

FEMA Seeks Review of Revised Information Collection

In support of the Paperwork Reduction Act, FEMA is soliciting public review and comment of its significantly revised information collection. These changes aim to simplify the Public Assistance applicant's experience and align with FEMA's Strategic Goals.

FEMA's Public Assistance program revised its information collection (OMB No. 1660-0017) to simplify and streamline the program, reduce administrative burden, and incorporate a people-first approach.

Key improvements of the new information collection practices include:

- Simplifying applicant forms by reducing jargon and eliminating redundant questions.
- Implementing a risk-based approach by recognizing that not all applicants or projects require the same level of resources, documentation, or oversight.
- Using technology to identify underserved communities to improve FEMA's resource allocation and staffing needs.
- Identifying all-hazards mitigation opportunities for applicant projects and reducing the burden to incorporate building codes and standards.
- Introducing climate adaptation resources available to reduce the risk of climate-related disasters.
- Introducing a project application that improves applicants' ability to enforce building codes and floodplain management regulations, increasing speed of recovery.

The notice is available to view here [FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE \(FR Doc. 2022-27082\)](#):

Comments are welcomed [here](#) on or before Feb. 13, 2023

For more information about the improvements made in the revised information collection, visit <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/fema-seeks-comments-public-assistance-collection>.

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