3545(a)) sets out the requirements for notice to the public regarding assistance available from HUD. Section 102(a)(3) requires publication of selection criteria not less than 30 days before the deadline for applications or requests for assistance. HUD may waive this requirement if ''the Secretary determines that the waiver is required for appropriate response to an emergency.'' If HUD makes an emergency waiver, then it must publish ''the Secretary's reasons for doing so'' in the **Federal Register** within 30 days. HUD does not believe that it must seek an emergency waiver for the FY2026 CoC NOFO, but is doing so out of an abundance of caution for the reasons below.

Due to litigation, the FY2026 CoC NOFO has been published, vacated, and restored over recent months.

On June 1, 2026, HUD published the FY2026 CoC NOFO with an August 26, 2026, application deadline, which gave applicants 87 days to review the NOFO and submit applications. HUD subsequently published a modified NOFO on July 24, 2026, which maintained an August 26, 2026, application deadline and made no substantive changes apart from adding a mechanism for direct-to-HUD funding for areas with no collaborative applicant, as spelled out in Appendix III of the NOFO.

In early July, two groups of plaintiffs sued to challenge the NOFO in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island. On August 7, the district court vacated the FY26 NOFO. ECF 41, *State of Washington* v. *HUD,* 1:26–cv–439 (D.R.I.); ECF 34, *Nat'l All. To End Homelessness* v. *HUD,* 1:26–cv–436 (D.R.I.). The NOFO was thus rendered null and void less than 20 days before the original deadline. HUD appealed the ruling. During the appeal, HUD maintained a copy of the NOFO on its website [*https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition*] and sent a listserv message to applicants notifying them of the same.

And on September 16, 2026, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit stayed the lower court's judgment while the Plaintiffs' challenge to the NOFO proceeds. *State of Washington* v. *HUD,* __F.4th__, 2026 WL 2730937 (1st Cir. 2026). As a result, the NOFO was automatically restored. *See* NOFO at 111.

On September 18, 2026, the Department re-opened the FY2026 CoC NOFO (CPD–2600–DC–0025), with a funding application deadline of 8:00 p.m. ET on September 30, 2026, which created an additional 12-day application window to resume the competition that was paused 68 days after publication of the June 1 NOFO. The additional period was less than the 30-day minimum application requirement under section 102(a)(3). But it is part of the larger application period of 80 days, so HUD does not believe that the NOFO requires an emergency waiver under section 102(a)(3). Still, the Secretary has determined that it is nevertheless prudent to issue a waiver.

It was necessary for the Department to establish a short application reopening period for this NOFO to address certain exigent and emergency circumstances. Specifically, HUD is required by Congress to make awards under the NOFO by December 1, 2026. HUD also endeavors to make timely awards to ensure ongoing funding for successful and meritorious projects, and for other projects that the CoCs or Congress may lawfully protect from competition.

HUD established the original August 26 application deadline to build in the necessary amount of time it reasonably expected it would need to review several thousands of applications and make awards. But the District Court ruling, which is now vacated, eliminated part of the approximately 90-day application period HUD originally provided. HUD must now process all applications and make awards within 62 days, which would be the quickest that the program has ever processed applications. It has received close to 8,000 individual project applications, including 3,500 new project applications, and almost 400 CoC applications. Historically, application reviews have required over 90 days to complete, so it cannot afford to lengthen the general application deadline any further.

Applicants have had nearly four months to review the NOFO and prepare applications, so an additional 12-day application period is sufficient time for applicants to finalize and submit their applications while also reserving for HUD time needed to meet the congressionally mandated December 1 deadline. As such, the circumstances demonstrated that an emergency existed that justified the granting of a waiver of the 30-day application period required under section 102(a) of the HUD Reform Act.

Andrew Hughes,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7106–N–40]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Office of Single-Family Program Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) are providing notice of a new computer matching program. Under this program, SSA will disclose Social Security Number (SSN) verifications to the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) through HUD to verify Borrowers' eligibility to participate in FHA's Single Family mortgage insurance programs. The matching program will enable HUD to verify Social Security numbers and related identifying information submitted by individuals applying for FHA-insured mortgage programs.

DATES: *Comment date:* The deadline to submit comments on the proposed matching program is no later than December 3, 2026. Applicability date: The matching program will be applicable on December 3, 2026. The matching program will be in effect for a period of 18 months.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of three methods—internet, fax, or mail. Do not submit the same comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please state that your comments refer to Docket No. FR–7106–N–40 so that we may associate your comments with the correct regulation.

