

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6103-N-01]

Annual Indexing of Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Housing Act, HUD has adjusted the Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing Programs for Calendar Year 2018.

DATES: January 1, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia M. Burke, Acting Director, Office of Multifamily Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410-8000, telephone (202) 402-5693 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHA Down Payment Simplification Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-326, approved December 4, 2002) amended the National Housing Act by adding a new Section 206A (12 U.S.C. 1712a). Under Section 206A, the following are affected:

- I. Section 207(c)(3)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1713(c)(3)(A));
- II. Section 213(b)(2)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715e(b)(2)(A));
- III. Section 220(d)(3)(B)(iii)(I) (12 U.S.C. 1715k(d)(3)(B)(iii)(I));
- IV. Section 221(d)(4)(ii)(I) (12 U.S.C. 1715l(d)(4)(ii)(I));
- V. Section 231(c)(2)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715v(c)(2)(A)); and
- VI. Section 234(e)(3)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715y(e)(3)(A)).

The Dollar Amounts in these sections are the base per unit statutory limits for FHA's multifamily mortgage programs collectively referred to as the 'Dollar Amounts.' They are adjusted annually (commencing in 2004) on the effective date of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB's) adjustment of the \$400 figure in the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (HOEPA) (Pub. L. 103-325, approved September 23, 1994). The adjustment of the Dollar Amounts shall be calculated using the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as applied by the CFPB for purposes of the above-described HOEPA adjustment.

The percentage change in the CPI-U used for the HOEPA adjustment is 2.1

percent and the effective date of the HOEPA adjustment is January 1, 2018. The Dollar Amounts under Section 206A have been adjusted correspondingly and have an effective date of January 1, 2018.

The adjusted Dollar Amounts for Calendar Year 2018 are shown below:

Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Calendar Year 2018

Multifamily Loan Program

Section 207—Multifamily Housing
Section 207 Pursuant to Section 223(F)—Purchase or Refinance Housing

SECTION 220—HOUSING IN URBAN RENEWAL AREAS

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$52,658	\$61,421
1	58,332	68,056
2	69,677	83,450
3	85,882	104,517
4+	97,227	118,179

SECTION 213—COOPERATIVES

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$57,067	\$60,764
1	65,800	68,843
2	79,357	83,714
3	101,578	108,300
4+	113,164	118,883

SECTION 234—CONDOMINIUM HOUSING

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$58,232	\$61,281
1	67,143	70,250
2	80,976	85,424
3	103,652	110,512
4+	115,473	121,307

SECTION 221(D)(4)—MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$52,405	\$56,609
1	59,489	64,896
2	71,908	78,914
3	90,256	102,087
4+	101,987	112,062

SECTION 231—HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$49,824	\$56,609
1	55,700	64,896
2	66,515	78,914
3	80,047	102,087

SECTION 231—HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY—Continued

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
4+	94,108	112,062

Section 207—Manufactured Home Parks per Space—\$24,175

Per Unit Limit for Substantial Rehabilitation for Calendar Year 2018

The 2016 Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Guide established a base amount of \$15,000 per unit to define substantial rehabilitation for FHA insured loan programs. Section 5.1.D.2 of the MAP guide requires that this base amount be adjusted periodically based on the percentage change published by the CFPB or other inflation cost index published by HUD. Applying the HOEPA adjustment the base amount, the 2018 base amount per dwelling unit to determine substantial rehabilitation for FHA insured loan programs is \$15,636.

Environmental Impact

This issuance establishes mortgage and cost limits that do not constitute a development decision affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

Dated: May 25, 2018.

Dana T. Wade,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7001-N-26]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: CDBG Urban County Qualification/New York Towns Qualification/Requalification Process

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice

is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* July 5, 2018.

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: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806, Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Anna P. Guido at Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-5535. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on March 15, 2018 at 83 FR 11554.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Qualification/ New York Towns Qualification/ Requalification Processes.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-0170.
Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Form Number: N/A.
Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, at sections 102(a)(6) and 102(e) requires that any county seeking qualification as an urban county notify each unit of general local government within the county that such unit may enter into a cooperation agreement to participate in the CDBG program as part of the county. Section 102(d) of the statute specifies that the period of qualification will be three years. Based on these statutory provisions, counties seeking qualification or requalification as urban counties under the CDBG program must provide information to HUD every three years identifying the units of general local governments (UGLGs) within the

county participating as a part of the county for purposes of receiving CDBG funds. The population of UGLGs for each eligible urban county is used in HUD's allocation of CDBG funds for all entitlement and State CDBG grantees.

New York towns undertook a similar process every three years. However, after consultation with program counsel, it was determined that a requalification process for New York towns is unnecessary because the units of general local government in New York towns do not have the same statutory notice rights (under Section 102(e) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974) as units of general local government participating in an urban county. However, those New York Towns may qualify as metropolitan cities if they are able to secure the participation of all of the villages located within their boundaries. Any New York Town that is located in an urban county may choose to leave that urban county when that county is requalifying to become a metropolitan city. That New York Town will be required to notify the urban county in advance of its decision to defer participation in the urban county's CDBG program and complete the metropolitan city qualification process.

Estimated Number of Respondents/ Estimated Number of Responses:

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Total	63.00	1.00	63.00	105.00	6,615.00	20.00	\$132,300.00

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: May 23, 2018.

Anna P. Guido,
Department Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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International Wildlife Conservation Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announces a public meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: Tuesday, June 19, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time). For deadlines and directions on registering to attend, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see Public Input under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region Headquarters Building, 1875 Century Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30345.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Hobbs, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—External Affairs, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; by telephone at (703) 358-2336; or by email at doug_hobbs@fws.gov.