

to align HSCO grant activities with states and federal priorities, including improving outcomes in child welfare, strengthening family formation, supporting effective service delivery, and enhancing early childhood education. This proposed information collection is necessary to support consistent implementation of program objectives and alignment across all states.

DATES: Comments due August 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the

proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: OHS proposes collecting application materials from all states and territories receiving HSCO grants. These grants are non-competing and statutorily required. The new application instructions will guide states in aligning Collaboration Office activities with updated federal priorities and strengthening integration of Head Start within state early childhood systems.

The application will include brief narrative and structured responses describing state plans for coordination,

systems integration, and program implementation. The request will ensure consistent documentation of proposed activities and enable ACF OHS to effectively administer and oversee the grants.

Existing HSCO grants will be extended through February 28, 2027, to allow time for PRA approval and transition to new grant awards. Following approval, OHS will issue new application instructions, and states will be provided with a defined application window to submit materials in advance of new 5-year grant awards.

Respondents: State governments (including the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and territories) receiving HSCO grants.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATE

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
HSCO Grant Application	52	1	10.4	540.8

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.*); PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Annual Report on Households Assisted by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance, is requesting to reinstate the Annual Report on Households Assisted by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (LIHEAP Household Report; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #: 0970-0060). The current OMB expiration date is March 31, 2026. Submission of the completed report is one requirement for LIHEAP grant recipients applying for federal LIHEAP block grant funds; the next report is due September 2026. OCS proposes changes to reduce the number of items requested and, therefore, related administrative and reporting burden.

DATES: Comments due July 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202606-0970-007. 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: States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are required by the Low-Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624, sec. 2610) to report statistics for the previous federal fiscal year on the following:

- Assisted and applicant households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source.

- Assisted households receiving nominal payments of \$50 or less, by funding source.

- Assisted households receiving only utility payment assistance, by funding source; this information will automatically be transferred to the grant recipient's Performance Data Form.

- Assisted households, regardless of the type(s) of LIHEAP assistance or funding source, excluding households that only receive nominal payments of \$50 or less.

- Assisted households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source, having at least one vulnerable member who is at least 60 years or older, disabled, or 5 years old or younger.

- Assisted households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source, with at least one member age 2 years or under.
- Assisted households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source, with at least one member ages 3 years through 5 years.
- Assisted households, regardless of the type(s) of LIHEAP assistance or funding source, having at least one member 60 years or older, disabled, or 5 years old or younger.

Indian tribal grant recipients are required to submit data only on the number of households, by funding source, receiving heating, cooling, energy crisis, and/or weatherization benefits. To account for this difference, tribal grant recipients use the Annual LIHEAP Household Report Short Format.

The information is being collected for the department’s annual LIHEAP report to Congress. The data also provides information about the need for LIHEAP funds. Finally, the data are used in the calculation of LIHEAP performance measures under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. The data elements will allow for the accuracy of measuring LIHEAP targeting performance and LIHEAP cost efficiency.

OCS proposes revisions to reduce the administrative burden and length of

form. The proposed revisions include the following:

- Remove reporting requirements related to sex, race, and ethnicity, which are not required for statutory LIHEAP reporting or performance measurement.
- Remove data elements associated with supplemental LIHEAP funding provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and the American Rescue Plan Act, as these funding sources have expired and are no longer applicable to ongoing program operations.

Additionally, OCS proposes to adjust the burden estimates to no longer account for burden at the household level. This report is an administrative request for grant recipients, and the LIHEAP statute gives grant recipients flexibility on how they collect household data.

Overall, these targeted changes reduce respondent burden, improve clarity of reporting instruments, and ensure the collection remains focused on current statutory and programmatic requirements.

Respondents: State governments, tribal governments, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

Annual Burden Estimates

Burden estimates have been updated to reflect the changes described above, which include revisions to the report as well as an adjustment to the burden

estimates for respondents, to reduce burden at the household level. This burden has been reduced by analyzing fiscal year 2026 LIHEAP Model Plans to calculate how grant recipients determine eligibility. Based on LIHEAP Model Plans, 25 of the 52 state grant recipients use categorical eligibility to determine LIHEAP household eligibility. LIHEAP categorical eligibility makes a household automatically income-eligible for energy assistance if *any* member receives benefits from programs like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or Supplemental Security Income, bypassing the typical income test, though income is still used to set benefit amounts. This simplifies and reduces the burden on households. Based on past average data, those 25 states make up about 55 percent of all assisted households. To calculate this burden, we used an estimate for the annual number of LIHEAP household applicants multiplied by an average of 1/3 of an hour to provide the data required by the Household Report. The estimated time per response for the short format, completed by tribal governments some small territories, was reduced from 10 hours to six hours per response. The long format, completed by all states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, was reduced from 67 hours to 41 hours per response.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average hour burden per response	Annual burden hours
Long Format	52	1	41	2,132
Short Format	133	1	6	798
Household Application	6,160,000	1	.3	1,848,000
Total Annual Burden Hours				1,850,930

Authority: U.S.C. 8629 and 45 CFR 96.82.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request; Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program, OMB No. 0915–0386—Revision

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

HRSA submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period. OMB may act on HRSA’s ICR only after the 30-day comment period for this notice has closed.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than July 13, 2026.

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/