

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT****[Docket No. FR-6003-N-02]****60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Understanding Rapid Re-Housing Study****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:* April 10, 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 202-402-5535 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov](mailto: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 at [Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov](mailto: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:* Understanding Rapid Re-Housing Study.

*OMB Approval Number:* Pending.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Form Number:* No forms.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is an increasingly popular approach for using the homeless assistance system to reduce and end homelessness in communities across the United States. Several studies have examined RRH program outcomes. HUD's *Rapid Re-Housing for Homeless Families Demonstration Program* report<sup>1</sup> and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' research brief *Impact and Performance of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program: Results from the FY 2013 Program Year*<sup>2</sup> measured RRH outcomes, and RRH was one of the active interventions tested in the Family Options Study (FOS).<sup>3</sup> Several local studies have also assessed RRH. Collectively, the research conducted to date has produced varied evidence of the outcomes for participants receiving this type of assistance.

The *Understanding Rapid Re-Housing Study* provides an opportunity to (1) synthesize existing research on RRH programs, (2) extend the analysis of data from the Family Options Study (2016), (3) provide a detailed examination of all rapid re-housing programs nationwide, and (4) conduct qualitative research with a small sample of families and individuals who receive RRH. The first two objectives will utilize existing literature and data that have already been collected. To examine the nation's RRH programs, we will rely on currently existing Annual Program Reports (APRs) from local Continuums of Care (CoCs) and administer a web-based survey to RRH programs. To accomplish the fourth objective, we will conduct in-depth interviews and ethnographic research with households.

This notice announces HUD's intent to collect information through the following methods: Study investigators (from Abt Associates) will administer a program-level web-based survey, which

<sup>1</sup> Abt Associates, Inc., 2016. *Rapid Re-Housing for Homeless Families Demonstration Programs Evaluation Report Part II: Demonstration Findings—Outcomes Evaluation Final Report*. Located at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/rapid-rehousing-program.html>.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2014. *Impact and Performance of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program: Results from the FY 2013 Program Year*. Located at <http://www.endveteranhomelessness.org/sites/default/files/research/SSVF%20Impact%20%26%20Performance%20FY%202013.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Abt Associates, Inc., 2016. *The Family Options Study*. Located at [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/family\\_options\\_study.html#impact-ir-tab](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/family_options_study.html#impact-ir-tab).

will include two separate sets of questions—a short set of system-level questions for CoC program staff, and an in-depth set of questions for RRH program staff. The survey will be administered to all CoCs and RRH programs nationwide. To describe the program models in place, the use of progressive engagement, and strategies for RRH in tight rental markets, the study investigators will conduct in-depth telephone follow-up interviews with approximately 20 RRH programs. In addition, investigators will conduct one-time in-person in-depth interviews with a sample of six households in shelter who have been offered RRH but have not yet started to receive it, 16 households who are receiving RRH assistance, and six households that have already transitioned from RRH to permanent housing. Finally, to understand their experiences both during RRH and once RRH assistance ends, investigators will conduct ethnographic research with 16 households. This will include in-person interviews, household observations, quarterly check-ins, and the completion of housing journals.

*Respondents:* Information collection for the program-level web survey will involve program staff from all CoCs (approximately 400) and all RRH programs nationwide (approximately 2,400 programs). Approximately 20 RRH programs will be involved in the in-depth follow-up interviews. Information collection for the qualitative research will affect approximately 28 households.

From the completed 28 interviews, study investigators will invite all 16 households receiving RRH to continue in the applied ethnographic component of the study (and we assume that 15 will complete the ethnographic research activities). Their one-time in-depth interviews will provide a baseline against which investigators will analyze data to be collected over the subsequent 15 months. Those data will include participant observation, housing journals, quarterly family updates, and two follow-up interviews.

*Members of Affected Public:* Continuum of Care Collaborative Applicants, rapid re-housing program directors, and participants of rapid re-housing programs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* Web-based program survey (CoCs)—400; web-based program survey (RRH programs)—2,400; RRH in-depth telephone program interviews—20; one time RRH program participant

interviews—28; ethnographic interviews and housing journals—16; RRH household observations—16, and quarterly updates—16.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Web-based program survey (CoCs)—20 minutes; web-based program survey (RRH programs)—30 minutes; RRH in-depth telephone program interviews—120 minutes; one time RRH program

participant interviews—120 minutes; ethnographic interviews and housing journals—170 minutes; RRH household observations—180 minutes, and quarterly updates—10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Web-based program survey (CoCs)—one time; web-based program survey (RRH programs)—one time; RRH in-depth telephone program interviews—one time; one time

RRH program participant interviews—one time; ethnographic interviews and housing journals—two times, and RRH household observations—five times, and quarterly updates and housing journal—five times.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* \$1,772.16

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$45,629.82

| Information collection                             | Number of respondents | Frequency of response | Responses per annum | Burden hour per response | Annual burden hours | Hourly cost per response | Cost             |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Web-based Program Survey—CoCs .....                | 400                   | 1                     | 400                 | 0.33                     | 132                 | \$36.85                  | \$4,864.20       |
| Web-based Program Survey—RRH Programs .....        | 2,400                 | 1                     | 2,400               | 0.5                      | 1,200               | 29.60                    | 35,520           |
| RRH In-depth Program Interviews .....              | 20                    | 1                     | 20                  | 2                        | 40                  | 29.60                    | 1,184            |
| One-time RRH Program Participant Interviews .....  | 28                    | 1                     | 28                  | 2                        | 56                  | 10.15                    | 568.40           |
| Ethnographic Interviews and Housing Journals ..... | 16                    | 2                     | 32                  | 2.83                     | 90.56               | 10.15                    | 919.18           |
| RRH Household Observations .....                   | 16                    | 5                     | 80                  | 3                        | 240                 | 10.15                    | 2,436            |
| Quarterly RRH Household Updates .....              | 16                    | 5                     | 80                  | 0.17                     | 13.6                | 10.15                    | 138.04           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                 |                       |                       | <b>3,040</b>        |                          | <b>1,772.16</b>     |                          | <b>45,629.82</b> |

## 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.

Dated: January 30, 2017.

**Matthew E. Ammon,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5997-C-01]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Comment Request: Notice on Equal Access Regardless of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, or Marital Status for HUD's Community Planning and Development Programs

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Correction; Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice corrects the document HUD published on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 82 FR 8839. HUD omitted the Appendix which is included in this document.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* March 9, 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: 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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

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free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**1. 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.

**2. Electronic Submission of Comments.** Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site 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.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

**Public Inspection of Public Comments.** All properly submitted comments and communications 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