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Attachment A

General Instructions:

Each State must provide the information indicated below on its TANF program regardless of the funding source -- i.e., no matter whether the State used segregated Federal TANF funds, segregated State TANF funds, or commingled funds to pay for the benefit or service.

If the State elects to report on other benefits or activities provided through other program funding streams, please mention it after the TANF-funded benefits or activities for each item.

1. The State's definition of each work activity.

A TANF Work Program (TWP) work activity/component is a structured, regularly scheduled program activity for TWP participants. Federal law specifies twelve separate and distinct work activities. Nine (9) are defined as core work activities and three (3) are defined as non-core work activities. All countable participation (actual hours, holidays, and excused hours counted) reported for a core activity will be counted toward the participants monthly participation requirement. Countable participation (actual hours, holidays, and excused hours counted) reported for a non-core activity will only be counted if the individual participates a minimum of 20 hours per week in one of the nine core activities. Federal regulations define core activities as those allowable work activities in which all countable participation (actual hours, holidays, and excused hours counted) reported will be counted toward the participants monthly participation requirement. Non-core activities are defined as allowable work activities in which countable participation (actual hours, holidays, and excused hours counted) reported will only be counted if the individual participates an average of 20 hours per week in one of the nine core activities. A participant must participate a minimum of 80 hours in a core activity during a four-week month, and a minimum of 100 hours in a core activity during a five-week month before any hours reported for a non-core activity will be counted in the participation rate calculation. The 80 and 100 hours can be a combination of actual hours, excused hours counted, and holidays. This rule applies to all participants, regardless of the youngest child's age. The following allowable activities are defined as core activities: 1. Unsubsidized employment 2. Subsidized private employment 3. Subsidized public employment 4. Work experience 5. On-the-job training 6. Job readiness/job search (120/180 hour maximum in any 12-month period and no more than four consecutive weeks) 7. Community service 8. Vocational education training (12-month lifetime limit) 9. Providing childcare for an individual in community service (as noted in the states work verification plan on page 40, the state does not provide services under this activity at this time) The following allowable activities are defined as non-core activities: 1. Job skills training directly related to employment 2. Education directly related to employment 3. Attendance in secondary school/High School Equivalent Diploma (HED) program (Exception: Countable as a core activity for participants under age 20) Core and non-core activities may be coupled to ensure a participants scheduled weekly hours are sufficient to meet the participants monthly federal participation requirement and to meet the requirements of the participants assigned component. *Please refer to pages 258-262 of the 2020 WIOA Combined State Plan for a detailed definition of each core and non-core activity and pages 253-257 for detailed program eligibility.

2. A description of the transitional services provided to families no longer receiving assistance due to employment.

The TANF transitional services available to a former TWP participant who transitioned off TANF due to earned income or loss of an earned income disregard, and who meet certain eligibility criteria are listed below. Only one adult in a two-parent family may receive TANF transitional childcare (TCC) and work (transportation) assistance. The parents will determine which adult receives each transitional service. One parent may receive transitional work (transportation) stipends and the other parent may receive TCC, or one parent may receive both services. However, the parent working the most hours with earnings at or above the federal minimum wage should be encouraged to apply. Once the parents make the decision, there cannot be a change. The case manager will document the decision in the case record and have the parent(s) complete the appropriate application(s). 1. Transitional Case Management...up to 24 months 2. Transitional Child Care (TCC)...up to 24 consecutive months (per eligibility period) 3. Transitional Work (Transportation) Assistance (TT)... up to 18 months (lifetime maximum). NOTE: compliance with Child Support Enforcement is an eligibility requirement for Transitional Child Care (TCC) but is not a requirement for transitional work (transportation) assistance. The Division of Early Childhood Care and Development (DECCD) is responsible for verifying compliance with child support enforcement, not the Division of Economic Assistance Eligibility (DEAE) worker. If noncompliance is determined by DECCD, DECCD will electronically notify email) the DEAE worker that TCC services should be terminated. Upon receipt of notification from DECCD, the DEAE worker will process a TCC termination (CR02). A TWP participant who loses TANF eligibility due to earned income or loss of an earned income disregard and meets specific eligibility criteria may be eligible for the TANF transitional services listed above. Transitional work (transportation) stipends (TT) are limited to a lifetime maximum of 18 months per family. TCC does not have a lifetime maximum. A family that regains eligibility for TANF benefits and subsequently becomes ineligible for TANF due to earned income may be eligible for a new TCC 24-month eligibility period if all other necessary conditions of eligibility are met. The worker will send the following MAVERICS notices at TANF case closure: A106-TANF Time Limit Counter Information; A807-Appointment for Transitional Services; A802-TANF Transitional Child Care; and A803-TANF Transitional Work (Transportation) Assistance. An application is required to receive TCC and TT assistance. The appropriate application must be received within 30 days after the TANF case closes. The case manager will be responsible for approving or denying all applications for TANF transitional services, assisting with the arrangement of transitional services, referring individuals to other resource providers (i.e., food, clothing, housing, health, and other services, etc.) and providing counseling to ensure no problems are present to jeopardize the individuals continued employment.

