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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) is a voluntary association of local governments whose intent is to find common solutions to problems and issues that go beyond any one political subdivision. Throughout the years, Federal financial assistance has greatly favored the advantages of regionalism and provided substantial funding opportunities to our area. We have always taken great pride in leveraging millions of dollars of Federal and State support with an annual local dues structure of only \$231,176.

Over the past three (3) years, due to funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) we have been very fortunate to expand services, especially in our aging and workforce development programs. However, these additional funds are now for all practical purposes depleted and we are returning to regular budget levels. We expect that any remaining funds under these programs will be completely exhausted during Fiscal Year 2024. These programs or activities in which the District engages on behalf of its local governments and their citizens will see financial cuts during the years to come. In this Work Program we are, therefore, beginning a process to do more with less and require that our staff reach new levels of innovation and accountability.

Once the Work Program is reviewed and adopted by the District's Board of Directors, it becomes a working document that is used to track our activities, measure our progress, and accumulate our costs. At the six-month mark of each fiscal year, the District issues a Mid-Year Report that uses the same format and budgets. Its purpose is to show what was accomplished at the midpoint of the fiscal year and the progress anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year we publish an Annual Report that outlines accomplishments for the entire fiscal year.

The District's functions are generally divided into two components - one being regional policies and the second being staff activities. Regional policies include such things as this Work Program, its budget, and the corresponding formal internal policies and procedures. In addition, there is a collection of regional long range plans for functional activities such as transportation, economic development, disaster mitigation, workforce training, and programs for the elderly. The governance of many of these policy areas has been delegated to a specific committee within the District organization in order to provide the proper time and attention to that matter. Once plans and policies have been adopted by the appropriate entities, it is the staff's responsibility to carry out these functions as responsibly and efficiently as possible. The provision of having one common staff to serve the collective needs of this region is the foundation of regional areawide cost effectiveness.

We are fortunate to have a fine group of professionals assigned to implement this program of work. Each local government should be very proud to have a staff that represents the highest level of competency and integrity.

**PROJECT: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION**

**PROJECT NUMBER: 10**

**DESCRIPTION:** This function will provide sound administrative and financial management through the initiation and implementation of overall organizational policies, procedures, and administrative requirements. Through the guidance of the Board of Directors and various committees, the Chief Executive Officer will direct the affairs of the organization in a proper and cost-effective manner.

NEED	An effective association of local governments needs to exist in order to address problems and concerns in a collective manner. Since most of the funding for District projects and programs are of a public or quasi-public origin, there must be extremely sound procedures in place to ensure that these funds are administered according to all appropriate rules and regulations.
BENEFITS	State, federal, local, and sometimes private sector funding are merged into a collective unified effort to address common issues and problems. This system serves to seek common solutions to mutual problems affecting more than one area of interest and political subdivision, thereby producing cost-effective benefits to all concerned.
TASK 10-1	<b>GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b> The District will continue to utilize innovative technology solutions to effectively manage programs and resources. The District will prepare annual funding applications, budgets, financial reports, statements of progress, work programs, execute agreements, and other necessary formal data for funding sources in order to remain eligible for various types of financial assistance. Adequate financial, legal, and organizational attention will be provided to the various committees and the Board of Directors will be given sufficient service and attention.
TASK 10-2	<b>OVERALL DISTRICT AUDIT</b> The District has and will continue to have a financial audit conducted by an independent certified public accounting firm of all funds received and expended in the fiscal period. The audit is to ensure sound management practices, certify the financial statements, and to comply with the Single Audit Concept of the Office of Management and Budget in the <i>Federal Single Audit Act of 1984</i> , as amended.
TASK 10-3	<b>INTERNAL AUDIT/MONITOR FUNCTION</b> The Auditor/Monitor function of the District began in Fiscal Year 1993 and will continue for Fiscal Year 2024. The District will be in compliance with required federal standards, and will continue its practice of monitoring these funds. The monitoring is of an external nature and deals with both the programmatic and fiscal monitoring elements of Aging network service providers, WIOA service providers, and case management entities. The District has a multitude of sub-recipients and service providers that must be monitored on a continuous basis as an end result of funding and contracting methodologies. This function is continually enhanced to protect the District from possible liabilities and to meet all local and federal requirements in order to maintain compliance and to continue to meet all audit requirements and safeguard the public dollars entrusted to CMPDD.

TASK 10-4	<p><b>SUPPORT FOR DISTRICT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS</b></p> <p>The goals, objectives, policies, and procedures, both internal and external, of this organization will be given extreme attention and promoted in a comprehensive manner. Every effort will be made to secure and attract the necessary resources to implement the overall Work Program and adopted plans and programs of the District. Organizations having potential mutual interests and concerns will be researched and identified in order to help secure and direct both fiscal and human resources in a manner for the collective good of the area. The previously adopted concept of regionalism and seeking a common direction for this area will continue to be aggressively pursued.</p> <p>The District will be very aggressive and entrepreneurial in marketing and promoting this program of work. It will engage in marketing activities which emphasize regionalism, obtain various forms of financial/contractual support, and promote the overall economic development of the region.</p>
TASK 10-5	<p><b>PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>The District will continue to administer a program of public relations and participation through public hearings, meetings, brochures, news releases, quarterly newsletters, slide and video presentations, television and radio coverage, website, and other techniques designed to inform the general public and selected individuals of the overall program of the District. The District will prepare an annual Work Program; Mid-Year Report, which will provide a progress report on the Work Program; and an Annual Report of the programs and projects undertaken during the fiscal year for distribution to the Board of Directors and other participating governments.</p> <p>The District will continue to update its website, which is <a href="http://www.cmpdd.org">www.cmpdd.org</a>. This website is a virtual gateway to District reports, information, and development activities. Improvements are being made to it continuously. In an effort to provide current information about District activities and programs, CMPDD has implemented a Facebook page, which provides the District with a social media presence. The District used consultants in the development of the website and the extremely technical mapping requirements, which are an integral part of the District's Regional Data Center. The District will continue to use these and other consultants to ensure the successful operation of existing and future activities. Costs associated with this Task will be covered by Projects 11 and 13.</p>
TASK 10-6	<p><b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS</b></p> <p>Under Federal Executive Order 12372, the District will continue to administer its program of Project Notification and Review. This program will ensure that federally funded projects conform to local and regional planning programs. This process will afford local elected officials and other affected agencies an opportunity to review and comment on these projects prior to funding.</p>
TASK 10-7	<p><b>TECHNOLOGY GROUP</b></p> <p>The Technology Group, comprised of District staff, will manage the implementation and maintenance of document management and digital signature tools chosen by the District to advance the goals of reducing paper waste and organizing archived information so that it is easily accessible. In addition, this group will be responsible for investigating and implementing new technology and processes that improve office efficiency and diversity of services.</p>
TASK 10-8	<p><b>INTERN/OUTREACH PROGRAM</b></p> <p>The District will educate and promote its activities, on a selected basis, by attending job fairs; teaching classes; conducting seminars, tours, conferences, and best practices exchanges, and other similar efforts.</p> <p>The District will use seasonal and somewhat labor-intensive staff to assist in the performance of certain jobs. Using college graduate level students allows the students to engage in real world learning experiences and provides the District with cost-effective staff assistance. Over the years, the District has actually hired many of its interns for permanent jobs.</p>

**CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.  
STATEMENT OF INDIRECT COSTS EXPENSE FUND**

<u><b>EXPENSES</b></u>	<u><b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b></u>
Personnel	\$1,148,847
Travel	\$30,500
Meetings	\$17,000
Dues, Memberships and Subscriptions	\$26,000
Audit	\$60,000
Contractual Services	\$39,000
Equipment Lease/Rental	\$97,000
Supplies	\$20,000
Printing	\$10,000
Postage	\$13,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000
Legal	\$15,000
Communications	\$47,500
Insurance and Bonding	\$150,000
District Expense Fund	\$120,500
Depreciation	\$339,000
Space Lease	\$2,640
Computer, Software & Maintenance	\$70,000
Automobile Pool Costs	\$55,000
Miscellaneous	\$12,000
Utilities/Housekeeping/Building	\$115,000
Prior Year Adjustment	(\$35,000)
	\$2,353,987
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,353,987</b>
<u><b>SOURCES</b></u>	
Assessments-General	\$55,500
Lease/Rental Income	\$66,574
Allocated to Programs	\$2,231,913
	\$2,353,987
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,353,987</b>



PROJECT: **REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE**

PROJECT NUMBER: **11**

DESCRIPTION: The Regional Governmental Assistance Program is an effort by the District to provide common services and improve the management practices of local governments, thus lowering the cost of providing services to the citizens of the respective governmental units. The purpose of this project is to better address the total needs and demands of the local governments in the seven-county area in a regional and collective manner. While traditional interest is expected to be on functional areas, such as economic development and governmental efficiency, there are no limitations identified at this time. An organized process to facilitate joint visioning, strategic planning, effective communications, coordination, and cooperation is needed for government to work in a businesslike manner. Solving problems and addressing common needs on a regional basis will continue to be explored.

NEED	Services can be improved and costs lessened by seeking mutual solutions to common problems affecting more than one local governmental unit, such as GIS and web-based mapping and information applications. Improved management and administrative techniques increase the effectiveness of local governments by not allowing political boundaries to restrict governmental and business efficiency.
BENEFITS	This program increases the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments and lowers the cost of services for citizens while increasing and improving services. Approaching problem solving at a regional level is a cost effective and logical means of addressing common problems.
TASK 11-1	<p><b>MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>The District will provide its participating governments with financial, management, administrative, grant, and planning assistance upon request.</p> <p>Aid will be provided to seek federal and state financial assistance through such sources as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mississippi Development Authority</li> <li>US Department of Housing and Urban Development</li> <li>US Department of Commerce</li> <li>Highway Safety Program</li> <li>Federal Emergency Management Agency</li> <li>Mississippi Emergency Management Agency</li> <li>Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks</li> <li>Delta Regional Authority</li> <li>and other appropriate agencies.</li> </ul> <p>The District will provide technical assistance to further develop GIS capabilities on a District-wide level. The District will provide technical assistance in web-based mapping and information applications. Also, CMPDD will continue to take the lead in coordinating both comprehensive and strategic planning initiatives, the offering of public forums, and technical assistance workshops to local units of government.</p>
TASK 11-2	<p><b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND JOINT SERVICES</b></p> <p>CMPDD will continue its current activities of coordinating and sponsoring multi-county workshops and forums on topics of interest throughout the District’s area. Topics could include the following: hazard mitigation, best practices, technology, Census training, etc.</p>

TASK 11-3	<p><b>REGIONAL INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>The District will continue to work with the governments in its seven (7) counties to identify issues and problems which can best be addressed with a regional approach. The intent is that when a regional issue or problem arises, it will be logically approached from a regional level through CMPDD. Therefore, CMPDD staff will work with area governments to identify issues, determine those who are affected, and develop a means of approaching and solving these issues from a regional point of view.</p>
TASK 11-4	<p><b>LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>In an effort to combine support for the entire region, CMPDD will utilize its staff and facilities to develop and follow the progress of legislative initiatives common to the area. Staff will also work with the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD), Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS), and the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) when beneficial to member governments.</p>
TASK 11-5	<p><b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT-WIDE GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS</b></p> <p>The District will provide technical assistance to the Central Mississippi Mayors Association and City Clerks. District staff will also assist in coordinating meetings to be held on a regular basis at the District headquarters.</p>
TASK 11-6	<p><b>USE OF MODELS AND EXAMPLES</b></p> <p>The District will continue to seek models and examples throughout the nation which could be further considered in this area to improve services. Through the use of regional and national peer groups, systems of information will be exchanged on an improved basis. State and national groups such as the Mississippi Municipal League (MML), Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS), Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD), National League of Cities (NLC), National Association of Counties (NACO), National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), and National Association of Regional Council (NARC) will be used extensively. District staff and Board members will participate in meetings of these organizations to be made aware of issues and developments.</p>
TASK 11-7	<p><b>CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>The District will continue an educational program to allow officials of member governments to be made aware and kept abreast of innovations in municipal and county government, as well as planning, grant programs, management, etc. These programs will be scheduled on an "as needed" basis.</p>
TASK 11-8	<p><b>MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF INFORMATION</b></p> <p>CMPDD will continue to serve as a central point for new data releases from governmental agencies, as well as serve as a depository for historical data. The District will compile, organize, and analyze data from local and national sources to produce useful tools for local planners, developers, and industries.</p>
TASK 11-9	<p><b>LOCAL/REGIONAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS</b></p> <p>Activities associated with this Task are incorporated into the responsibilities of the Regional Data Center. See TASK 13-4.</p>
TASK 11-10	<p><b>BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION</b></p> <p>Activities associated with this Task are incorporated into the responsibilities of the Regional Data Center. See TASK 13-6.</p>

TASK 11-11	<p><b>TECHNOLOGY COORDINATION</b></p> <p>Staff will continue to serve as advisory staff to management on any technology issues and procurement of technology equipment. Technical support will be provided by performing the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide network administration by maintaining server backups, user profiles, and system security.</li> <li>• Provide technical specifications based on request for equipment purchases.</li> <li>• Maintain CMPDD’s email address listing.</li> <li>• Maintain equipment inventory.</li> <li>• Service and maintain non-warranty equipment and act as the central point for procurement of equipment maintenance.</li> <li>• Keep a service log on equipment.</li> <li>• Maintain inventory of surplus working equipment.</li> <li>• Maintain a library of CMPDD software.</li> <li>• Attend software and/or hardware training courses.</li> <li>• Provide training as requested on software.</li> <li>• Redesign and maintain CMPDD website and update data as needed.</li> <li>• Design and maintain websites for members and other entities within the District’s seven-county area.</li> <li>• Assist in maintaining other hosted websites.</li> <li>• Participate in conferences including, but not limited to: the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts, the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, and the Mississippi Municipal League.</li> <li>• Research alternatives for telephones, network, internet access, and email.</li> <li>• Maintain lists of troubleshooting procedures for Internet, email, and local computer problems.</li> <li>• Maintain and continue to update the District server and backup system.</li> <li>• Maintain and update Rubex (CMPDD’s electronic filing system).</li> </ul>
TASK 11-12	<p><b>MAPPING SUPPORT</b></p> <p>The District will continue to build and maintain digital base maps and various layers of data/information for use in local planning projects, transportation planning, and for general District-wide use. Planners use these products as foundations for local planning projects, transportation planning, and regional information gathering and dissemination.</p> <p>The District will continue building land use and other planning related layers for in-house monitoring and forecasting, local governmental entities, and private business ventures. The District will also continue to maintain an urban area base for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties in ongoing efforts related to transportation surveillance.</p> <p>On a District-wide and general level, the District will continue to update city limits by recording all recent changes, as well as update precinct and Supervisor districts where necessary.</p> <p>With regard to GIS cooperation, the District will continue to make a concerted effort to work closely with other governmental GIS users including the Mississippi Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems, the Mississippi Automated Resource Information Systems (MARIS), the Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS), the Mississippi Municipal League (MML), Mississippi 811 (MS 811), and the Mississippi Association for Spatial Technologies (MAST).</p>

