

- Are there unique challenges for PHAs to administer a time-limited voucher in comparison to regular vouchers?

Statutory criteria. By statute, a youth must meet the following criteria to be eligible for FYI:

1. Is at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age;

2. Has left foster care, or will leave foster care within 180 days,⁵ in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act; and

3. Is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.

Questions for consideration:

- Does the age eligibility requirement pose a barrier to otherwise eligible youth accessing FYI?

- HUD recently extended the referral timeframe from 90 days to 180 days prior to when a youth will transition out of foster care in order to allow more time for the youth to find housing with an FYI voucher prior to leaving foster care. Is 180 days enough time or would another timeframe be more appropriate?

- While not required by statute, HUD has historically defined “homeless” and “at risk of becoming homeless” in the FYI program using the definitions for “homeless” and “at risk of homelessness” in the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program and the Continuum of Care (CoC) program. In the most recent FYI notice,⁶ HUD no longer uses the ESG and CoC definition of “at risk of homelessness” verbatim but has made several changes to the definition to expand who is considered “at risk of becoming homeless” for FYI vouchers awarded through the non-competitive process. Specifically, HUD revised the definition to change the income eligibility requirement from 30 percent of area median income to 50 percent of area median income, removed the requirement to not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in the ESG and CoC definition of “homeless,” and revised several items on the list of additional conditions. Are these the appropriate definitions to apply or should HUD use different definitions of

“homeless” and “at risk of becoming homeless” in the FYI program?

Policy definitions. The policy definitions applicable to FYI can be found in the various funding notices for the program.⁷ Most significantly, the funding notices establish policies in the following areas: partnership agreements, supportive services, and youth prioritization.

Questions for consideration:

- What are changes that HUD can make in these policy areas to help facilitate the provision of FYI and better support youth?

Operational aspects: HUD requests information on any other operational aspects of FYI that could be improved.

Questions for consideration:

- What changes can be made to FYI to better assist youth in navigating the housing search process?

- What changes can be made to FYI to better prevent youth from returning to homelessness after the subsidized rental assistance sunsets?

- How can Federal, State, and local stakeholders best support FYI youth?

- What barriers do communities face when trying to establish an FYI program?

- What barriers do youth face in accessing and utilizing an FYI voucher?

- Does the lack of dedicated Federal resources for supportive services pose a barrier to establishing an FYI program, and how can Federal resources be better targeted or coordinated to support youth as they transition from foster care to successful adulthood?

- Since FY 2024, Congress has provided HUD with the authority to establish waivers and alternative requirements related to the administration of waiting lists, local preferences, the initial term and extensions of tenant-based vouchers, and the timing of referral of youth leaving foster care, in order to reduce barriers to accessing and utilizing an FYI voucher. HUD implemented this waiver authority through Notice PIH 2025–08. Are there statutory changes and/or waiver authority for the HCV program or FYI program beyond that which has already been provided that would help increase utilization of FYI? If yes, please explain.

- How are PHAs taking advantage of the changes that were recently made through Notice PIH 2026–19 to help expand access to FYI, specifically the

elimination of the utilization threshold and the removal of the cap on the number of FYI vouchers that can be requested?

- What are other aspects of FYI that could be improved?

HUD is also interested in feedback on what changes can be made to the program to ensure that it provides a platform for youth to achieve economic self-sufficiency consistent with the goals of the Fostering the Future initiative established under Executive Order 14359, *Fostering the Future for American Children and Families*.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7107–N–26; OMB Control No.: 2577–0274]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC)

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comments from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments due November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. 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:

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⁵ Section 8(x)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(2)) allows youth to be referred for FYI assistance within 90 days of transitioning out of foster care. HUD has used the waiver and alternative requirement authority provided in recent appropriations acts to extend the referral timeframe to within 180 days of transitioning out of foster care (see Notice PIH 2025–08 (https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/PIH_2025-08.pdf)).

⁶ Notice PIH 2026–19 (<https://www.hud.gov/sites/default/files/PIH/documents/PIH-2026-19.pdf>).

⁷ See FY 2020/2021 FYI-Competitive NOFA (FR–6400–N–41); FY 2022 FYI-Competitive NOFO (FR–6600–N–41); FY 2024 FYI-Competitive NOFO (FR–6800–N–41); FYI-Tenant Protection Voucher Notice (Notice PIH 2019–20); and FYI Non-Competitive Notices (Notices PIH 2020–28, PIH 2021–26, PIH 2023–04, and PIH 2026–19).

(202) 402–5535. This is not a toll-free number. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>. Available documents submitted to OMB can be found in the docket file on [reginfo.gov](https://www.reginfo.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on May 15, 2026 at 91 FR 27971.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC).

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0274.
Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: EPIC automates the collection of the Capital Fund program Five-Year Plan and Annual Statement/Budget/Performance and Evaluation (P&E) forms from grantees. These required forms were previously collected in hard copy on Forms HUD–50075.1 and HUD–50075.2 under collection OMB control number 2577–0157. These forms collect data on the eventual and actual use of awarded Federal funds. Electronic collection enables the Department to compile and centralize information about the way grantees use Federal funds. Tracking Federal funds paid through the Public Housing Capital Fund, the only Federal funding stream dedicated to the capital needs of the nation's last resort housing option, is crucial to understanding how the Department can properly and efficiently assist grantees to meet the

Department's goals in maintaining and improving public housing as a safe, decent, and sustainable housing option for low-income residents. EPIC also automates the collection of signed documents required by 24 CFR part 905 to gain access to funds awarded by HUD. These forms are covered under the Public Housing Capital Fund Program, OMB control number 2577–0157. Finally, EPIC allows PHAs to request additional funding sources, such as Operating Funds for Capital Fund-eligible activities. The EPIC data system is equipped to collect Physical Needs Assessment data, should this data be required in the future. EPIC is equipped to collect information about the Energy Performance Contract process, including energy efficiency improvements. EPIC is equipped to track development of public housing with Federal funds and through other means, including mixed-finance development.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hours per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response *	Annual cost
Core Activity	2,800	1	2,800	1	2,800	\$57.47	\$160,916.00
5-Yr Plan (including Utility Conservation Measures)	2,000	1	2,000	2	4,000	57.47	114,940.00
Annual Statement/Budget	2,800	3	8,400	1	8,400	57.47	482,748.00
P&E	2,800	0.5	1,400	1	1,400	57.47	80,458.00
Document Management Center (including new digital closeout form)	2,800	2	5,600	0.5	1,400	57.47	160,916.00
Additional Capital Resources	15	1	15	0.5	7.5	57.47	431.03
EPC	30	1	30	120	3600	57.47	206,892.00
Public Housing Development	60	1	60	120	7,200	57.47	413,784.00
Mixed Finance Development	60	1	60	0.33	20	57.47	1,137.91
CFP Grant Application Module	50	1	50	2	100	57.47	5,747.00
Totals	13,415	12.5	20,415	248.33	30,327	57.47	1,742,909.93

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) 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;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (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 those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comments in response to these questions.

C. Authority

44 U.S.C. 3507.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Informed Consumer Choice Disclosure and Application for HUD/FHA Insured Mortgage

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comments from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice