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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6003-N-08]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Evaluation of the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Evaluation

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, 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 comments from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 31, 2017.

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: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone (202) 402-5534 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street

SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov or telephone (202) 402-5535 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons 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.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Evaluation of the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project.

OMB Approval Number: Pending.

Type of Request: New.

Agency Form Numbers: No agency forms will be used.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The purpose of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Evaluation (YHDE), by the Office of Policy Development and Research, at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is to assess the progress and results of the 2017 YHDP grantee communities in developing and executing a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. YHDP grant funds help communities to work with youth advisory boards, child welfare agencies, and other community partners to create comprehensive community plans to end youth homelessness; these comprehensive plans are a major focus for the grantees in the first grant year. The grant funding is used for a variety of housing options, including rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and transitional housing, as well as innovative programs. YHDP also will support youth-focused performance measurement and coordinated entry systems. In order to obtain a clear picture of YHDP grant activities, this longitudinal, multi-level evaluation will measure activities and progress of grantees essential to building and sustaining effective community change.

Data collection will occur during two evaluation components with each component including data collection activities and analyses. These components include two waves of a web-based survey of Continuums of Care, and site visits with each demonstration community and the three selected comparison sites.

Component one, a web-based survey of Continuums of Care (CoCs) in the U.S. will be administered twice, in

Years 1 and 4 of the evaluation, to all CoC program directors across the country excluding the 10 YHDP grantees and three comparison communities, for a total of 400 survey participants each wave. These data will provide an understanding of system developments occurring across the country and provide a comparative basis for understanding the demonstration communities. The survey will ask questions about the nature and capacity of the prevention and crisis approaches in place, the housing and service solutions, and the strategies for screening and assessing youth. It will focus on understanding the coordination and collaboration between the homeless assistance system and mainstream service systems, as well as whether and how the system prioritizes and coordinates referrals to the different programs.

The second data collection component is comprised of site visits which will be conducted with each demonstration community and the three comparison non-grantee CoCs. The site visits will include interviews with key informants, with project technical assistance (TA) providers, and youth, as well as focus groups with different subgroups of youth. The site visit guide will describe data collection procedures to be followed to ensure rigor and consistency across site visit teams. The first site visit will be conducted as soon as OMB approval is received to collect information while grantees are developing their coordinated community plans. The second site visit will be conducted in early 2019 to explore how the plans are being implemented, as well as barriers to or facilitators of change. The third and final site visits will be scheduled after community plans have been in effect for at least one year (mid-2020).

Respondents: Continuum of Care Lead Agency contacts, key community partners, TA provider staff and youth with interaction with CoCs.

Estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, hours of response, and cost of response time: Based on the assumptions and tables below, we calculate the estimated annual burden hours for the study to be 380 hours and the annual cost to be \$6,716.90. Across the four years of the study, the total burden hours would be 1,520 and the total cost for the four years to be \$26,867.60. The annual cost of information collection from CoC program directors assumes 400 respondents, surveyed on two occasions over the four years of the evaluation,

((400*2)/4=200). It is further assumed that two YHDP Grantee staff per site, and six Program administrators per site

will be interviewed. The full calculation assumptions are shown below.

Derivations for the column “Hourly Cost Per Response,” are explained below.

ESTIMATED HOUR AND COST BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

| Information collection | Number of respondents | Frequency of response | Responses per annum | Burden hour per response | Annual burden hours | Hourly cost per response | Annual cost \$ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| CoC Program Directors | 400 | 2 | 200 | 0.2 | 40 | 30.54 | \$1,221.60 |
| YHDP Grantee Staff | 26 | 3 | 20 | 2.0 | 40 | 20.14 | 805.60 |
| Program Administrators | 78 | 3 | 59 | 1.0 | 59 | 30.54 | 1,801.86 |
| Service Providers | 78 | 3 | 59 | 1.0 | 59 | 20.14 | 1,188.26 |
| Government Agency Staff | 26 | 3 | 20 | 0.8 | 16 | 24.56 | 392.96 |
| TA Providers | 10 | 3 | 8 | 1.0 | 8 | 20.14 | 161.12 |
| Youth (Interviews) | 26 | 3 | 20 | 1.0 | 20 | 7.25 | 145.00 |
| Youth (Focus Groups) | 468 | 3 | 92 | 1.5 | 138 | 7.25 | 1,000.50 |
| Total | 1,112 | | 478 | | 380 | | 6,716.90 |

ESTIMATED HOUR BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION CALCULATION BASIS

| Information collection | Number of respondents | Frequency of response | Responses per annum |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| CoC Program Directors | 400 | 2 | (400×2)/4 = 200 |
| YHDP Grantee Staff | 2/site, 13 sites = 26 | 3 | (26×3)/4 = 20 |
| Program Administrators | 6/site, 13 sites = 78 | 3 | (78×3)/4 = 59 |
| Service Providers | 6/site, 13 sites = 78 | 3 | (78×3)/4 = 59 |
| Government Agency Staff | 2/site, 13 sites = 26 | 3 | (26×3)/4 = 20 |
| TA Providers | 10 | 3 | (10×3)/4 = 8 |
| Youth (Interviews) | 2/site, 13 sites = 26 | 3 | (26×3)/4 = 20 |
| Youth (Focus Groups) | 36/site, 13 sites = 468 | 3 | (468×3)/4 = 92 |
| Total | 1,112 | | 478 |