3. A description of how a State will reduce the amount of assistance payable to a family when an individual refuses to engage in work without good cause pursuant to 45 CFR 261.14 of this chapter.

TANF recipients who are not exempt from the TANF work requirements must comply with the TANF Work Program (TWP). Failure without good cause to comply with the TWP of either parent means termination of the TANF case with a timed work penalty when the individual subject to the TWP sanction is the case head or second parent. The family must serve at least a minimum time-penalty and meet compliance before TANF eligibility can be reestablished. If the TANF participant does not comply with the TWP within the 10-day adverse action notice period and does not meet a SNAP work exemption, the SNAP case will be sanctioned according to the penalties below: 1. The entire household will be sanctioned when the TANF noncompliant member is also the SNAP head of household. (This is an automatic system closure with a timed work penalty.) 2. Only the individual will be sanctioned with a timed work penalty (DW participation code) when the TANF noncompliant member is not the SNAP head of household. If the TANF participant does not comply with the TWP within the 10-day adverse action notice period and does not meet a SNAP work exemption, the individual will be disqualified (DI participation code) for the minimum length of the timed TANF work sanction. The sanction will continue until the disqualification period is served. After the timed penalty period is served, the individual will be eligible to participate in SNAP and will be added back to the SNAP household. If the noncompliant household member becomes exempt from TANF work requirements, the household may again be determined eligible to participate in SNAP. The sanctioned household may regain eligibility for SNAP benefits after the minimum time penalty is served (see Disqualification Penalties) and the individual complies with the TWP. After the timed TWP penalty is served, if the household reapplies for SNAP benefits without also reapplying for TANF, the household may regain eligibility by meeting SNAP work requirements.

4. The average monthly number of payments for child care services made by the State through the use of disregards, by the following types of child care providers:

i. Licensed/regulated in-home child care: 8

ii. Licensed/regulated family child care: 33

iii. Licensed/regulated group home child care: 0

iv. Licensed/regulated center-based child care: 951

v. Legally operating (i.e., no license category available in State or locality) in-home child care provided by a non-relative: 9

vi. Legally operating (i.e., no license category available in State or locality) in-home child care provided by a relative: 1

