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Subject: NonSubstantive Change Request – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
ACF-196T Financial Report for Tribes (OMB #0970-0345)

This memo requests approval of nonsubstantive changes to the approved information collection: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) ACF-196T Financial Report for Tribes (OMB #0970-0345; Expiration date 4/30/2023).

Background

To facilitate compliance with the Grants Oversight and New Efficiency (GONE) Act, reporting of expenditures across shared programs and responsible stewardship of grants, ACF is updating reporting capabilities for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reports to accept expenditures in cents instead of rounding to the nearest dollar. We have also removed references in the instructions and the report template to an outdated funding source authorized from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). We have attached an updated 196T form template showing this column removed. ACF is seeking approval for non-substantive changes to the form completion instructions to grantees to align agency instructions with practices.

Overview of Requested Changes

A single additional instruction was made to note the change in reporting requirement from rounding to reporting to the nearest penny. Otherwise, we merely removed references to ARRA reporting and took the opportunity to improve the formatting where appropriate.

We consider the above changes to be nonsubstantive in nature while providing improved instructions for users of the ACF-196T.

Time Sensitivities

Tribal TANF grantees already submit the current ACF-196T Financial Report on a quarterly basis and this frequency will remain intact after incorporating these non-substantive updates to allow for reporting in cents.

The next due date for the ACF-196T Financial Report, quarter-end June 30, 2021, is August 14, 2021. Approval as soon as possible will facilitate timely publication of guidance and technical assistance to the tribes on this change before final reports are due for the current grant year.

Therefore, a prompt approval is desired.