CAUTION: You should be careful to include in your comments only information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you not to include in your comments any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

1. *Electronically.* Interested persons are invited to submit comments electronically to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Commenters should follow the instructions provided on the website to submit comments regarding this matching program. To locate the appropriate notice, commenters may search *Regulations.gov* using the title of this Matching Notice, the participating agency names, or by viewing recently posted HUD dockets and documents.

2. *By Regular Mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Single-Family Program Development, Home Mortgage Insurance Division, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410.

Comments are also available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at *https://www.regulations.gov* or in person during regular business hours by arranging with the contact person identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested parties may submit general questions about the matching program to Brian Faux, Director, Office of Single-Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone: (202) 674–9348; email: *Brian.Faux@hud.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The matching program will be conducted between HUD's Single-Family Mortgage Insurance Origination System (SFMIOS), specifically the Computerized Homes Underwriting Management System (CHUMS) component, and SSA's Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, referred to as the Enumeration Verification System (EVS). HUD will transmit Borrower identifying information from CHUMS to SSA for verification in connection with FHA Single-Family mortgage insurance programs.

Participating Agencies

SSA, as the source agency, and HUD, as the recipient agency.

Authority for Conducting The Matching Program

The statutory authorities for the matching program include Title I, Section 2 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1703), Section 203 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709), Section 255 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20), 31 U.S.C. 7701, 42 U.S.C. 3543, Section 1106 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306), and Section 7213 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, Pub. L. 108–458.

Purpose(s)

This agreement sets out the terms, safeguards, and procedures under which SSA, as the source agency, will disclose SSN verifications to FHA, through the HUD, to verify Borrowers' eligibility to participate in FHA's Single-Family mortgage insurance programs. The matching program supports the accuracy and reliability of borrower information used in eligibility determinations.

Categories of Individuals

Individuals applying for mortgage loan insurance issued to FHA-approved lenders under HUD's Single-Family mortgage insurance programs. This includes Borrowers, Non-Borrowing Spouses, and other individuals listed on the mortgage application whose information must be verified for eligibility.

Categories of Records

Records involved in this matching program include Borrower identifying information submitted by HUD to SSA for verification through SSA's Enumeration Verification System (EVS). HUD will submit the following data elements for each Borrower who has provided written consent through Form HUD–92900–A, HUD Addendum to the Uniform Residential Loan Application: first name, last name, Social Security Number (SSN), and date of birth.

SSA will compare the submitted information against SSA records and return a verification response to HUD. The SSA response will include a match/no-match response code, and in the case of a no-match response, the applicable response code and explanatory information. SSA may also provide a response code indicating that a death record was found, when applicable.

The information exchanged under this matching program will be used by HUD to support verification of borrower identifying information in connection with FHA Single-Family mortgage insurance programs.

System(s) of Records

SSA's system of records for disclosure under this Agreement is the Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications (referred to as the Enumeration System), 60–0058, last fully published at 90 FR 10025 (February 20, 2025) and updated at 90 FR 50879 (December 12, 2025), which maintains records about each individual who has applied for and obtained a SSN. HUD's system of records for disclosures under this Agreement is the Single-Family Mortgage Insurance Origination System, HUD/HSNG.03, last fully published at 90 FR 36173 (August 1, 2025) and modified at 91 FR 17290 (April 6, 2026). HUD/HSNG.03 covers three integrated systems: FHA Connection (FHAC), Computerized Homes Underwriting Management System (CHUMS), and Loan Application Management System (LAMS) and will be used to match data transferred from SSA's Enumeration Verification System (60–0058) to HUD.

The routine uses of HUD/HSNG–03 permit the disclosures needed to conduct this matching program. Specifically, Routine Use L permits disclosure to the Social Security Administration through a computer matching program to verify the eligibility of applicants and participants in FHA's housing finance programs.

Priscilla W. Clark,

Senior Agency Official for Privacy, Office of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 calendar days from the date of this publication. The surveys announced in this notice, which were executed at the request of the BLM and the National Park Service, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: Protests must be received by the BLM Oregon State Office prior to the scheduled date of official filing, December 3, 2026.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Public Room at the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. The plats may be viewed at this location at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Femling, telephone: (503) 808–6633, email: *rfemling@blm.gov,* Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.