The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) was established by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, Public Law 116–260, 134 Stat. 1182. EBBP is a program that will help low-income Americans obtain discounted broadband service and one-time co-pay for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). This program was created specifically to assist American families’ access to broadband, which has proven to be essential for work, school, and healthcare during the public health emergency that exists as a result of COVID–19. A household may qualify for the EBBP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC’s Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016 (81 FR 33026 (May 24, 2016)), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (“National Verifier”), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants’ eligibility for EBBP. The purpose of this modified matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline (existing purpose) and the new Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about these programs is provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before April 15, 2021. This computer matching program will commence on April 15, 2021, and will conclude 18 months after the effective date.

ADDRESS: Written comments to Margaret Drake, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to Privacy@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Drake at 202–418–1707 or Privacy@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific Federal assistance programs.

The categories of records involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security Number, or various Tribal-specific Federal assistance programs.
date of birth, first name, and last name.
The National Verifier will transfer these
data elements to the Indiana Family and
Social Services Administration Division of
Family Resources which will respond
either “yes” or “no” that the individual
is enrolled in a qualifying assistance
program: Indiana Family and Social
Services Administration Division of
Family Resources, SNAP or Medicaid.

System(s) of Records
The records shared as part of this
matching program reside in the EBBP
system of records, FCC/WCB–3,
Emergency Broadband Benefit Program,
which was published in the Federal
Register at 86 FR 11526 (Feb. 25, 2021).
The records shared as part of this
matching program reside in the EBBP
system of records, FCC/WCB–3,
Emergency Broadband Benefit Program,
which was published in the Federal
Register at 86 FR 11523 (Feb. 25, 2021).
Federal Communications Commission.
Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES
Administration for Children and
Families
Submission for OMB Review; Annual
Statistical Report on Children in Foster
Homes and Children in Families Receiving
Payment in Excess of the Poverty Income
Level From a State Program Funded Under
Part A of Title IV of the Social Security
Act (OMB #0970–0004)

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance,
Administration for Children and Families,
HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Family
Assistance (OFA), Administration
for Children and Families, is requesting a
3-year extension of the form ACF–4125:
Annual Report on Children in Foster
Homes and Children in Families
Receiving Payment in Excess of the
Poverty Income Level from a State
Program Funded Under Part A of Title
IV of the Social Security Act (OMB
There are no changes requested to the
form.

DATES: Comments due within 30 days of
publication. OMB must make a decision
about the collection of information
between 30 and 60 days after
publication of this document in the Federal
Register. Therefore, a comment
is best assured of having its full effect
if OMB receives it within 30 days of
publication.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

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Mary B. Jones,
ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES
Administration for Children and
Families
Submission for OMB Review;
Community-Based Family Resource
and Support Grants (Name Changed to
Child Abuse Prevention Program—OIS
Notified 6/2007) (OMB No.: 0970–0155)

AGENCY: Children’s Bureau,
Administration on Children, Youth and
Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for
Children and Families (ACF) is
requesting a 3-year extension of the
Program Instruction (PI) for the
Community-Based Family Resource and
Support Grants or the Community-
Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
program (OMB No.: 0970–0155,
expiration 3/31/2021), which outlines
information collection requirements
pursuant to receiving a grant award.
There are no changes requested to the
information collection process.