TASK 11-13	<p><b>MAPPING AVAILABILITY</b></p> <p>The District will continue its efforts to increase visibility, awareness, and ease of use of map products by member governments, the public, and businesses constantly in need of accurate, up-to-date maps.</p> <p>The production of readily accessible reproducible or other "on-demand" maps for all current coverage will continue, in addition to providing map viewer products on the District's website.</p>
TASK 11-14	<p><b>PROMOTE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>CMPDD will continue to encourage and assist local governments in establishing Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities through networking and informational meetings. In addition the District will provide guidance and assistance by speaking at the Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) and the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) conferences in regard to GIS issues.</p>
TASK 11-15	<p><b>MISSISSIPPI COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR REMOTE SENSING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MCCRSGIS)</b></p> <p>Staff will attend meetings of both subcommittees of the Council, the Policy Advisory Subcommittee and the Technical Advisory Subcommittee, as well as full Council meetings as requested.</p>
TASK 11-16	<p><b>DEVELOPMENT OF WEB-BASED MAPPING AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b></p> <p>The District will continue to develop, host, and enhance web-based mapping and information application capabilities using CMPDD's virtual server technology and ArcGIS server software solutions to provide innovative interactive mapping and information products and services to clients.</p>
TASK 11-17	<p><b>CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION</b></p> <p>The Central Mississippi Public Improvement Corporation (CMPIC) is a corporation established by CMPDD to assist local governments within the service area with the lease purchase of public buildings for purposes of promoting trade, industry, and economic development (examples include jails, community centers, fire and police facilities, libraries, etc.). Financing is provided through Certificates of Participation (COP) issued by the corporation.</p>

**REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$23,303
Indirect	\$7,805
Travel	\$300
Miscellaneous	\$200
Dues, Memberships & Subscriptions	\$500
Un-Programmed	<u>\$7,892</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Assessments-General	<u>\$40,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

PROJECT: **LOCAL PLANNING PROJECTS**  
 PROJECT NUMBER: **12**

DESCRIPTION: Throughout the year the District is requested to provide planning assistance to its local governments. This assistance may range from a brief technical assistance effort to preparing a long-range, multi-year comprehensive plan. Other services include preparing zoning ordinances, redistricting plans, and hazard mitigation plans.

NEED	These projects are conducted to ensure that communities not only meet state law requirements for comprehensive planning and zoning but also maintain compliance with state and federal requirements.
BENEFITS	Improves the quality of life for citizens by creating an environment that attracts quality development while also maximizing the use of public resources. Communities maintain eligibility for grant assistance and protect the voting rights of citizens.
TASK 12-1	<p><b>TOWN OF BENTONIA</b></p> <p>The District has contracted with the Town of Bentonina to develop a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for the Town. The Plan will include all elements and tasks as required by state code, and a web-based GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as the Land Use Plan and Transportation Plan. The new Comprehensive Plan will be published in printed form, as well as an online Story Map format that will be available to the public.</p>
TASK 12-2	<p><b>CITY OF BRANDON</b></p> <p>The District has contracted with the City of Brandon to develop a new Comprehensive Plan for the City. The updated Plan will include all elements and tasks as required by state code and a web-based GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers, such as the Land Use Plan and Transportation Plan. The new Comprehensive Plan will be published in printed form, as well as an online Story Map format that will be available to the public through the City’s website.</p>
TASK 12-3	<p><b>CITY OF CLINTON</b></p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance, as needed, to the City of Clinton regarding planning and GIS related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p>
TASK 12-4	<p><b>CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS</b></p> <p>The District intends to contract with the City to develop a new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for the City. The updated Plan will include all elements and tasks as required by state code, and a web-based GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as the Land Use Plan and Transportation Plan. Technical assistance for zoning and planning related matters will also be available.</p>
TASK 12-5	<p><b>TOWN OF EDWARDS</b></p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance to the Town of Edwards regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract. The District will also continue updating the Town’s website with additional data as it becomes available.</p>

TASK 12-6	<p><b>TOWN OF FLORA</b></p> <p>The District will provide technical assistance to the Town of Flora regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract. An electronic Ordinance Book will be created that provides elected officials and staff with a searchable document. The District will also continue updating the Town's map viewer with additional data as it becomes available.</p>
TASK 12-7	<p><b>CITY OF JACKSON</b></p> <p>The District will complete an update to the City's Comprehensive Plan, which will include an intensive community engagement portion completed by subcontractor, One Voice Mississippi. The updated Plan will also include all elements and tasks as required by state code and will be published in Story Map format. A web-based GIS map viewer will be developed in conjunction with this project.</p>
TASK 12-8	<p><b>CITY OF MAGEE</b></p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance, as needed, to the City of Magee regarding planning and GIS related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p>
TASK 12-9	<p><b>CITY OF PEARL</b></p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance, as needed, to the City of Pearl regarding planning and GIS related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p>
TASK 12-10	<p><b>CITY OF PEARL/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b></p> <p>The District will work with the City of Pearl and the Pearl Chamber of Commerce by providing a map viewer of available commercial, industrial and land properties available within the City along with any technical assistance as needed.</p>
TASK 12-11	<p><b>TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE</b></p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance, as needed, to the Town of Pelahatchie regarding planning and GIS related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p>
TASK 12-12	<p><b>TOWN OF PUCKETT</b></p> <p>The District will provide technical assistance to the Town of Puckett regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract. The District will also continue updating the Town's map viewer with additional data as it becomes available.</p>
TASK 12-13	<p><b>CITY OF RICHLAND</b></p> <p>The District intends to contract with the City of Richland to develop a new Comprehensive Plan for the City. The updated Plan will include all elements and tasks as required by state code, and a web-based GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as the Land Use Plan and Transportation Plan. Technical assistance for zoning and planning related matters will also be available.</p>
TASK 12-14	<p><b>TOWN OF TERRY</b></p> <p>The District will provide technical assistance to the Town of Terry regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract. The District will also continue updating the Town's map viewer with additional data as it becomes available.</p>
TASK 12-15	<p><b>TOWN OF UTICA</b></p> <p>The District will provide technical assistance, as needed, to the Town of Utica regarding planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p>

