

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

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Public Housing Mortgage Program and Section 30.

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0265.
Type of Request: Extension of an approved collection.

Form Number: N/A—Because federal regulations have not been adopted for this program, no specific forms are required.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Section 516 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA)(Pub. L. 105–276, October 21, 1998) added Section 30, Public Housing Mortgages and Security Interest, to the United States Housing Act of 1937 (1937 Act)(42 U.S.C. 1437z-2). Section 30 authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to approve a Housing Authority’s (HA) request to mortgage public housing real property or grant a security interest in other tangible forms of personal property if

the proceeds of the loan resulting from the mortgage or security interest are used for low-income housing uses. Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) must provide information to HUD for approval to allow PHAs to grant a mortgage in public housing real estate or a security interest in some tangible form of personal property owned by the PHA for the purposes of securing loans or other financing for modernization or development of low-income housing.

Respondents: Members of Affected Public: State, Local or Local Government and Non-profit organization.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
2577–0157	30	3	90	41.78	3,760	\$157.65	\$592,750
Total

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.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6350–N–01]

Green and Resilient Retrofit Program: Request for Information

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: In response to the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, HUD is currently designing a new program, the Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP), and expects to make multiple rounds of funding available to support energy, and water efficiency retrofits and climate resilience of HUD-assisted multifamily properties. Through this Request for Information (RFI), HUD is seeking input on funding rounds as well as on utility benchmarking. Information provided in response to this RFI will inform prioritization of work, treatment of cost-benefit analyses, and key design elements that will help ensure program goals are met.

DATES: Comments are requested on or before October 27, 2022. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments responsive to this RFI. All submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the RFI. Commenters are encouraged to identify the number of the specific question or questions to which they are responding. Responses should include

the name(s) of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the comment; however, because any responses received by HUD will be publicly available, responses should not include any personally identifiable information or confidential commercial information.

There are two methods for submitting public comments.

1. **Electronic Submission of Comments.** Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

2. **Submission of Comments by Mail.** Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500.

HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit their feedback and recommendations electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a response, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make comments immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the <https://www.regulations.gov> website can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of the two methods specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the notice.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All comments and communications properly submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at (202) 708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals can dial 7-1-1 to access the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), which permits users to make text-based calls, including Text Telephone (TTY) and Speech to Speech (STS) calls. Individuals who require an alternative aid or service to communicate effectively with HUD should email GRRP@hud.gov and provide a brief description of their preferred method of communication. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lauren Ross, Senior Adviser for Housing and Sustainability, Office of Multifamily Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 6106, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone number 202-402-5423 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals can dial 7-1-1 to access the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), which permits users to make text-based calls, including Text Telephone (TTY) and Speech to Speech (STS) calls. Individuals who require an alternative aid or service to communicate effectively with HUD should email GRRP@hud.gov and provide a brief description of their preferred method of communication.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-169) (the Act) makes \$837.5 million available to HUD for the provision of loans and grants to fund projects that improve energy or water efficiency, enhance indoor air quality or sustainability, implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation, low-emission building materials or processes, energy storage, or building electrification strategies, and/or address climate resilience. Eligible HUD-assisted multifamily properties include, but are not limited to, Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA), Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities, and Section 202 Housing for the Elderly. The Act also includes \$42.5 million for energy and water benchmarking of the

HUD-assisted multifamily portfolio along with associated data analysis and evaluation at the property- and portfolio-level, and the development of information technology systems necessary for the collection, evaluation, and analysis of such data.

In response to the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, HUD is currently designing a new program, the Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP), and expects to make multiple rounds of funding available to support energy and water efficiency retrofits and climate resilience of HUD-assisted multifamily properties. HUD is seeking input on funding rounds as well as on benchmarking. Public input will inform prioritization of work, treatment of cost-benefit analyses, and key design elements that will help ensure program goals are met. Overall goals of the GRRP for the HUD-assisted multifamily portfolio include reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions, improving indoor air quality for residents, reducing residents' and properties' exposure to climate hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property when disaster strikes. Additionally, the GRRP will serve to further preserve the long-term affordability of the assisted properties.

II. Purpose of This Request for Information

The purpose of this RFI is to solicit information regarding the design and implementation of the GRRP to support the improvement of energy and water efficiency retrofits, and climate resilience of HUD-assisted multifamily properties.

III. Specific Information Requested

While HUD welcomes all comments relevant to the design and implementation of the GRRP, HUD is particularly interested in receiving input from interested parties on the questions outlined below.

