

collection of information provisions contained in §§ 61.11, 61.15, 61.17, 61.20, 61.31, 61.41, 61.51, 61.55 and 61.70 on a non-emergency basis. Comments must be submitted by May 19, 2003.

OMB assigns a control number for each collection of information it approves. VA may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments on the collections of information should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, with copies mailed or hand-delivered to: Director, Office of Regulatory Law (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AL30."

Title: VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program.

Summary of collection of information: The interim final rule at §§ 61.11, 61.15, 61.17, 61.20, 61.31, 61.41, and 61.51, contains application provisions for capital grants, per diem, special needs grants, and technical assistance grants. The interim rule at §§ 61.55 and 61.70 contain requirements for compliance reports.

Application Provisions for Capital Grants and Per Diem

Description of the need for information and proposed use of information: This information is needed to determine eligibility for capital grants and per diem.

Description of likely respondents: Public or nonprofit private entities requesting a capital grant.

Estimated number of respondents per year: 100.

Estimated frequency of responses per year: 1.

Estimated total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden: 3,500 hours.

Estimated annual burden per collection: 35 hours.

Application Provisions for the Life Safety Code Capital Grants

Description of the need for information and proposed use of information: This information is needed to determine eligibility for Life Safety Code capital grants.

Description of likely respondents: Public or nonprofit private entities requesting a Life Safety Code capital grant.

Estimated number of respondents per year: 200.

Estimated frequency of responses per year: 1.

Estimated total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden: 2,000 hours.

Estimated annual burden per collection: 10 hours.

Application Provisions for Per Diem for Non-Capital Grant Recipients.

Description of the need for information and proposed use of information: This information is needed to determine eligibility for per diem.

Description of likely respondents: Public or nonprofit private entities requesting per diem.

Estimated number of respondents per year: 150.

Estimated frequency of responses per year: 1.

Estimated total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden: 3,000 hours.

Estimated annual burden per collection: 20 hours.

Application provisions for special needs grants.

Description of the need for information and proposed use of information: This information is needed to determine eligibility for special needs grants.

Description of likely respondents: Public or nonprofit private entities requesting a special needs grant.

Estimated number of respondents per year: 200.

Estimated frequency of responses per year: 1.

Estimated total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden: 4,000 hours.

Estimated annual burden per collection: 20 hours.

Application provisions for technical assistance grants.

Description of the need for information and proposed use of information: This information is needed to determine eligibility for technical assistance grants.

Description of likely respondents: Entities or organizations with expertise in preparing grant applications requesting a technical assistance grant.

Estimated number of respondents per year: 25.

Estimated frequency of responses per year: 1.

Estimated total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden: 250 hours.

Estimated annual burden per collection: 10 hours.

Compliance reports for technical assistance grants.

Description of the need for information and proposed use of information: This information is needed

to determine compliance with the requirements for a technical assistance grant.

Description of likely respondents: Entities receiving technical assistance grants.

Estimated number of respondents per year: 10.

Estimated frequency of responses per year: 4.

Estimated total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden: 90 hours.

Estimated annual burden per collection: 2.25 hours.

Compliance reports for per diem and special needs grants.

Description of the need for information and proposed use of information: This information is needed to determine compliance with the requirements for per diem and a special needs grant.

Description of likely respondents: Entities receiving per diem or special needs grants.

Estimated number of respondents per year: 300.

Estimated frequency of responses per year: 1.

Estimated total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden: 1500 hours.

Estimated annual burden per collection: 5 hours.

The Department considers comments by the public on collections of information in—

- Evaluating whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluating the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhancing the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimizing the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including responses 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.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collections of information contained in this rule between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. This does not affect the deadline for the public to comment on the interim final rule.