TASK 12-16	<p><b>CITY OF VICKSBURG</b></p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance to the City of Vicksburg, as needed, regarding planning and GIS-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p>
TASK 12-17	<p><b>CITY OF YAZOO CITY</b></p> <p>The District will continue to provide technical assistance to the City of Yazoo City regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p>
TASK 12-18	<p><b>MADISON COUNTY</b></p> <p>The District will provide technical assistance to the County regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract. The District will also continue updating the County's map viewer with additional data as it becomes available.</p>
TASK 12-19	<p><b>RANKIN COUNTY</b></p> <p>The District has contracted with Rankin County to update the County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The updates will be published online through Story Maps and the GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as the Land Use Plan and Transportation Plan.</p>
TASK 12-20	<p><b>SIMPSON COUNTY</b></p> <p>The District will complete an update to the Simpson County Comprehensive Plan. The updates will be published online through Story Maps and the GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as the Land Use Plan and Transportation Plan.</p>
TASK 12-21	<p><b>RANKIN FIRST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>The District will provide technical assistance to the Rankin First Economic Development Authority to assist them with the management of an available buildings database.</p>
TASK 12-22	<p><b>REDISTRICTING PLANS</b></p> <p>The District has contracted with twenty-one municipal and county jurisdictions to redraw election districts. The District is available to assist other local governments as well and as requested by a county or a municipality, existing wards or districts will be mapped and analyzed to see if they meet the "one person - one vote" requirement. If they do not meet the requirements and the governmental entity wishes to proceed, the District will enter a contractual relationship and a new redistricting plan will be prepared.</p>
TASK 12-23	<p><b>HAZARD MITIGATION</b></p> <p>The District will continue to provide assistance to local governments as their Hazard Mitigation Plans approach expiration and require updates. Staff anticipates updating three mitigation plans during the fiscal year. Furthermore, the District will provide technical assistance to all local governments to inform them of mitigation grant opportunities, as well as assist with prioritizing needs, identifying eligible projects, and seeking grant funds to carry out the mitigation actions identified in local mitigation plans.</p>
TASK 12-24	<p><b>STATEWIDE PLANNING SUPPORT</b></p> <p>District planning staff will continue to provide statewide planning assistance to counties and municipalities outside of the CMPDD service area. This assistance will involve comprehensive planning, zoning, annexation studies, redistricting, and other planning services. All services provided will be with the cooperation of the appropriate Planning and Development District.</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, the District anticipates completing an update and reorganization of the DeSoto County Zoning Ordinance. The District will complete the development of a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for the City of Senatobia and technical assistance for Tate County.</p>



TASK 12-25	<p data-bbox="332 210 755 241"><b>ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS</b></p> <p data-bbox="332 252 1469 472">Amendments and revisions to Federal and State Code as well as court decisions create an environment for it to be necessary for many of the District's local governments to revise their ordinances. For example, the introduction of Medical Cannabis by the State of Mississippi has required many local governments to amend their ordinances to address the new uses. Many sign ordinances are inconsistent with a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling and has necessitated revisions as it is now unconstitutional to regulate a sign based on content. The District remains available to review ordinances and then develop revisions should it be deemed necessary.</p>
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**LOCAL PLANNING PROJECTS BUDGET**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$191,905
Indirect	\$64,274
Travel/Training/Reg Fees	\$10,000
Meetings	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$3,000
Dues/Memberships/Subscriptions	\$1,500
Contractual Services	\$2,000
Communications	\$10,000
General Supplies	\$3,000
Printing Supplies	\$2,000
Un-programmed	\$19,321
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>
<b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Local Cash-Contracts	\$310,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>

PROJECT: **REGIONAL DATA CENTER**

PROJECT NUMBER: **13**

DESCRIPTION: Information is a key resource in the economic growth and development of any area, whether for policy decisions or specific site analysis. The collection and analysis of data has always been, and will continue to be, a major function of all aspects of District operations. The function of the Regional Data Center is to compile and analyze the massive amounts of current and future data to be used for internal planning operations, by member governments, and for dissemination to the general public. The day-to-day operations of the Regional Data Center must be balanced between immediate requests for information and the development of useful local databases that can be easily shared or accessed by our local member governments.

NEED	Accurate up-to-date information collection and management systems coupled with sophisticated software applications, web-based mapping, and user input capabilities will improve decision making in business, government, and the financial community. Regional planning efforts of CMPDD and our local governments are made more efficient with the use of accurate information and coordinated data management processes.
BENEFIT	One of the primary benefits of the Central Mississippi Regional Data Center is that it recognizes that multiple users will need the same information and data for many different but related purposes. The cost to any one government or organization to establish this type of center can be prohibitive. The required maintenance of a geographic information mapping system alone denotes the importance of governments and entities coming together in a comprehensive manner to share common costs. While the financial savings of approaching this issue in a collective manner are quite significant, the long-term benefit of having accurate information available for decision making is even more important to efficiently utilize limited resources.
TASK 13-1	<p><b>MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION</b></p> <p>One of the principal advantages of sharing information through the Regional Data Center is being able to coordinate diverse data sets for common purposes. To meet today’s needs, information must not only be accurate and current, but end users must be able to receive what they need quickly. CMPDD serves as a regional collection point for practical information currently generated and maintained at various locations such as building/demolition permits, millage rates, construction projects, and other local indicators useful in addressing regional data management needs. The Regional Data Center will compile, organize, and analyze data from numerous local and national sources to assist local officials, planners, developers, educators, and other community leaders.</p>
TASK 13-2	<p><b>DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION</b></p> <p>The District will actively maintain its website as a means to disseminate products under the Regional Data Center tab. Links to various information sources such as census data, economic indicators, transportation data, industrial site data, and other custom reports will be accessible on the District’s website.</p> <p>The District will continue networking the economic development offices in the seven-county area of CMPDD to provide online access to demographic data, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and transportation related information.</p>

TASK 13-3	<p><b>RADIAL SEARCH</b></p> <p>A "radial search," or "radial demographic profile" is a summation of the demographic characteristics of a specific area defined by a circular boundary. The requesting party, based on individual needs, determines the size of the area. One benefit of a radial search is the disregard for both political and natural boundaries.</p> <p>The District will continue to provide radial demographic and boundary demographic profiles as requested by various businesses and individuals seeking to better understand specific market areas, neighborhoods, and regions. These radial demographic profiles will contain a variety of data such as population, housing units, household income and demographic characteristics such as age and race.</p>
TASK-13-4	<p><b>LOCAL/REGIONAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS</b></p> <p>The District will coordinate, as needed, local economic studies including feasibility studies, tax studies, and economic impact studies. The economic impact studies will be prepared through the use of economic impact modeling software. Such software assists in the development of a report determining the impact of companies moving in and out of a region. These reports will show the direct and indirect economic impacts of a business including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of new direct and indirect jobs created</li> <li>• Salaries to be paid to these workers</li> <li>• Number of new residents expected to move into the area</li> <li>• Taxable sales anticipated in the area</li> <li>• Additional residential and commercial property added to local tax rolls, and other applicable impacts.</li> </ul> <p>These reports will also translate the annual revenues over a ten-year period for each local taxing district, including sales taxes, property tax on new residential and commercial properties added to tax rolls, hotel taxes, utilities, school taxes, any other major taxes, user fees, and charges for services.</p> <p>All economic studies will be provided on a contract basis to local governments, as well as businesses, industrial developers, and potential prospects, or in support of larger planning projects and grant applications.</p>
TASK 13-5	<p><b>CENSUS</b></p> <p>CMPDD will continue to collect data as it is released by the U.S. Census Bureau and add it to the District's existing data collection, as well as posting it on the CMPDD website. CMPDD will provide guidance and information as needed to its member governments on the use of American Community Survey (ACS) Census demographic annual estimates available between decennial Census periods. CMPDD can help local governments obtain and understand ACS data needed for planning, grants, and needs analysis.</p> <p>CMPDD will continue to be a liaison between the Regional Census office and local governments, and District staff will continue to attend census training and State Data Center information workshops. Upon request CMPDD will aid local governments utilizing the latest available Census data for economic development projects, grant applications, needs analysis and other purposes.</p>
TASK 13-6	<p><b>BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION</b></p> <p>The District will continue providing current and comprehensive information to businesses, industrial developers, and potential prospects in order to assist them in expanding or relocating their business activities in this area. The District will strive to provide a comprehensive approach to business and industrial development and will include not only local and regional data at its disposal but also provide access to state and national data systems through public institutions, as well as private information and data companies.</p>