vii. Legally operating (i.e., no license category available in State or locality) family child care provided by a non-relative: 36
viii. Legally operating (i.e., no license category available in State or locality) family child care provided by a relative: 3
ix. Legally operating (i.e., no license category available in State or locality) group child care provided by a non-relative: 0
x. Legally operating (i.e., no license category available in State or locality) group child care provided by a relative: 0
xi. Legally operated (i.e., no license category available in State or locality) center-based child care. 951
5. If the State has adopted the Family Violence Option and wants Federal recognition of its good cause domestic violence waivers under 45 CFR 260.50-58, then provide (a) a description of the strategies and procedures in place to ensure that victims of domestic violence receive appropriate alternative services and (b) an aggregate figure for the total number of good cause domestic violence waivers granted.
For FFY 2021, the state of MS granted one (1) victim of domestic violence waiver (exemption). A caretaker relative who qualifies for the victim of domestic violence exemption may choose to claim the exemption or volunteer to participate in the TANF Work Program. Months used while claiming this exemption will count in the 60-month time limit but will not count in the 24-month time limit. The domestic violence exemption is limited to a lifetime maximum of 12 months. The 12-month counter is cumulative but does not have to be consecutive. An individual with a history of having been a victim of domestic violence which has been reported as required by State law and substantiated by police reports or court records and is at risk of further domestic violence may claim this work exemption. "Domestic violence" is defined by law as having the same meaning as "battered or subjected to extreme cruelty". State law defines this to mean an individual has been subjected to: physical acts that resulted in, or threatened to result in, physical injury; sexual abuse; sexual activity involving a dependent child; being forced as the caretaker of a dependent child to engage in nonconsensual sexual acts or activities; threats of, or attempts at, physical or sexual abuse; mental abuse; or neglect or deprivation of medical care. In order to claim a domestic violence exemption, the electronic case record must be documented to show that the domestic violence or battery occurred and that the individual is at risk of further domestic violence. The claim of abuse must be substantiated by police reports, which means that a complaint was made, and that the investigation verified that the abuse/battery actually occurred. "Being at risk of further domestic violence" must be documented after the existence of actual abuse is verified before allowing the work exemption. If the individual who was abused is no longer at risk due to incarceration of the abuser or other reasons, the JV exemption may not be used. "Reported as required by State law" means that the agency must make the individual who claims to be a victim aware of protection afforded under the law through the Domestic Abuse Law and the Vulnerable Adults Act. The Vulnerable Adults Act protects adults lacking the capacity to consent due to physical or mental impairment or who lack sufficient understanding to make or communicate reasonable decisions. Such individuals should be referred to the Division of Family and Children's Services. When the domestic violence work exemption may not be used because the individual does not meet the requirement about "still being at risk", it may be appropriate to use temporary illness or injury as the exemption reason, when supported by medical documentation. If the individual who is the victim has a physical or mental incapacity resulting from the domestic violence or battery, or the temporary problem is expected to last longer than 30 days, the incapacity exemption should be claimed so the 12-month limit will not apply. The Medical Review process should be used to get an incapacity decision. When the domestic violence work exemption is approved, the worker should set an alert or set the case review date to review the individual's work status timely. Individuals who are victims of domestic abuse should be encouraged to participate in the TWP as soon as possible following the abuse. In addition to the above and the procedures found on pages 256 and 267 of the WIOA State plan, the State will refer individuals to outside entities that offer services for domestic violence victims, including domestic violence shelters. Those individuals who are granted DV exemptions will be assessed at the 6 and 12 month mark to assess the need for further evaluation and/or exemption.
6. A description of any nonrecurrent, short-term benefits (as defined in 45 CFR 260.31(b)(1)) provided, including:
i. The eligibility criteria associated with such benefits, including any restrictions on the amount, duration, or frequency of payments;
ii. Any policies that limit such payments to families that are eligible for TANF assistance or that have the effect of delaying or suspending a family's eligibility for assistance;
iii. Any procedures or activities developed under the TANF program to ensure that individuals diverted from assistance receive information about, referrals to, or access to other program benefits (such as Medicaid and food stamps) that might help them make the transition from welfare to work.
Note: MS has not provided services under the TANF UP-Front Diversion Program since April 30, 2007. Qi : The Mississippi Department of Human Services may implement a TANF Up-Front Diversion Program to provide assistance, using Federal TANF funds, to families with Emergency circumstances. As an alternative to TANF cash assistance, a family with an emergency circumstance may be eligible for a one-time short-term cash assistance payment. To receive the diversion program assistance: Family unit must include an adult and dependent child(ren) under 18 years of age. Family members must have lived in the designated disaster areas or state/federally declared emergency area at the time disaster or emergency occurred. Family members must currently live together in Mississippi. Family members must not be current recipients of regular TANF, including Transitional Transportation or Transitional Childcare. Family's primary individual must sign an agreement restricting any member of their household from receiving TANF for a period of three (3) months. Households will be required to pass the gross income limits standard (200% of Federal Poverty Level). The maximum amount of resources the family may retain to be eligible is \$3000. In addition to the above, the adult(s) in the family must: be employed an average of 25 or more hours per week at or above the federal minimum wage; have documentation of the promise of a job starting within 14 days from the application date, working an average of 25 or more hours per week at or above federal minimum wage; or be currently participating in a short-term, work-related training program. A payment of up to \$1000 will be issued directly to the family (parent/caretaker relative and child) to assist in resolving any short-term financial issues related to basic needs (i.e., childcare, transportation, rent and relocation expenses). Q ii: As stated above: Family members must not be current recipients of regular TANF, including Transitional Transportation or Transitional Childcare. Family's primary individual must sign an agreement restricting any member of their household from receiving TANF for a period of three (3) months. Q iii : Case Management via MDHS employees and partners referred clients to other available programs. * See pages 265-266 of the 2020 MS WIOA Combined State Plan detailing diversion program.
7. A description of the grievance procedures the State has established and is maintaining to resolve displacement complaints, pursuant to section 407(f)(3) of the Social Security Act. This description must include the name of the State agency with the lead responsibility for administering this provision and explanations of how the State has notified the public about these procedures and how an individual can register a complaint.
Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated at 43-17-5(6)(g), MDHS policy prohibits the displacement of regular workers by TANF recipients. No adult in a work activity shall be employed or assigned when another individual is on layoff from the same or any substantially equivalent job within six months, before the date of the TANF recipients employment or assignment; or if the employer has terminated the employment of any regular employee or otherwise caused an involuntary reduction of its workforce in order to fill the vacancy created with an adult receiving TANF assistance. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security will appoint one or more impartial hearing officers to hear and decide claims by employees of violations by using the process described below. Any employee that feels he/she has been displaced by a TANF recipient in a work activity may file a claim with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security by emailing jcorrie@mdes.ms.gov, or tanf@mdes.ms.gov. Upon receipt of notice of claim, the claimant and employer will be sent a letter of notification of the claim being received, and a hearing will be scheduled. The hearing officer will hear all the evidence with respect to any claim made and such additional evidence as he may require. After affording the parties reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing, the hearing officer will make a determination as to whether or not the employer violated the above-referenced law. The employer must provide proof that the position in question (or substantially equivalent position) is/was not in layoff status in order to continue to participate in the TANF Work Program as an Alternative Work Experience or Community Service provider site. If the hearing officer determines that a TANF Work Program participant provided/is providing volunteer hours in a position that was/is in layoff status, the TWP volunteer will be removed from the site immediately. The hearing officers decision will then be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Workforce Development of the Department of Human Services. Penalties may include, but are not limited to, the following: o Employer may be sanctioned for a period of time, (in regard to eligibility as a TANF AWE/Community Service Provider.) o Employer may be permanently banned from serving as a TANF WEP/Community Service Provider. Within ten (10) days after the decision of the hearing officer has become final, any party aggrieved thereby may secure judicial review thereof by commencing an action, in the circuit court of the county in which the claimant resides, against the department for the review of such decision, in which action any other party to the proceeding before the hearing officer shall be made a defendant. Any such appeal shall be on the record which shall be certified to the court by the department in the manner provided in Section 71-5-531, and the jurisdiction of the court shall be confined to questions of law which shall render its decision as provided in that section. This process shall be posted on the MDHS Website for public knowledge. *See pages 262 of the 2020 MS WIOA

Combined State Plan.

8. A summary of State programs and activities directed at the third and fourth statutory purposes of TANF (as specified at 45 CFR 260.20(c) and (d) of this chapter).

a. Summarize below, the State programs and activities directed at preventing and reducing the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establishing annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies (TANF purpose 3):

Mississippi established a task force consisting of public and private organizations and individuals to review the incidence and circumstance of out-of-wedlock pregnancies. Based on these findings, goals were established, and recommendations made to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies with special emphasis on teenage pregnancies. As a result of the task force reports, new legislation was passed into law which raised the age of consent, strengthened the statutory rape laws and established abstinence training in the public schools. MDHS funds the Afterschool or Summer Recess Program. Goals/Objectives of this program are listed below. Afterschool or Summer Recess Program To reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancy through intensive supervision or afterschool/summer program for non-adjudicated and age appropriate youth during non-school hours when youth are unsupervised and vulnerable. By engaging in activities that create a positive future, youth are enabled to consider how the choices they make today affect their tomorrow. Program activities include but are not limited to: academic tutoring literacy remediation financial literacy science, technology, engineering, arts or math (STEAM) career exploration life and soft skills leadership and personal development work-based learning teenage pregnancy prevention drug, alcohol and violence prevention Additional goals include but are not limited to: reducing criminal activity reducing drug and alcohol abuse reducing violence promotion positive family outcomes increase in school attendance to improve self-esteem, motivation and performance of youth MDHS will continue to work with related organizations and individuals to develop a program designed to reach State and local law enforcement officials, the education system and relevant counseling services that provide education and training on the problem of statutory rape so that teenage pregnancy prevention programs may be expanded in scope to include men.

b. Summarize below, the State programs and activities directed at encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families (TANF purpose 4):

In deciding how to best use Federal TANF funds for low-income families, MDHS developed strong collaborative relationships with businesses, local agencies, faith-based groups, and community organizations for the delivery of services. Continuation and/or expansion of these initiatives are subject to availability of funding and the justification of need. MDHS may contract with public and private entities to provide services under TANF initiatives to assist families end welfare dependency and become self-sufficient. In an effort to encourage the formation of two-parent families MDHS formed partnerships for the Parenthood Initiative; Responsible Parenthood Initiative: To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families and prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies, MDHS may provide comprehensive services that support and educate fathers on the importance of responsible parenthood. The program goals are to: increase public awareness concerning the impact of a parents absence; assist fathers in becoming "Team Parents" and to share the legal, financial and emotional responsibilities of parenthood with the mother(s) of their child(ren), improve the self-image of parents and their families; increase parents' parental involvement in their child(ren)'s education; improve academic performance and graduation rate and reduce the dropout rate of their children; decrease the teenage pregnancy rate; decrease juvenile crime; promote two-parent families and the parent's role in the family; and recruit parents and expectant parents to volunteer as mentors to other parents. TANF UP Program: Mississippi operates a separate state program to serve needy two-parent families. State funds are used for cash assistance payments (TANF grant and transportation stipends). This program will not count toward the states MOE requirements. Although two able-bodied parents are in the home, a dependent child is considered deprived of parental care or support when the natural or adoptive parent is unemployed. Two-parent families are only eligible if the parent is designated as the principal wage earner. Meets the states definition of unemployed, which means that he or she is not currently working or has not worked full-time for at least thirty (30) days prior to receipt of TANF benefits, Works less than 100 hours per month, Has not refused a bona fide offer of employment or training, without good cause, within Is not on strike. All other eligibility requirements for the two-parent family are the same as the TANF (Basic) case. To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families: When the TANF recipient marries, the new spouses income and resources will be disregarded for six months. This will allow the single parent who marries an employed person the opportunity to continue receiving TANF cash assistance and work preparation activities without immediately losing benefits because of the spouses income. (One-time disregard for the first marriage of the PI on or after October 1, 1999 Recent work history requirements will be waived for two-parent families when both parents are under 21 years of age to allow these young families to qualify for the TANF Unemployed Parent program.

9. An estimate of the total number of individuals who have participated in subsidized employment under §261.30(b) or (c) of this chapter. 0

10. A description of EBT policies and practices in the following four areas: (1) procedures for preventing the use of TANF assistance via electronic benefit transfer transactions in any liquor store; any casino, gambling casino, or gaming establishment, and any retail establishment which provides adult oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment;(2) how the state identifies the locations specified in the statute;(3) procedures for ongoing monitoring to ensure policies are being carried out as intended; and (4)how the state plans to respond to findings of non-compliance or program ineffectiveness.

