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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Public Comment Request; Proposed Extension with Changes of a Currently Approved Collection; Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to ACL's Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program. This notice solicits comments on a proposed extension with minor changes of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to shannon.skowronski@acl.hhs.gov. Submit written comments on the collection of information to: Shannon Skowronski, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Community Living, Washington, D.C. 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Skowronski at shannon.skowronski@acl.hhs.gov or 202-795-7438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or update of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of ACL's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

The Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs is a cooperative agreement financed through the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), most recently with FY 2017 PPHF funds. The statutory authority for cooperative agreements under the current program announcement is contained in the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300u-2 (Community Programs) and

300u-3 (Information Programs); and Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub. L. 113-235, Div. G., Title II, § 219(a); and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300u-11 (Prevention and Public Health Fund).

The Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs support a national resource center and award competitive grants to implement evidence-based community programs that have been proven to reduce the incidence of falls for older adults and adults with disabilities (including Tribal elders). The programs also identify sustainable funding mechanisms for these programs via the resource center, promote the importance of falls prevention strategies, and provide public education about the risks of falls and ways to prevent them.

OMB approval of the existing set of Falls Prevention data collection tools (OMB Control Number, 0985-0039) expires on 01/31/2018. This data collection continues to be necessary for monitoring program operations and outcomes. ACL/AoA proposes to use the following tools: (1) Semi-annual performance reports to monitor grantee progress; (2) a Host Organization Data form to record location of agencies that sponsor programs that will allow mapping of the delivery infrastructure; and (3) a set of tools used to collect information at each program completed by the program leaders (Program Information Cover Sheet and Attendance Log), a Participant Information Form completed by each participant, and a Post Program Survey to be completed by a random sample of participants. ACL/AoA intends to continue using an online data entry system for the program and participant survey data. In addition to non-substantive formatting edits, minor changes are being proposed to 2 of the 5 currently approved tools, as indicated below. All changes proposed are based on feedback from a focus group that included a sub-set of current grantees and consultation with subject-matter experts.

- On the Participant Information Form:

1. Additional chronic conditions have been added to the list of options
2. Question #11 (assessing the frequency and impact of falls) has been enhanced to include the location of the fall(s) and further assess impact
3. Two questions have been added (#15 and #16) to examine modifications made to home and activity level

- On the Post-Program Survey:

1. Question #2 (assessing the frequency and impact of falls) has been enhanced to include the location of the fall(s) and further assess impact
2. Questions #6 and #7 have been modified slightly – removing references to home modifications and activity level. Home modifications and activity level are now addressed in questions #8 and #9 instead.

Estimated annualized burden hours

The proposed Falls Prevention Data Collection Tools can be found at ACL's Web

site at: <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input>.

The total estimated burden is 4,345 hours per year. ACL/AoA estimates the burden of this collection of information as 288 hours for project staff, 1,435 hours for local agency staff, and 2,622 hours for individuals.

Type of Respondent	Form Name	Estimated Number of Respondents	Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Time per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours (Annual)
Project staff	Semi-annual Performance Report	18	Twice a year	8	288 hours

Local agency leaders	Program Information Cover Sheet / Participant Information Form/ Attendance Log/	700 leaders	Twice a year (one set per program)	.50	700 hours
Local data entry staff	Post Program Survey	46 data entry staff	Once per program x 1400 programs	.50	700 hours
Local organization staff and local database entry staff	Host Organization Data Form	700 staff	1	.05	35 hours
Program participants	Participant Information Form	16,390	1	.10	1,639
Program participants	Post Program Survey	983	1	.10	983
			Total Burden Hours		4,345

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