1. HUD is seeking input on program design features, energy-saving measures, low-emission technology, and resilience design and measures that have proven effective in affordable multifamily buildings. How might this program help prioritize and scale best practices for reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions, improving indoor air quality for residents, and strengthening climate resilience among affordable multifamily buildings? How can these measures and practices be deployed in a way that preserves affordability of our properties? Eligible uses for project funding and/or financing include:

a. Improve energy and/or water efficiency.

b. Enhance indoor air quality and/or sustainability.

c. Implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation, low-emission building materials or processes, and/or energy storage, or building electrification strategies.

d. Address climate resilience.

2. This program offers owners of HUD-assisted multifamily properties an opportunity to plan comprehensively around energy efficiency and climate resilience. Often, these goals can be interrelated. Materials and technologies that enhance a building's energy efficiency can also make the building more durable and resilient to threats posed by extreme weather events. It is also possible that some energy efficiency and climate resilience improvements may be in tension. HUD would like recommendations for designing the program to meet energy and emissions reduction goals as well as climate resilience. HUD seeks information on how to balance multiple goals (*i.e.*, energy efficiency, decarbonization, and climate resilience). In addition, given the various eligible uses of funds, cost-effectiveness will vary greatly across projects. How might HUD factor in cost-effectiveness when evaluating applications for energy- and/or resilience-related projects?

3. States, localities, and utilities administer programs aimed at delivering energy efficiency and electrification to affordable multifamily properties. In addition, the Inflation Reduction Act makes significant funding available for home energy rebates for low- and moderate-income households through the U.S. Department of Energy and expands the renewable energy Investment Tax Credit. How might HUD encourage or require applicants to leverage other funding for projects—such as owner equity, other federal, state, local, and/or utility grants, loans, rebates, tax credits, and incentives?

4. HUD seeks to design this program to enable deep retrofits of multifamily properties—retrofits that would likely not be possible without this funding. Certain markets are more primed to deploy deep and resilient retrofits in the multifamily sector, while others may lack the state and local infrastructure and workforce for delivering retrofits in this sector. While HUD seeks to maximize impact, how can HUD best ensure that funding is distributed equitably?

5. HUD's ability to achieve its goal of benchmarking energy and water use for the majority of HUD-assisted multifamily portfolio rests on the availability and accessibility of whole-building aggregate energy data. What

role can HUD play to support greater access to this utility data? What opportunities exist for HUD to engage utilities and/or public utility commissions to make this data readily available to our multifamily building owners? What incentives, financial support, and/or technical support would encourage owners to participate and get their properties benchmarked?

6. What equity considerations should HUD consider when implementing property retrofits and benchmarking? HUD-assisted properties exist nationwide, and they disproportionately serve residents who are otherwise underserved by housing markets, including people with disabilities, older adults, and people from communities of color.

7. This will be the first HUD program to target multifamily properties nationwide with property-level resilience interventions at this scale. How can and should HUD evaluate resilience needs and the effectiveness of these interventions, considering the variety of natural hazards and that the effectiveness of many resilience strategies are truly tested only when a disaster event strikes? How should HUD balance geographic disparities in the needs for resilience interventions (*i.e.*, more frequent in coastal areas) and the availability of other funds, from HUD and other agencies, for recovering from disasters?

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act, Statement of Federal Lands Payments

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget is proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 27, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget, Attn: Dionna Kiernan, 1849 C Street NW, MS 4106 MIB, Washington, DC 20240 or by email to doi_pilt@ios.doi.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1093-0005 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Dionna Kiernan by email at doi_pilt@ios.doi.gov, or by telephone at 202-513-7783. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 12, 2022 (87 FR 29176), by the Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget, soliciting comments from the public and other interested parties. No public comments were received.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Office of Budget; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Office of Budget enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Office of Budget minimize the burden of this collection

on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: "Payments in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT) are Federal payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable Federal lands within their boundaries. The original law is Public Law 94-565, dated October 20, 1976. This law was rewritten and amended by Public Law 97-258 on September 13, 1982, and codified at chapter 69, Title 31 of the United States Code. The law recognizes the financial impact of the inability of local governments to collect property taxes on Federally owned land.

The PILT Act requires the Governor of each State to furnish the Department of the Interior with a listing of payments disbursed to local governments by the States on behalf of the Federal Government under 12 statutes described in 31 U.S.C. chapter 69, section 6903. The Department uses the amounts reported by States to determine if the payment received should be factored into the individual payment calculation for units of general local governments which they might otherwise receive. If such listings were not furnished by the Governor of each affected State, the Department would not be able to compute the PILT payments to units of general local government within the States in question.

In fiscal year 2004, administrative authority for the PILT program was transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to the Office of the Secretary within the Department of the Interior. Applicable DOI regulations pertaining to the PILT program to be administered by the Office of the Secretary were published as a final rule in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2004 (69 FR 70557). The Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget, is now planning to extend the information collection approval authority to enable the Department of the Interior to continue to comply with the PILT Act.