TASK 13-7	<p data-bbox="332 199 1015 241"><b>GEO-BASED SMALL AREA POPULATION PROJECTIONS</b></p> <p data-bbox="332 241 1466 445">The District will continue to provide detailed and accurate small area projections of population for use in local transportation planning, comprehensive planning, school facilities planning, and business planning. The District will generate current population estimates by adding in additional housing counts and factoring new units with base year housing data. Also, current data and land use information from comprehensive plans will be reviewed to take into account changing development patterns to support local and regional planning efforts.</p>
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**REGIONAL DATA CENTER BUDGET**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$446,737
Indirect	\$149,625
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Dues, Memberships and Subscriptions	\$1,000
Computer	\$40,000
Contractual Services	\$100,000
Equipment Lease/Rental	\$55,000
Un-Programmed	\$2,638
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
 <b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Federal/State	\$680,000
Assessments-General	\$106,676
Match Carryover	\$13,324
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>

PROJECT: **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

PROJECT NUMBER: **14**

DESCRIPTION: The District is the Metropolitan Planning organization (MPO) for the Jackson Urbanized Area, which includes portions of Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties as well as the advanced planning area of Copiah, Simpson, and Yazoo Counties. As the MPO, the District is responsible for coordinating a federally mandated Transportation Planning Process. Federal regulations require all “urbanized areas” with a population of 50,000 or more to conduct a performance-based continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive Transportation Planning Process. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) signed into law in November 2021, continued the role of local governments in planning and prioritizing transportation projects in metropolitan areas that was established under previous transportation re-authorization acts.

TASK 14-1	<p><b>TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, District staff will continue to perform general management activities associated with the transportation planning process, including, but not limited to, preparation of progress reports, invoices, planning work schedules, and activities associated with meetings of the Stakeholders Committee, Transit Committee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, Intermodal Technical Committee, and the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee. In addition, District staff will work with the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration to complete the MPO’s Certification Review process during Fiscal Year 2024. .</p>
TASK 14-2	<p><b>PREPARATION/REVISION OF PROSPECTUS AND UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM</b></p> <p>District Staff will draft revisions to the Prospectus (bylaws document) for the MPO as needed to address issues that may arise during Fiscal Year 2024 in order for the MPO to continue to conduct the performance-based continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. In addition, the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be amended when deemed necessary by CMPDD and the transportation work program for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 will be drafted.</p>
TASK 14-3	<p><b>AMENDMENTS TO THE PARTICIPATION PLAN AND ALL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/ INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, District staff will continually monitor the effectiveness of the MPO’s Participation Plan and modify it as necessary to expand its usefulness as a tool to encourage involvement in the transportation planning process.</p> <p>CMPDD will follow the procedures outlined in the MPO’s Participation Plan regarding the development or modification of documents identified in the Participation Plan with specific outreach strategies such as the Public Participation Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Transportation Improvement Program. Changes to or the development of new plans by the MPO may require CMPDD to coordinate a combination of outreach strategies such as comment periods, community meetings, public notices, or other activities outlined in the Participation Plan. Furthermore, during Fiscal Year 2024 the District will continue to promote the MPO’s activities through social media and will expand and maintain information on CMPDD’s website related to the transportation planning process.</p>

TASK 14-4	<p><b>PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGET ANALYSIS</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, District staff will monitor, gather, and analyze performance data as needed to track the MPO’s progress toward meeting performance goals. The data gathered will be used to evaluate the conditions and performance of the regional transportation network, which will be documented in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Performance Report. CMPDD in coordination with the MS Department of Transportation and the City of Jackson Transit Services will update performance targets as needed in compliance with and at the date specified by the Final Rulemaking Guidelines for each federally required performance measure during Fiscal Year 2024.</p>
TASK 14-5	<p><b>ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES PLANNING; CONTINUE PREPARATION OF LOCAL PLANS/LAND USE FORECASTING</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024 as part of the maintenance of the Roadways and Bridges Needs Assessment Plan element of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the subsequent development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, District staff will continue assisting local governments in the preparation of Comprehensive Plans, including future Land Use Plans, local Transportation Plans, and Public Facilities Plans.</p> <p>The District will use these local plans and previously prepared plans to base forecasts of population, dwelling units, employment, and school enrollment by Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) in the MPO’s traffic simulation model to forecast travel demand on streets and highways. Staff will finish the update to the MPO’s travel demand model during Fiscal Year 2024 and will start the planning process to update the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.</p>
TASK 14-6	<p><b>BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PLANNING</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, District staff will continue to monitor the development of new bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the MPO Planning Area and update the Bicycle and Pedestrian viewer on the District’s website accordingly to reflect the completion of these facilities. District staff will amend and refine the Bicycle and Pedestrian elements included in the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as needed and will begin the update process for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan in Fiscal Year 2024.</p> <p>District staff will also review the project selection criteria for Transportation Alternatives funding and make revisions as necessary to the selection criteria. In addition, District staff will continue meeting with groups both regionally and statewide to discuss bicycle and pedestrian needs impacting local jurisdictions within the MPO Planning Area.</p>
TASK 14-7	<p><b>TRANSIT PLANNING</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, District staff will maintain and process any necessary updates to the Transit Plan elements developed as part of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. In addition, the District will provide technical assistance on an as-requested basis to the City of Jackson Transit Services. Furthermore, the District will work in cooperation with the City of Jackson to maintain all jointly produced MPO and Transit Services documents such as the Unified Planning Work Program, Transportation Improvement Program, Performance Measures and Planning Agreements.</p>
TASK 14-8	<p><b>FREIGHT PLANNING ELEMENT OF THE LRTP</b></p> <p>The District in Fiscal Year 2024 will continue collecting data and meeting with groups both regionally and statewide to assess freight demand. Furthermore, the District will continue to work collaboratively with MDOT as they maintain the State Freight Plan.</p>



