



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2023-0034; OMB No. 1660-NW172]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request; Generic Clearance for FEMA's Preparedness Grant Programs

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-day notice of new collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. FEMA invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on a new information collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning a new generic collection to oversee FEMA's Office of Grants Administration programmatic and financial stewardship of non-disaster grant awards.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review – Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Information

Management Division, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472, e-mail address *FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov* or Amy Bulgrien, Senior Advisor, FEMA, Office of Grants Administration at *amy.bulgrien@fema.dhs.gov* and 202-880-7522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA's Office of Grants Administration (OGA) was created to oversee the programmatic management, financial management and administration of non-disaster grants. These programs help make the country more resilient and support the Nation's needs before, during, and after disasters. Non-disaster grants also help develop and sustain capabilities at the state, local, Tribal, and territorial levels to mitigate, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorism or other high-consequence disasters and emergencies. The instruments in this collection are required to apply for FEMA funds and the data collected through these instruments is used by FEMA to evaluate grant applications, assess applicant risk, monitor awards for compliance, and comply with Federal laws and regulations. OGA manages and ensures accountability of FEMA preparedness grant programs under sections 430, 503(b)(2)(G), 504(a)(12), 2021-2023, and 2220-A of the Homeland Security Act of 2002. OGA programmatically manages and financially administers certain non-disaster and preparedness grants and conducts environmental planning and historic preservation activities for these grants, including homeland security and preparedness grants (with statutory authority for certain waivers) pursuant to titles V, XVIII, and XX of the Homeland Security Act of 2002; section 503(b)(2)(B), (G), and (H) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 313(b)(2)(B), (G), and (H)); section 1809 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 579); titles XIV and XV of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007; 46 U.S.C. 70107; sections 635 and 662 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 723 and 762); title VI of the Stafford Act, as amended; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 5

U.S.C. App.; sections 33 and 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2229, 2229a); section 3006 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, as amended; section 204 of the REAL ID Act of 2005; the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Div. B (Pub. L. 116-136); and grant programs authorized in annual appropriations acts or future preparedness grant program authorities.

FEMA's OGA is submitting this request for a generic collection to streamline integration of stakeholder feedback on instruments. This collection will ensure all Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number expiration dates are aligned across the OGA portfolio.

This proposed information collection previously published in the Federal Register on December 12, 2023, at 88 FR 86141 with a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance.

Collection of Information

Title: Generic Clearance for FEMA's Preparedness Grant Programs.

Type of Information Collection: New Collection.

OMB Number: 1660-NW172.

FEMA Forms: Not Applicable.

Abstract: FEMA's Office of Grants Administration was created to oversee the programmatic management, financial management, and administration of non-disaster grants. Non-disaster grant programs help make the country more resilient and support the nation's needs before, during, and after disasters. Non-disaster grants help develop and sustain capabilities at the state and local, tribal, and territorial levels to mitigate, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorism or other high-consequence disasters and emergencies. Instruments in this collection are required to apply for FEMA

funds; data collected via the instruments is used by FEMA to evaluate grant applications, assess applicant risk, monitor awards for compliance, and comply with Federal laws and regulations.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government; Businesses or other For-profits; Not-for Profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 35,552.

Estimated Number of Responses: 55,244.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,737,291.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: \$100,067,963.

Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs: \$0.

Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs: \$0.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: \$3,173,288.

Comments:

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate 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) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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