In addition to procedures listed on pages 270-272 of the 2020 MS WIOA Combined State Plan. 1. Clients are provided the MDHS-EA-303A, Mississippi Debit MasterCard Program Customer Information Sheet, which outlines the prohibited transactions and case managers are required to inform TANF households of benefit misuse at application and reapplication. The applicants signature must be obtained at application and reapplication on the MDHS-EA-312, TANF Personal Responsibility Contract. MDHS issues TANF benefits on a card with other services, such as child support; meaning these funds are co-mingled. 2. TANF benefits are prohibited from being accessed from automated teller machines (ATMs) and point-of-sale (POS) devices physically located in liquor stores, gambling establishments, and strip clubs. These have been defined as: Liquor or package stores sell intoxicating liquor, either exclusively or primarily. Gambling establishments offer, as its primary services, casino, gambling, or gaming activities. Strip clubs are defined as those businesses providing adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment. 3. To further emphasize the importance of compliance, County and Regional Directors and/or their designees are now required to randomly observe TANF application and redetermination interviews to ensure case workers are fully explaining the forms noted above, that address TANF benefit misuse. During these random checks, Directors must ensure that workers provide copies of these forms to TANF households. 4. Violators will be denied TANF benefits when the MS Debit MasterCard is used at prohibited locations or prohibited items are purchased as outlined below: Violation Penalty: 1st Violation=3 Months 2nd Violation= Permanent Disqualification

Attachment B2

Grantee Information

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Program Information

Provide the following information for EACH PROGRAM (according to the nature of the benefit or service provided) for which the State claims MOE expenditures. Complete and submit this report in accordance with the attached instructions.
1. Name of Benefit or Service Program: Additional Work Activities
2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities: To assist the TANF Work Program (TWP) participant state funded expenditures include the cost related to providing case management services.
3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program: In accordance with 45 CFR 260.20(b) To end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage.
4. Program Type. (Check one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> TANF <input type="radio"/> State
5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program):
6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$1,492,515
7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$1,492,515
8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: 348
This last figure represents (Check one): <input type="radio"/> The average monthly total for the fiscal year. <input checked="" type="radio"/> The total served over the fiscal year.
9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services: Families, residing in the state, with dependent children (under the age of 18 years) who meet the TANF criteria for income, resources and deprivation; and TANF Work Program (TWP) requirements.
10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (Check one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995 (NOTE: Provide only if response on question 10 is No): \$0

Attachment B3

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Program Information

<p>Provide the following information for EACH PROGRAM (according to the nature of the benefit or service provided) for which the State claims MOE expenditures. Complete and submit this report in accordance with the attached instructions.</p>
<p>1. Name of Benefit or Service Program: Child Care</p>
<p>2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities: Child Care</p>
<p>3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program: In accordance with 45 CFR 260.20 (b) To end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage.</p>
<p>4. Program Type. (Check one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> TANF <input type="radio"/> State</p>
<p>5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program):</p>
<p>6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$1,715,340</p>
<p>7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$1,715,340</p>
<p>8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: 400</p>
<p>This last figure represents (Check one): <input type="radio"/> The average monthly total for the fiscal year. <input checked="" type="radio"/> The total served over the fiscal year.</p>
<p>9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services: Families, residing in the state, with dependent children (under the age of 18 years) who meet the TANF criteria for income, resources and deprivation; and TANF Work Program (TWP) requirements. Participants who transitioned off TANF and meet certain eligibility criteria may receive transitional assistance.</p>
<p>10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (Check one) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995 (NOTE: Provide only if response on question 10 is No): \$0</p>

