



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; TANF

Contingency Fund Application

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is proposing to collect data for state requests of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Contingency Fund provisional payments through the TANF Contingency Fund Application.

DATES: Comments due [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at:
https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202608-0970-010. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The TANF Contingency Fund Application is an optional request for funds submitted by states to ACF. The proposed information collection will standardize the mechanism through which states request provisional payments monthly. To reduce response time and minimize burden hours, the proposed form consolidates guidance and existing resources. The form will require states to demonstrate eligibility, describe how they will fulfill award requirements, and provide certification by the Governor or official designee. Authority to distribute provisional payments based on receipt of state requests for contingency funds is contained in section 403 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(b)(3), as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-193, 110 Stat. 2105. States must submit a new application in the month prior to the month for which they request funds.

Respondents: The 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia.

Annual Burden Estimates

The TANF Contingency Fund Application for the 50 states and the District of Columbia will create an optional monthly burden with an average of 15 states responding, although up to 50 states and the District of Columbia may be eligible. We estimate the annual burden to be an average of 3 hours

per response, with an estimate of 7 responses per respondent each year.

Instrument	Annual Number of Respondents	Annual Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
TANF Contingency Fund Application	15	7	3	315

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 603 (b) .

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