

State agencies shall, to the extent feasible, collect such information through existing reporting processes and in a manner that minimizes burdens on property owners. In the case of any household that continues to reside in the same dwelling unit, information provided by the household in a previous year may be used if the information is of a category that is not subject to change or if information for the current year is not readily available to the owner of the property.

**(b) Standards**

The Secretary shall establish standards and definitions for the information collected under subsection (a), provide States with technical assistance in establishing systems to compile and submit such information, and, in coordination with other Federal agencies administering housing programs, establish procedures to minimize duplicative reporting requirements for properties assisted under multiple housing programs.

**(c) Public availability**

The Secretary shall, not less than annually, compile and make publicly available the information submitted to the Secretary pursuant to subsection (a).

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated for the cost of activities required under subsections (b) and (c) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2009 and \$900,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, title I, §36, as added Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VIII, §2835(d), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2874.)

**§ 1437z-9. Data exchange standards for improved interoperability**

**(a) Designation**

The Secretary shall, in consultation with an interagency work group established by the Office of Management and Budget, and considering State government perspectives, designate data exchange standards to govern, under this chapter—

- (1) necessary categories of information that State agencies operating related programs are required under applicable law to electronically exchange with another State agency; and
- (2) Federal reporting and data exchange required under applicable law.

**(b) Requirements**

The data exchange standards required by subsection (a) shall, to the maximum extent practicable—

- (1) incorporate a widely accepted, nonproprietary, searchable, computer-readable format, such as the eXtensible Markup Language;
- (2) contain interoperable standards developed and maintained by intergovernmental partnerships, such as the National Information Exchange Model;
- (3) incorporate interoperable standards developed and maintained by Federal entities with authority over contracting and financial assistance;
- (4) be consistent with and implement applicable accounting principles;

(5) be implemented in a manner that is cost-effective and improves program efficiency and effectiveness; and

(6) be capable of being continually upgraded as necessary.

**(c) Rules of construction**

Nothing in this section requires a change to existing data exchange standards for Federal reporting found to be effective and efficient.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, title I, §37, as added Pub. L. 114-201, title V, §503(a), July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 811.)

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 114-201, title V, §503(b), July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 29, 2016], the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall issue a proposed rule to carry out the amendments made by subsection (a) [enacting this section].

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The rule shall—

- “(A) identify federally required data exchanges;
- “(B) include specification and timing of exchanges to be standardized;
- “(C) address the factors used in determining whether and when to standardize data exchanges;
- “(D) specify State implementation options; and
- “(E) describe future milestones.”

**§ 1437z-10. Small public housing agencies**

**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Housing voucher program**

The term “housing voucher program” means a program for tenant-based assistance under section 1437f of this title.

**(2) Small public housing agency**

The term “small public housing agency” means a public housing agency—

- (A) for which the sum of the number of public housing dwelling units administered by the agency and the number of vouchers under section 1437f(o) of this title administered by the agency is 550 or fewer; and
- (B) that predominantly operates in a rural area, as described in section 1026.35(b)(2)(iv)(A) of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations.

**(3) Troubled small public housing agency**

The term “troubled small public housing agency” means a small public housing agency designated by the Secretary as a troubled small public housing agency under subsection (c)(3).

**(b) Applicability**

Except as otherwise provided in this section, a small public housing agency shall be subject to the same requirements as a public housing agency.

**(c) Program inspections and evaluations**

**(1) Public housing projects**

**(A) Frequency of inspections by Secretary**

The Secretary shall carry out an inspection of the physical condition of a small public housing agency’s public housing projects not more frequently than once every 3 years,