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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; COVID Relief Programs; Homeowner Assistance Fund and Emergency Rental Assistance

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collections listed below, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eR-rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Refer to Docket Number TREAS-DO-2021-0013 and the specific Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control numbers 1505-0266, 1505-0269, or 1505-0270.

- *Mail:* Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8100, Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to these programs, please contact Vikram Viswanathan by emailing Vikram.viswanathan@treasury.gov, or calling (202) 380-8654. Additionally, you can view the information collection requests at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Title:* Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA1).

OMB Control Number: 1505-0266.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description: On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the “Act”), Public Law 116-260. Division N, Title V, Section 501(a)(1) of the Act established the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 1) program and provides \$25 billion for the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to make payments to States (defined to include the District of Columbia), U.S.

Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa), Indian tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities, as applicable, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and certain local governments with more than 200,000 residents (collectively the “eligible grantees”) to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible households.

Forms: Award and Payment Forms, Compliance Reporting Forms.

Affected Public: State, Territorial, Tribal, and certain Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,150.

Frequency of Response: Once, Monthly, Quarterly.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 4,276.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes to 1 hour for award and payment forms, 4 hours to 30 hours for compliance reporting.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 47,598.

2. *Title:* Homeowner Assistance Fund. *OMB Control Number:* 1505-0269.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description: On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the “Act”), Public Law 117-2. Title III, Subtitle B, Section 3206 of the Act established the Homeowner Assistance Fund and provides \$9.961 billion for the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to make payments to States (defined to include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa), Indian tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities, as applicable, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (collectively the “eligible entities”) to mitigate financial hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic, including for the purposes of preventing homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020, through qualified expenses related to mortgages and housing.

Forms: Award and Payment Forms, Title VI Assurance Form, and Grantee Templates and Term Sheets.

Affected Public: State and Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 651.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 3,906.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes to 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,768.

3. *Title:* Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA2).

OMB Control Number: 1505-0270.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description: On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the “Act”), Public Law 117-2. Title III, Subtitle B, Section 3201 of the Act authorized the Emergency Assistance (ERA 2) program and provides \$21.55 billion for the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to make payments to States (defined to include the District of Columbia), U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa), and certain local governments with more than 200,000 residents (collectively the “eligible grantees”) to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible households, and cover the costs for other affordable rental housing and eviction prevention activities for eligible households.

Forms: Awards and Payment Forms, Title VI Assurance Form, Compliance Reporting Forms.

Affected Public: State, Territorial and certain Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 482.

Frequency of Response: Once, Monthly, Quarterly.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 4,078.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes for award and payment forms, 30 minutes for Title VI Assurances, 1 hour to 30 hours for compliance reporting.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 46,731.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase

of services required to provide information.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: August 9, 2021.

Molly Stasko,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0166]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for Ordinary Life

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the

information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0166.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0166” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

Title: Application for Ordinary Life—VA Form 29-8700, 29-8700a, 29-8700b, 29-8700c, 29-8700d, 29-8700e, 29-8701, 29-8701a, 29-8701b, 29-8701c, 29-8701d, 29-8701e, 29-8485 and 29-8485a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0166.

Type of Review: Reinstatement of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: These forms are used by the policyholder to apply for replacement insurance for Modified Life Reduced at Age 65 and 70. The information is required by law, 38 U.S.C Section 1904. The expiration date is being added to the forms.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 86 FR 30685 on June 9, 2021, pages 30685 and 30686.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,284.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,400.

By direction of the Secretary.

Maribel Aponte,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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