TASK 14-9	<p><b>PREPARATION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, administrative modifications, and amendments to the MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2026 will be processed by CMPDD staff members as needed. District staff will coordinate the call for projects process for the MPO as grant funding becomes available in Fiscal Year 2024. District staff will refine and make amendments to the project selection criteria for the MPO’s project selection process as needed to reflect priority changes. Furthermore, District staff will begin developing the 2025-2028 TIP during Fiscal Year 2024.</p>
TASK 14-10	<p><b>PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</b></p> <p>The District collects pavement management condition data in the MPO’s Planning Area, which includes portions of Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties, on a three-year cyclical basis. This rotating cycle approach ensures pavement condition data for each county is no more than three (3) years old. During Fiscal Year 2024, District staff will complete an inventory of pavement management data for all non-state maintained arterial and collector roadways in Rankin County.</p> <p>District staff collects pavement management data using a windshield survey method in which a visual inspection of the condition of each arterial and collector roadway is completed. Once the data has been collected it is analyzed using the MPO’s Deighton Total Infrastructure Management System (dTIMS) software. Annually, once the analysis is complete, a new prioritized list of pavement management needs is developed based upon the updated and historical data for each county. This prioritized list is used by District Staff in the project selection process for STBG funding when the MPO issues a call for projects. Additionally, during Fiscal Year 2024 the District will continue to research best practices to see if revisions are needed to the District’s pavement management process to improve the accuracy of pavement condition data.</p>
TASK 14-11	<p><b>CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, the District will maintain and process any updates to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Congestion Management Process Plan element as needed. This shall include gathering travel time data for functionally classified roadways from a reliable data source and analyzing the data for inclusion in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The update to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan will begin during Fiscal Year 2024.</p>
TASK 14-12	<p><b>TRAFFIC COUNTING PROGRAM</b></p> <p>The District collects traffic count data on selected arterial and collector streets in the MPO’s Planning Area, which includes portions of Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties, on a three-year rotating cycle. This rotating cycle approach ensures raw traffic count data collected for each county is no more than three (3) years old. During Fiscal Year 2024, District staff will collect traffic count data in Rankin County. In addition to the annually scheduled traffic count data collection process, the District will continue to collect traffic count data in Copiah, Simpson, and Yazoo Counties on an as-requested basis.</p> <p>The District will continue to coordinate these traffic counts with counts performed by MDOT and local governments in the MPO Planning Area in order to avoid a duplication of effort. The District will continue to place the most up to date traffic count data available on its website as it is made available.</p> <p>The traffic count data on the District’s website consists of the most recent traffic counts as well as historical data and traffic projections for each traffic count location. Traffic counts performed through this program provide supporting data for the MPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Congestion Management Process, and Pavement Management System.</p>

TASK 14-13	<p><b>REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGN RETROFLECTIVITY SYSTEM</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, the District will continue to maintain the MPO’s adopted Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Maintenance and Management Program. The District maintains three (3) sign retroreflectometers and extension poles to assist local governments in measuring the retroreflectivity levels of each sign in their respective jurisdictions. The retroreflectometers and extension poles are available to each jurisdiction in the MPO Planning Area through a month-to-month loan program on an as-requested basis. In addition, the MPO makes available a sign inventory software system, iTrac signs, which allows each jurisdiction to input and maintain their collected data. District staff will continue to serve as technical support for local governments participating in the MPO’s Regional Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity System by providing training on the ITrac Signs software and sign retroreflectometers.</p>
TASK 14-14	<p><b>MAINTENANCE OF THE TRANSPORTATION DATABASE</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024, District staff will continue to develop and maintain interactive Transportation Geographic Information System (GIS) map viewers. District staff will continue to collect and maintain computerized maps of municipalities and unincorporated portions of the entire six-county area (Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, and Yazoo Counties).</p> <p>In addition, District staff will continue gathering local land use data to be used in forecasting land development projections for use in the MPO’s traffic simulation model as part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.</p>
TASK 14-15	<p><b>REGIONAL ITS ARCHITECTURE AND DEPLOYMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>During Fiscal year 2024 CMPDD will update the MPO’s Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Plan. The ITS Architecture Plan will document the MPO’s vision for the deployment, integration, and operation of intelligent transportation systems within the MPO planning area.</p>
TASK 14-16	<p><b>STAFF TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>During Fiscal year 2024, the professional/technical staff of the District will participate in training courses and conferences that further staff members’ knowledge of transportation planning, some of which will require out of state travel. CMPDD staff will also continue to devote considerable time to “in-house” training, becoming familiar with computer software packages such as ESRI that are regularly employed in transportation planning-related functions of the MPO.</p>
TASK 14-17	<p><b>COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN</b></p> <p>The District in consultation with a consultant will develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for CMPDD’s seven-county region during Fiscal Year 2024. Through a competitive selection process CMPDD was awarded a federal discretionary grant in 2023 through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) initiative.</p> <p>Development of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will yield three (3) main deliverables: data management, policy recommendations, and a prioritized list of capital improvement projects. Once completed, the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will allow local jurisdictions in CMPDD’s region to apply for implementation (capitol construction) discretionary grant funds through the SS4A program. Effectively, development of a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will open the door to future funding opportunities.</p>
TASK 14-18	<p><b>SPECIAL STUDIES</b></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2024 as the need arises, CMPDD may undertake special studies to further enhance the regional transportation planning process. Special studies to be performed will be determined based on the needs identified.</p>

## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>
Personnel	\$786,081
Indirect	\$263,281
Travel/Training/Reg Fees	\$80,000
Meetings	\$10,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$75,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000
Miscellaneous	\$10,000
Dues/Memberships/Subscriptions	\$30,000
Computer	\$70,000
Contractual Services	\$500,000
Legal	\$2,500
Equipment Lease/Rental	\$20,000
Communications	\$2,000
General Supplies	\$10,000
Printing Supplies	\$2,000
Postage	\$1,000
Unprogrammed	\$912,969
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,779,831</b>
 <u>SOURCES</u>	
Federal/State	\$2,402,846
Assessments - General	\$0
Match Carryover	\$376,985
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,779,831</b>

PROJECT: **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AID**

PROJECT NUMBER: **15**

DESCRIPTION: CMPDD recognizes that one of its primary responsibilities is to improve the infrastructure, living environments, and the economic well-being of the citizens of the central Mississippi region. The District's community and economic development staff work daily to help secure federal and state grants that help provide infrastructure improvements needed to attract business and industrial prospects, as well as investments to allow local businesses to expand or remain in central Mississippi.

The majority of the opportunities available to cities and counties are accessed through programs administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). In addition, local governments rely upon these grants and loans to make improvements to infrastructure and public facilities, especially in low to moderate income areas. It is not uncommon for CMPDD to apply to multiple grant sources to maximize funding for an eligible project. Whether assisting a community with job creation, water and wastewater improvements, industrial park enhancements, transportation infrastructure improvements, or job training and education, the District stands ready and able to provide the technical expertise required to meet the demands of competing for and administering ever-changing funding opportunities.

NEED	There is a need in central Mississippi to improve infrastructure and to provide job opportunities in almost all communities and counties. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is one of the few remaining federal programs available to municipalities and counties that provides funds to improve all these things. There is also a need to identify funding sources that can be used to leverage other funding sources and the DRA program is designed to help meet this need by providing local governments and nonprofit corporations with grant funds to address infrastructure needs, business development, and job training assistance. The District has trained experienced staff to provide technical assistance with a wide variety of grant programs.
BENEFITS	Increased opportunities for jobs; adequate water, sewer, storm drainage, roads/streets, and other public facilities; community improvement; and increased economic development start-up and expansion opportunities, which bring new investments and job opportunities for the community.