As summarized below, we estimated the hourly cost per response using the May 2015 Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics median hourly wages for the labor categories, Social and Community Services Manager (11–9151, \$30.54) and Social and Community Services

Specialist, All Other (21–1099, \$20.14). We used the Social and Community Services Manager rate for the CoC Program Directors and Program Administrators. We used the Social and Community Services Specialist, All Other rate for YHDP grantee staff, service providers, and TA providers. For

the government workers, we used an average of state and local Social and Community Services Specialist, All Other (21–2099, \$24.56). The youth hourly wage is based on the federal minimum wage of \$7.25/hour.

| Respondent | Occupation | SOC code | Median hourly wage |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|--------------------------------------|
| CoC program directors | Social and Community Services Manager | 11–9151 | \$30.54. |
| YHDP grantee staff | Social and Community Services Specialist, All Others | 21–1099 | \$20.14. |
| Program administrators | Social and Community Services Manager | 11–9151 | \$30.54. |
| Service providers | Social and Community Services Specialist, All Others | 21–1099 | \$20.14. |
| Government agency staff | Social and Community Services Specialist, All Others | 21–1099 | Average of state and local, \$24.56. |
| TA providers | Social and Community Services Specialist, All Others | 21–1099 | \$20.14. |
| Youth | Federal minimum wage | — | \$7.25. |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics (May 2015), <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oesrci.htm>.

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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Fair Market Rents for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program, and Other Programs Fiscal Year 2018 and Adoption of Methodology Changes for Estimating Fair Market Rents

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) and adoption of methodology changes for estimating FMRs.

SUMMARY: Section 8(c)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA), as amended by the Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA), requires the Secretary to publish FMRs not less than annually, adjusted to be effective on October 1 of each year. Section 8(c)(1)(B) of USHA, as amended by HOTMA, requires that HUD publish for comment a notice of proposed material changes in the methodology for estimating FMRs and a notice containing HUD's final decisions regarding such proposed substantial methodological changes. On May 26, 2017, HUD published a notice proposing changes to the methodology used for estimating FMRs and requested public comment.

This notice adopts HUD's May 26, 2017 proposed material changes to the methodology for estimating FMRs and notifies interested parties that FY 2018 FMRs are available at www.huduser.gov. This notice also describes the methods used to calculate the FY 2018 FMRs and enumerates the procedures for Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and other interested parties to request reevaluations of their FMRs as required by HOTMA. Lastly, this notice responds to public comments HUD received on its May 26, 2017 notice.

DATES:

Comment Due Date: October 2, 2017.

Applicability Date: October 2, 2017 unless HUD receives a request for reevaluation of specific area FMRs as described below.

ADDRESSES: HUD invites interested persons to submit comments regarding

the FMRs and to request reevaluation of the FY 2018 FMRs to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0001. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title and should contain the information specified in the "Request for Comments/Request for Reevaluation" section. There are two methods for submitting public comments.

1. Submission of Comments by Mail. Comments or requests for reevaluation 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. Due to security measures at all federal agencies, however, submission of comments by mail often results in delayed delivery. To ensure timely receipt of comments or reevaluation requests, HUD recommends that comments or requests submitted by mail be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the deadline. HUD will make all comments or reevaluation requests received by mail available to the public at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

2. Electronic Submission of Comments. Interested persons may submit comments or reevaluation requests electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments or reevaluation requests electronically. Electronic submission of comments or reevaluation requests allows the author maximum time to prepare and submit a comment or reevaluation request, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments or reevaluation requests submitted electronically through the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other submitters and interested members of the public. Commenters or reevaluation requestors should follow instructions provided on that site to submit comments or reevaluation requests electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments or reevaluation requests, comments or requests 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.

No Facsimile Comments or Reevaluation Requests. Facsimile (FAX) comments or requests for FMR reevaluation are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments and Reevaluation Requests. All properly

submitted comments and reevaluation requests and communications regarding this notice 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 and reevaluation requests must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202-708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 (toll-free number). Copies of all comments and reevaluation requests submitted are available for inspection and downloading at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information on the methodology used to develop FMRs or a listing of all FMRs, please call the HUD USER information line at 800-245-2691 or access the information on the HUD USER Web site <http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>. FMRs are listed at the 40th or 50th percentile in Schedule B. For informational purposes, 40th percentile rents for the areas with 50th percentile FMRs will be provided in the HUD FY 2018 FMR documentation system at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html#2018_query and 50th percentile rents for all FMR areas will be published at <http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/50per.html>.

Questions related to use of FMRs or voucher payment standards should be directed to the respective local HUD program staff. Questions on how to conduct FMR surveys may be addressed to Marie L. Lihn or Peter B. Kahn of the Economic and Market Analysis Division, Office of Economic Affairs, Office of Policy Development and Research at HUD headquarters, 451 7th Street SW., Room 8208, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-402-2409 (this is not a toll-free number), or they may be reached at emad-hq@hud.gov. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access HUD numbers through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 (toll-free number).

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