Open Data Plan

This new Open Data Plan supersedes the inaugural Open Data Plan published as a component of the Information Resources Management (IRM) Strategic Plan in March of 2024.[1] This new Open Data Plan satisfies the statutory requirements in the Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary (OPEN) Government Data Act (OGDA)[2] and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-25-05, titled "Phase 2 Implementation of the Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Open Government Data Access and Management Guidance."[3]

The Open Data Plan addresses the Agency's efforts in the following areas:

- Data Collection Processes for Open Formats
- Data Usage Information
- Collaboration with External Data Users and Open Data Point of Contact
- Improving Processes for Open Government Data Assets
- Open Data Goal Requirements
- Prioritizing Public Data Asset Review
- Compliance Status

a. Data Collection Processes for Open Formats

FHFA maintains fourteen OMB-approved data collections under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA.) Of these, only four data collections were established after the statutory deadline for open formats in January 2019.[4] As such, FHFA's compliance efforts are focused on collections initiated on or after January 2019. The table below describes FHFA's compliance efforts:

Collection	Compliance Status
Secure Software Self-Attestation Common Form – OMB 1670-0052	Relies on Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for form management as an interagency common form.
Tech Sprints – OMB 2590-0017	Compliant.
National Survey of Mortgage Originations (NSMO) – OMB 2590-0018	Compliant.

[1] IRM Strategic Plans are required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended by OGDA, and OMB Circular A-130. IRM Strategic Plans are to be reviewed annually and published.
[2] Title II of the Foundation for evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018.
[3] OMB M-25-05 provides guidance on the contents of agency Open Data Plans. See Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, OMB M-25-05 Phase 2 Implementation of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Open Government Data Access and Management Guidance (2025).
[4] 44 U.S.C § 3506 (b)(2)(B)(i)(I).

FHFA Personnel Vetting Questionnaire – OMB 3206-0279	Relies on the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for form management as an interagency common form.

b. Data Usage Information

FHFA currently evaluates public data asset usage by tracking and monitoring key metrics on the Agency's website and on the Tableau Public platform.[5] However, FHFA has not yet published these metrics.

Ongoing Projects:

- FHFA will continue to regularly analyze the traffic to www.fhfa.gov and optimize the display and availability of public data assets.
- FHFA will, as required, publish key metrics of data asset usage information on www.fhfa.gov/data once automation of monitoring and reporting has been achieved.

c. Collaboration with External Data Users

FHFA believes that collaboration with external stakeholders helps it accomplish its mission, demonstrates accountability, and fosters trust. The Agency appreciates and welcomes external interactions and input from the general public and various industry stakeholders.

Completed Projects:

- FHFA created data asset specific email addresses for users to submit questions or comments. Examples include LoanLimitQuestions@fhfa.gov, HPIQuestions@fhfa.gov, and pudbdata@fhfa.gov.

d. Open Data Point of Contact

FHFA's Chief Data Officer is the designated Open Data Point of Contact.

Completed Projects

- FHFA updated the Agency's website to reflect the Open Data Point of Contact, including a name and method of contact.

Ongoing Projects:

- FHFA will continue to monitor public inquiries and review public input that will help the prioritization of data assets for public data asset review and potential dissemination. Relevant public input will be communicated to the Agency's Data Governance Committee and other relevant Agency leadership before responsive actions are undertaken.

[5] FHFA leverages Tableau Public to host numerous data dashboards.

e. Improving Processes for Open Government Data Assets

FHFA has established operating processes for statutorily required and other published data assets that help ensure timeliness, completeness, consistency, accuracy, usefulness, and availability.

Completed Projects:

- FHFA published its Information Quality Guidelines in 2022 and completed internal Information Quality Procedures.
- FHFA created internal OPEN Public Data Standards that require all published data assets to be in machine readable and open formats.

Ongoing Projects:

- FHFA will continue to implement Information Quality Guidelines and Procedures, prioritizing statutorily required data assets and reports.
- FHFA will continue to implement OPEN Public Data Standards, prioritizing statutorily required data assets and reports.

f. Open Data Goal Requirements

This section lists the FHFA's ongoing and anticipated efforts to conduct the following as part of its efforts to accomplish its mission and satisfy the requirements of the OPEN Government Data Act:

- Establish processes for acquiring, updating, or repurposing of information technology;
- Provide recurring training opportunities for employees;
- Ensure necessary staffing and appropriate expertise within the agency workforce for the implementation of the information resource management plan; and
- Update procurement standards, in accordance with existing law, regulation, and policy, to allow for the acquisition of innovative solutions from public and private sectors.

Completed Projects:

- FHFA significantly expanded its Talent365 virtual courses available to staff in 2024. These courses included topics such as data science, cloud computing, IT operations, and user experience design.

Ongoing Projects:

- FHFA, similar to other agencies across the federal government, has reduced its staffing levels and is in the process of reorganizing to achieve greater efficiency in both mission and support functions. The Agency continues to evaluate staffing, information technology, and procurement standards as a function of setting and meeting goals for information resources management.

g. Prioritizing Public Data Asset Review

The Agency is working towards OMB's deadline of September 2026 for publishing on its website the required metadata from its Comprehensive Data Inventory for all Agency data assets. Metadata related to public data asset determinations and review will be included by that time.

Completed Projects:

- FHFA has disseminated all data assets previously deemed public that are required to be published by statute.
- FHFA continues to make its established public data assets discoverable on Data.gov.

Ongoing Projects:

- FHFA will update its internal Comprehensive Data Inventory Standards and OPEN Public Data Standards pursuant to OMB M-25-05 requirements for public data asset determinations.
- FHFA will expand the Comprehensive Data Inventory and subsequently complete the metadata for new public data asset determinations.

h. Compliance Status

The Agency will comply with the requirements of OMB M-25-05 and the broader requirements codified in 44 U.S.C. § 3511 when disseminating public data assets.