TASK 15-1	<p><b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM</b></p> <p>The CDBG program is designed to aid in the development of viable communities that provide their residents with suitable living environments and economic opportunities. The three (3) national objectives of the program are to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, to aid in the prevention of slums and blight, and to eliminate conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of a community. District staff provide application assistance for the CDBG Economic Development and Public Facilities programs.</p> <p><b>APPLICATION PREPARATION</b></p> <p>Staff will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General technical assistance to all local governments to inform them of CDBG program opportunities, eligible projects, deadlines, prioritizing needs, and other sources of funding for matching CDBG grants.</li> <li>• Specific technical assistance for communities desiring to apply for CDBG funding by assisting in holding public hearings, establishing time tables for application development, explaining program procedures and rating formulas used by the State to evaluate projects, working closely with project engineers/architects to compile cost estimates and detailed information for proposed projects, and serving as a liaison between the local government and state and federal agencies in connection with the proposed project.</li> <li>• Application preparation assistance by staff which will consist of providing income survey instruments to local government, preparing maps and graphics, analyzing and compiling census data, working with the project engineer/architect and state agencies to compile data demonstrating the need for the project activities, completing all necessary application forms, and providing for submission of the application to the State for review.</li> <li>• Assist the local government with advertising for professional services</li> <li>• Technical assistance to the local government when a site visit is requested by the State for the proposed project.</li> </ul>
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<p>TASK 15-2</p>	<p><b>CDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>Upon approval of a CDBG project the District will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the state and the local government to meet any special conditions required by the grant.</li> <li>• Meet with the local government to inform them of requirements.</li> <li>• Sign a contract with local government.</li> <li>• Provide all environmental assessment work, as required by the State and the National Environmental Policy Act.</li> <li>• Assist the local government with advertising for professional services, which HUD regulations require to implement the project.</li> <li>• Provide the selected project administrator with the files necessary for the implementation of the project.</li> </ul> <p>If CMPDD is requested by the local government to provide full administration of the project the following additional services will be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist the local government in executing contracts with selected consultants and submitting the contracts to the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) for approval.</li> <li>• Assist the local government in the acquisition and recording all necessary easements identified by the engineer/architect.</li> <li>• Provide the project engineer/architect with guidance when preparing, advertising, and reviewing bid documents.</li> <li>• Request wage determinations from MDA for inclusion in the bid documents.</li> <li>• Submit award notice to MDA for approval of selected contractors.</li> <li>• Attend the Pre-Construction Conference and explain all applicable regulations to the contractors.</li> <li>• Collect and review certified pay estimates from the project engineer/architect, seek local government approval for payment, prepare request for cash forms, and submit forms to MDA for approval and payment.</li> <li>• Maintain an account ledger supported by certified pay estimates and bank statements from the local government to document timely disbursement and use of local matching funds.</li> <li>• Conduct labor standard interviews for each contractor during project implementation.</li> <li>• Collect and review weekly certified payrolls from each contractor and ensure compliance with Davis-Bacon requirements.</li> <li>• Prepare and submit necessary reports.</li> <li>• For Economic Development projects, assist the benefitting business in documenting job creation reports.</li> <li>• Host a post award public hearing and a public hearing on Section 3 requirements.</li> <li>• Attend post award site and monitoring visits.</li> <li>• Prepare a closeout package and submit it to MDA.</li> </ul> <p>In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the District will continue providing administration services to Hazlehurst, Pearl, Magee, Utica, and Warren County. Additional projects may be included once new awards are made.</p>
<p>TASK 15-3</p>	<p><b>DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY (DRA)</b></p> <p>The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is a federal-state partnership created by Congress through the <i>Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000</i>, which serves a specified area in an eight-state region. In Mississippi, 45 counties (including the seven (7) counties in CMPDD’s area) are eligible for funding under DRA. The purpose of DRA is to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development partnerships that will have a positive impact on the region’s economy. Priority for funding is given to four (4) types of projects. These types of projects are basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development, and job training and employment-related education. The District maintains its certification as a DRA partner by sending eligible staff to receive this training.</p> <p><b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>District Staff will provide general technical assistance to all local governments to inform them of DRA program opportunities, eligible projects, deadlines, prioritizing needs, specific technical assistance to communities desiring to apply for DRA funding and serving as a liaison between the local government and state and federal agencies in connection with the proposed project.</p>

TASK 15-4	<p><b>DRA PROJECT ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>District Staff will provide technical assistance to the local governments to administer the project once it has been approved.</p> <p>For 2023-2024, staff will be administering projects with the Warren County Port Commission, Town of Braxton, Town of Puckett, the Piney Woods School, and Mississippi Rural Water Association. Additional projects may be included once new awards are made.</p>
TASK 15-5	<p><b>ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES - APPLICATION PREPARATION</b></p> <p>District staff will also seek federal and state financial assistance through such sources as the Mississippi Development Authority, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, US Environmental Protection Agency, and other appropriate agencies. A partial listing of additional funding programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local Government Capital Improvement Revolving Loan Program (CAP) was enacted by the Mississippi Legislature and is designed for making low interest loans to counties or municipalities to finance capital improvements in Mississippi.</li> <li>• The Mississippi Development Infrastructure Program (DIP) is designed for making grants or loans to counties or municipalities to finance small infrastructure projects to promote economic growth in the State of Mississippi.</li> <li>• The Mississippi Department of Environment Quality Brownfield Program provides technical and financial assistance aimed at prevention, assessment, clean up, and reuse of contaminated properties.</li> </ul> <p>District staff will continue to research and seek out additional funding opportunities from a variety of sources and agencies as funding becomes available.</p>
TASK 15-6	<p><b>GRANT ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>In recent years, CMPDD has expanded its grant administration expertise and established a strong track record in ensuring that all grant guidelines and requirements are met. Administrative services are conducted with the highest level of professionalism and attention to detail, which guarantees the grant recipient a successful conclusion to their project. These administrative services shall be made available to the District’s participating governments and other entities upon request.</p> <p>In fiscal year 2023-2024, CMPDD staff will assist the City of Raymond and Copiah County on their Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Municipality &amp; County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) grants and assist the Mississippi Rural Water Association with their Housing &amp; Urban Development (HUD) Community Project Funding (CPF) grant. CMPDD will assist other local governments with their and groups with their administrative needs as projects are made funded.</p>
TASK 15-7	<p><b>MAINTAIN AND UPDATE DRA ALLOCATION FUNDING MODEL</b></p> <p>District Staff will provide technical services required to update the DRA allocation model on an annual basis as required by DRA. CMPDD will gather and compile the required data on all DRA counties and integrate the data into the allocation model so the DRA can use the model as a guide for funding allocation.</p>
TASK 15-8	<p><b>DRA PILOT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>DRA awarded CMPDD funds as a part of the new DRA Pilot Program. These funds allow CMPDD to continue to promote DRA and economic development within our region through DRA and other grant programing. CMPDD staff can provide added assistance to the development of our area through job creation, diversifying our economy, and improving living conditions for residents within the distressed areas of our District.</p>

TASK 15-9	<b>ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM</b> CMPDD has an open Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant funds can be used for environmental assessments and cleanup planning to help move commercial properties toward redevelopment. Eligible sites will include public and private properties.
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**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AID BUDGET**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$158,865
Indirect	\$53,209
Travel/Training/Reg Fees	\$10,300
Meetings	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$1,100
Dues/Memberships/Subscriptions	\$500
General Supplies	\$6,000
Un-Programmed	\$280,123
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$510,597</b>
<b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Federal/State	\$221,436
Local Cash-Contracts	\$289,161
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$510,597</b>

PROJECT: **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES**

PROJECT NUMBER: **16**

DESCRIPTION: One of the District's main responsibilities is to improve the overall economic well-being of its region. While this responsibility is multifaceted, one of the main efforts is to approach economic development on a regional basis. The District was designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District in 1969. This designation enables the District to work with member governments to encourage economic development on a regional basis through the development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and various funding opportunities.