Attachment B4

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Program Information

<p>Provide the following information for EACH PROGRAM (according to the nature of the benefit or service provided) for which the State claims MOE expenditures. Complete and submit this report in accordance with the attached instructions.</p>
<p>1. Name of Benefit or Service Program: Administration Costs</p>
<p>2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities: State funded administrative expenditures utilized for frontline caseworkers and state level staff which includes salaries, office supplies and commodities as defined in the MDHS sub-grantee manual.</p>
<p>3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program: In accordance with 45 CFR 260.20(a) To provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.</p>
<p>4. Program Type. (Check one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> TANF <input type="radio"/> State</p>
<p>5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program):</p>
<p>6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$2,477,291</p>
<p>7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$2,477,291</p>
<p>8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: 578</p>
<p>This last figure represents (Check one): <input type="radio"/> The average monthly total for the fiscal year. <input checked="" type="radio"/> The total served over the fiscal year.</p>
<p>9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services: Families, residing in the state, with dependent children (under the age of 18 years) who meet the TANF criteria for income, resources and deprivation.</p>
<p>10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (Check one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995 (NOTE: Provide only if response on question 10 is No): \$0</p>

Attachment B5

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<p>Provide the following information for EACH PROGRAM (according to the nature of the benefit or service provided) for which the State claims MOE expenditures. Complete and submit this report in accordance with the attached instructions.</p>
<p>1. Name of Benefit or Service Program: Systems</p>
<p>2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities: State funded expenditures to maintain and enhance the eligibility and case management systems required to support the TANF Program.</p>
<p>3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program: In accordance with 45 CFR 260.20: (a) To provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; (b) End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; (c) Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and (d) Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.</p>
<p>4. Program Type. (Check one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> TANF <input type="radio"/> State</p>
<p>5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program): N/A</p>
<p>6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$589,975</p>
<p>7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$589,975</p>
<p>8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: 138</p>
<p>This last figure represents (Check one): <input type="radio"/> The average monthly total for the fiscal year. <input checked="" type="radio"/> The total served over the fiscal year.</p>
<p>9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services: Families, residing in the state, with dependent children (under the age of 18 years) who meet the TANF criteria for income, resources and deprivation, and TANF Work Program requirements.</p>
<p>10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (Check one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995 (NOTE: Provide only if response on question 10 is No): \$0</p>

Attachment B6

Grantee Information


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Program Information

<p>Provide the following information for EACH PROGRAM (according to the nature of the benefit or service provided) for which the State claims MOE expenditures. Complete and submit this report in accordance with the attached instructions.</p>
<p>1. Name of Benefit or Service Program: Education and Training State Funded Scholarship Program</p>
<p>2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities: State funded scholarship programs for needy families with dependent children that began after 1995. [Mississippi Code of 1972 Sections 37-106-29, 37-106-31, and 37-157-1 amended by Senate Bill 2231(1997) and House Bill 1273(1998)] Eligible population: A needy family is defined as a family with a dependent child(ren) and an average annual income at or below 350 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. The eligible child is defined as anyone who has not yet attained their 24th birthday, continuously enrolled in a program of post-secondary education [Attorney Generals Opinion (September 6, 2002)]. The eligible child is living in the home; however, he/she may be absent from the home for periods while attending the post-secondary program. The cost of a scholarship provided to the head of household and/or his/her spouse in an income eligible family shall also count toward the States MOE requirement.</p>
<p>3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program: In accordance with 45 CFR 260.20(b) End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation and work and marriage.</p>
<p>4. Program Type. (Check one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> TANF <input type="radio"/> State</p>
<p>5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program): N/A</p>
<p>6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$15,449,187</p>
<p>7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$15,449,187</p>
<p>8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: 3,604</p>
<p>This last figure represents (Check one): <input type="radio"/> The average monthly total for the fiscal year. <input checked="" type="radio"/> The total served over the fiscal year.</p>
<p>9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services: Eligible population: A needy family is defined as a family with a dependent child(ren) and an average annual income at or below 350 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.</p>
<p>10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (Check one) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995 (NOTE: Provide only if response on question 10 is No): \$0</p>

Certification

Certify:

This certifies that all families for which the State claims MOE expenditures for the fiscal year meet the State's criteria for "eligible families."	
Signature	
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Title	Director of State Operations SNAP E&T
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