



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Submission for OMB Review; TANF Financial Report, ACF-196T

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for Public Comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Financial Report, Form ACF-196T (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #: 0970-0345, expiration date: March 31, 2026. ACF is not proposing updates to the form but is proposing significant updates to streamline and improve the instructions. While the substance of the instructions remains the same, they are easier to read, with review time reduced by an estimated 33 percent.

DATES: *Comments due* **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at:
https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202603-0970-014. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing

infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Grantees of the TANF program are required by statute to report financial data on a quarterly basis. Form ACF-196T is used by tribal agencies administering the TANF program to report these quarterly expenditure data and to request quarterly grant funds. Failure to collect the data would seriously compromise the Office of Family Assistance and ACF's ability to monitor TANF expenditures and compliance with statutory requirements. These data are also needed to estimate outlays and to prepare reports and budget submissions for Congress. The instructions have been edited for clarification and general improvements for respondents.

Respondents: Tribal agencies receiving a direct grant from OFA to administer a TANF program.

Annual Burden Estimates

Based on the edits to the instructions, the estimated time per response has been reduced 33 percent, from 1.5 hours to 1 hour. The number of agencies has been reduced to reflect current grant recipients. Overall, annual burden estimates have decreased from 306 hours to 200 hours.

| Instrument | Total Number of Respondents | Annual Number of Responses Per Respondent | Average Burden Hours Per Response | Annual Burden Hours |
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| TANF Financial Report, Form ACF-196T | 50 | 4 | 1.0 | 200 |

Authority: Social Security Act, Section 409 & 411; 45 CFR
286.245 - 286.285.

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