 projects. 48 grantees divided by 3 (because grantees submit the NEW plan once every 3 years) = 15.

<sup>2</sup> We estimate that 33 of the 78 NEW grantees will include their NEW programs in P.L. 102–77 projects. 31 grantees divided by 3 (because grantees submit the NEW plan once every 3 years) = 11.

<sup>3</sup> We estimate that 45 of the 78 NEW grantees will not include their NEW programs in P.L. 102–477 projects and therefore will submit the NEW program report to HHS.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Child Care and Development Fund Plan for States/Territories for FFY 2016–2018 (ACF–118).

*OMB No.:* 0970–0114.

*Description:* The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan (the Plan) for States and Territories is required from each CCDF Lead agency in accordance with Section 658E of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act, as amended, by Public Law 113–186 and U.S.C 9858. The Plan provides ACF and the public with a description of, and assurances about, the States' and Territories' child care programs.

On November 19, 2014, the President signed the CCDBG Act of 2014 into law. The law (Pub. L. 113–186) made significant changes to the CCDF Program to protect the health and safety of children in child care, promote continuity of access to subsidy for low-income families, better inform parents and the general public about the child care choices available to them, and improve the overall quality of early learning and afterschool programs. The CCDBG Act also changed the Plan cycle from a biennial to a triennial Plan period; thus, the FY 2016–2018 Plan will cover a 3-year period.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) granted OCC an emergency clearance of the FY 2016–2018 CCDF State/Territory Plan Preprint which provided a single 30-day comment period from January 30, 2015–March 2,

2015, to enable States and Territories time to submit their Plans by July 1, 2015 on the OMB approved form. Upon careful consideration of the concerns raised by States and Territories regarding the July submission date, OCC extended the submission deadline for the FY 2016–2018 CCDF Plan from July 1, 2015 to March 1, 2016. This will give State and Territory grantees more time to engage partner agencies and stakeholders, brief legislators on needed statutory changes, and develop meaningful implementation plans. The extension does not extend the FY 2016–2018 3-year plan period; Plans will be effective through September 30, 2018.

The change in the Plan submission deadline enables the OCC to complete the regular Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) clearance process which requires two **Federal Register** notices and comment periods—with this notice being the first under that regular process. OCC is now requesting comment on a revised version of the Plan Pre-print that takes into consideration the public comments received during the earlier 30-day emergency comment period. We recognize that some States and Territories had asked for additional interpretation of the new provisions in the law. OCC has included guidance and clarification in the revised Preprint where appropriate and through Program Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions, which are available at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/ccdf-reauthorization>. Pending the issuance of implementing regulations, States are to comply with the law based on their reasonable interpretation of the requirements in the revised CCDBG statute.

*Respondents:* State and Territory Agencies (56).

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CCDF Preprint .....	56	0.50	162.5	4,550

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

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**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant Application Template Pilot.

*OMB No.:* New.

*Description:* Based on feedback from grantees and TA providers, ANA became aware of the fact that many applicants face considerable challenges attempting to respond to Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) to apply for grant funding. In particular, many applicants are overwhelmed by the volume of information in the FOAs, have trouble discerning what information is being requested, and find it difficult to structure the application narratives required by the FOAs.

The proposed Electronic Grant Application Template is intended to be made part of the Grant Application Package through Grants.gov, the OMB-designated government-wide Web site for finding and applying for Federal financial assistance. The Grant Application Template is proposed to be piloted as a consolidated and streamlined pre-formatted electronic application form that is user-friendly and has an interactive interface providing structure and clarity for applicants. The proposed Grant Application Template is not intended to replace the FOA which will still function as the full text of all funding opportunities for which applications are

sought and considered by the Administration for Native Americans.

The proposed Grant Application Template will be used in a pilot capacity in just one Administration for Native Americans' discretionary program areas: Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance. All applicants applying for funding in that program area will be required to use the Application Template during the pilot competition proposed for FY16 unless they request and receive approval to submit a paper application. By using the Grant Application Template, no applicant will be required to provide any information beyond what is already required by the FOA. Additionally, free training and technical assistance will be available to all applicants on use of the Template. ANA intends to use the project proposals submitted via the Grant Application Template to make funding decisions for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance grant awards made in the FY 2016 pilot year. In addition, ANA will solicit feedback from applicants and panel reviewers to obtain feedback on the results, outcomes, and their recommendations regarding the Grant Application Template as a user friendly method of applying for funding opportunities. If the pilot is successful in making it easier for applicants to apply, ANA will consider potentially expanding use of the Template to all Administration for Native Americans 'discretionary funding areas in subsequent years.

*Respondents:* Applicants responding to Native Language Preservation and Maintenance FY 2016 Funding Opportunity Announcement.

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Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Application Template .....	40	28	.50	560

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 560.

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Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the

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