

DATES: Send comments on or before August 6, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice and requests for copies of the information collection may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Martin, eGovernment Program Leader; Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Year End Report.

OMB Number: 0524–0043.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: April 30, 2019.

Type of Request: Intent to seek renewal and extension of a currently approved information collection for three years.

Abstract: Funding for the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) community project grants is authorized under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341 *et seq.*), as amended, and other relevant authorizing legislation, which jurisdictional basis for the establishment and operation of Extension educational work for benefit of youth and families in communities.

CYFAR funding program supports community-programs serving children, youth, and families in at-risk environments.

CYFAR funds are intended to support the development of high quality, effective programs based on research and to document the impact of programs on intended audiences. The CYFAR Year End Report collects demographic and impact data from each community site to conduct impact evaluations of the programs on its intended audience. The collection of information serves several purposes. It allows NIFA staff to gauge if the program is reaching the target audience and make programmatic improvements. This collection also allows program staff to demonstrate the impacts and capacity that is developed in the locales where federal assistance is provided.

The evaluation processes of CYFAR are consistent with the requirements of Congressional legislation and OMB. The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103–62), the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act (FAIR) (Pub. L. 105–207), and the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act (AREERA) of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–185), together with OMB requirements, support the reporting requirements requested in this

information collection. One of the five Presidential Management Agenda evaluation to be conducted to determine whether federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs result in public goods that have national or multi-state significance. The immediate need of this information collection is to provide a means for satisfying accountability requirements. The long-term objective is to provide a means to enable the evaluation and assessment of the effectiveness of programs receiving federal funds and to fully satisfy requirements of performance and accountability legislation in GPRA, the FAIR Act, and AREERA.

Estimate of Burden: There are currently CYFAR projects in 40 states. Each state and territory is required to submit an annual year-end report which includes demographic and impact data on each of the community projects. NIFA estimates the burden of this collection to be 322 hours per response. There are currently 51 respondents, thus making the total annual burden of this collection an estimated 12,880 hours.

Respondents: The only respondents are not-for-profit institutions.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request to OMB for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of May 2019.

Steve Censky,

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; comment requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Rural Cooperative Development Grants program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 6, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 4233, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–4492. Email Thomas.dickson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RBS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 4233, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522.

Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email: Thomas.Dickson@usda.gov.

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Title: Rural Cooperative Development Grants.

OMB Number: 0570-0006.

Expiration Date of Approval:

December 31, 2019.

Type of Request: Intent to extend the clearance for collection of information under RD Instruction 4284-F, Rural Cooperative Development Grants.

Abstract: The primary purpose of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is to promote understanding, use, and development of the cooperative form of business as a viable option for enhancing the income of agricultural producers and other rural residents. The primary objective of the Rural Cooperative Development Grants program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education based on specific selection criteria.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes to 96 hours per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.56.

Estimated Number of Responses: 471.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,264 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Robin M. Jones, Innovation Center, at (202) 772-1172, Email: robin.m.jones@usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Bette B. Brand,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Announcement of New Cushion of Credit Program Provisions

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a Rural Development agency of

the United States Department of Agriculture, is issuing this notice regarding the new provisions affecting RUS borrower participation in the Cushion of Credit (CoC) program pursuant to the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, (the 2018 Farm Bill).

DATES: Effective December 20, 2018, all future deposits into CoC accounts have been prohibited; however, withdrawal from these accounts is permitted for prepayment on RUS direct or guaranteed loans, and without penalty.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have other questions or concerns, please send your questions or comments to: rd.nfaoc.tesb@stl.usda.gov, or you can contact Steven Tempia, telephone number: (314) 457-4088. A Rural Development representative will follow up with a response by email or phone. Additionally, RUS will maintain FAQs on its web page with respect to CoC prepayments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective December 20, 2018, all future deposits into CoC accounts have been prohibited; however, withdrawal from these accounts is permitted for prepayment on RUS direct or guaranteed loans, and without penalty. Pursuant to Section 6503 of the 2018 Farm Bill (H.R. 2 (115th)), no new CoC deposits could be accepted as of December 20, 2018. With respect to existing CoC deposits, Section 6503 altered the prior, fixed interest rate with phased in interest rate reductions over the next two years. The current 5 percent rate will be paid until the end of fiscal year 2020, September 30, 2020. Beginning on October 1, 2020, CoC deposits will earn 4 percent interest until September 30, 2021. Starting on October 1, 2021 and thereafter, account balances will earn the applicable, variable 1-year Treasury rate.

Additionally, pursuant to Section 6503, from December 20, 2018 until September 30, 2020, RUS borrowers, may, at their sole discretion, apply their CoC balances to prepay their outstanding loans made or guaranteed under the Rural Electrification Act, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, whether direct RUS loans or Federal Financing Bank guaranteed loans. The principal portion of the loan that is prepaid with CoC balances during this period will not be subject to a prepayment premium. With respect to RUS direct loans that prepay using CoC accounts during the period, all terms and conditions of the loan, or a prepayment agreement, if any, that restrict or qualify such prepayment shall be waived. Prepayments using funds not in CoC accounts will remain subject to existing agreements.

Instructions: Unless otherwise directed, borrowers requesting to prepay loan balances with CoC accounts will have the amount specified applied first to outstanding interest and fees, and then to outstanding principal, pursuant to their loan agreements. Borrowers must also indicate which accounts they would like to prepay, otherwise such amounts will be applied to the oldest debt accounts first. If a borrower requests an entire prepayment to outstanding principal but does not provide for an additional payment to cover outstanding interest and fees, such payment will be applied first to interest and fees. At the borrower's request, a prepayment calculation will be provided to confirm the amount due for individual accounts.

Should borrowers choose to supplement additional non-CoC funds to prepay additional loan accounts, or portions thereof, the associated premium will be applied to that portion of the prepayment.

In order that borrower's prepayments are fulfilled as requested, borrowers should submit the following information to: rd.nfaoc.tesb@stl.usda.gov with the subject line title "CUSHION OF CREDIT PREPAY REQUEST" and the following:

(1) The dollar amount of the CoC to be applied;

(2) The specific loan advance accounts to be prepaid;

(3) The method in which they wish CoC balances to be applied (optional);

(4) Whether the borrower intends to supplement the prepayment with additional funds and the amount of such supplemental funds; and

(5) Contact information to coordinate prepayment, and for any necessary correspondence (*i.e.* notice as to whether any amounts are missing pursuant to their specific request).

All requests will be promptly processed, and the transactions will be reflected on the next Statement of Account and Transactions (Statement) after the prepayment is made. If the Statement does not reflect the correct application, please contact rd.nfaoc.tesb@stl.usda.gov immediately.

Chad Rupe,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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