NEED	There is always a need to bring together the public and private sectors to diversify and strengthen the regional economy, thereby creating employment opportunities for the unemployed and the underemployed.
BENEFITS	This program allows the District to work with member governments and private industry to generate jobs, help retain existing jobs, and stimulate industrial and commercial growth in economically distressed areas of the region. EDA funding opportunities are made available to rural and urban areas experiencing high unemployment, low income, or other severe economic distress.
TASK 16-1	<b>EDA PLANNING</b> The District will continue to promote EDA's various programs with member counties and municipalities as well as local non-profits to develop strong applications.
TASK 16-2	<b>EDA GRANT PREPARATION</b> District staff will work with member governments to develop viable projects for EDA funding and prepare the proposals and full applications as directed by EDA. District staff will also assist in determining eligibility and potential grant rates.

TASK 16-3	<p><b>EDA GRANT ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>Upon approval of an EDA project the District will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with EDA and the local government to meet any special conditions required by the grant.</li> <li>• Meet with the local government to inform them of their requirements.</li> <li>• Sign a contract with local government.</li> <li>• Provide all environmental assessment work, as required by the EDA and the National Environmental Policy Act.</li> <li>• Assist the local government with advertising for professional services which are required to implement the project, as required by EDA regulations.</li> <li>• Assist the local government in the selection of consultants.</li> <li>• Assist the local government in executing contracts with selected consultants and submitting the contracts to EDA for approval.</li> <li>• Assist the local government acquisition and recording of all necessary easements identified by the engineer/architect.</li> <li>• Submit Site Certificate and seek approval of plans and specifications prior to bid advertising.</li> <li>• Provide the project engineer/architect with guidance when preparing, advertising, and reviewing bid documents.</li> <li>• Provide the project engineer/architect with the appropriate wage determinations for inclusion in the bid documents.</li> <li>• Submit Award Notice to EDA for approval of selected contractors.</li> <li>• Attend the Pre-Construction Conference and explain all applicable regulations to the contractors.</li> <li>• Collect and review certified pay estimates from the project engineer/architect, seek local government approval and payment, prepare request for reimbursement forms, and submit forms to EDA for approval and payment.</li> <li>• Maintain an account ledger supported by certified pay estimates, canceled checks and bank statements from the local government.</li> <li>• Conduct labor standard interviews for each contractor during project implementation.</li> <li>• Collect and review weekly certified payrolls from each contractor and ensure compliance with Davis-Bacon requirements.</li> <li>• Prepare and submit quarterly reports.</li> <li>• Assist the benefitting business in documenting job creation reports.</li> <li>• Attend post award site and monitoring visits.</li> <li>• Prepare a closeout package and submit to EDA.</li> </ul>
TASK 16-4	<p><b>TRAINING</b></p> <p>District staff will coordinate efforts with EDA staff to provide training to Planning and Development District staff on a statewide basis.</p>
TASK 16-5	<p><b>SPECIFIC PROJECT REQUESTS</b></p> <p>The District shall assist member governments in seeking funding for specific project requests such as workforce development, job training, transportation, water and sewer improvements, and developing industrial and commercial sites as they relate to job creation and economic development.</p>

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION BUDGET**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$40,034
Indirect	\$13,409
Travel/Training/Reg Fees	\$5,000
Meetings	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$200
Dues/Memberships/Subscriptions	\$500
Un-Programmed	<u>\$40,357</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
 <b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Federal	\$70,000
Assessments-General	<u>\$30,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

PROJECT: **STAFF FOR MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS**

PROJECT NUMBER: **17**

DESCRIPTION: Professional staff is needed to provide administrative and financial support to the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD) in order to promote unity and efficiency of operation.

NEED	It is of vital importance that MAPDD operate in a unified, cohesive manner to actively handle the affairs of the association in a cost effective and organized method.
BENEFITS	It is cost effective for this association to pool its resources to collectively address common concerns and problems. Associations are much more influential when they have staff to provide direction and support. No training period is required while staff learn what a Planning and Development District (PDD) is because relationships have already been established. Joint ventures and group purchasing can be accomplished better as a unit versus each PDD acting independently.
TASK 17 -1	<b>MEETING PREPARATION</b> District staff will be responsible for MAPDD housekeeping activities, such as meeting times and places, setting of agendas and programs, and the keeping of Minutes.
TASK 17-2	<b>FISCAL MANAGEMENT</b> District staff will provide bookkeeping and fiscal management for the Association to include maintaining the proper relationship with the IRS and/or Secretary of State's Office.
TASK 17-3	<b>PUBLICATIONS</b> District staff will update and publish the State Directory of Planning and Development Districts (PDDs), as well as maintain the Association's website (www.msppds.com). District staff will also update and reproduce the PDD promotional brochure, as needed.
TASK 17-4	<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION</b> Educational efforts will be implemented for the professional betterment of the PDDs and their staff, i.e. coordination of seminars and conferences.
TASK 17-5	<b>LEGISLATIVE ATTENTION</b> District staff will develop and follow the progress of legislative initiatives affecting the Association, each Planning and Development District, and member governments.
TASK 17-6	<b>MAPDD ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b> The District will organize and be responsible for the MAPDD Annual Conference. The District will assume responsibility for all phases of this task and continue to encourage staff from other PDDs to participate in all areas of the conference.
TASK 17-7	<b>ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR</b> MAPDD will maintain a presence at both the Mississippi Association of Supervisor (MAS) and the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) conferences. District staff will serve as coordinator of these events and any others which may arise.
TASK 17-8	<b>STATEWIDE LIAISON</b> When beneficial to the Association, District staff will serve as a liaison between MAPDD and other state and national organizations to coordinate joint ventures.

**MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS BUDGET**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$22,181
Indirect	\$7,429
Meetings	\$300
Miscellaneous	\$500
Computer	\$600
Un-Programmed	<u>\$39,990</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$71,000
 <b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Local Cash-Contracts	\$26,000
Program Income	<u>\$45,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$71,000

PROJECT: **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING**

PROJECT NUMBER: **18**

DESCRIPTION: The District will encourage economic development through the management of various business and economic development financing programs. These debt financing programs will complement existing commercial or governmental financing programs.

NEED	Small businesses need access to debt capital that is unavailable through traditional lending sources. Also, small businesses create many of the new jobs in the economy by expanding existing operations and starting new ventures.
BENEFITS	The benefits of this project include new and expanded businesses that save existing jobs and create new ones, increase revenue for local government, and improve the community via low interest rate loans.
TASK 18-1	<p><b>CERTIFIED DEVELOPMENT COMPANY</b></p> <p>The District’s Certified Development Company, Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC), will approve fixed asset loans up to \$5,000,000 (\$5,500,000 for manufacturers) representing not more than 40% of the total project. Each loan recipient must create or retain at least one job per \$90,000 (\$140,000 for manufacturers) of financing. These loans will be available to small businesses across the State of Mississippi. Loans made under this program are guaranteed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and the CMDC’s goal is to obtain approval from SBA for a minimum of two (2) loans in Fiscal Year 2024.</p>
TASK 18-2	<p><b>REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF)</b></p> <p>The District will make fixed assets, inventory, and working capital loans to small businesses in an amount up to \$400,000 representing no more than 33% of the total project cost. Each loan recipient must create at least one job per \$5,000 of project financing. Loans will be available to small businesses in all counties of the District except Rankin and Warren, but the City of Vicksburg is eligible. This program is funded partially by the Economic Development Administration.</p>
TASK 18-3	<p><b>MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM (MBE)</b></p> <p>The District will make fixed assets, inventory, equipment, and working capital loans to minority and female owned businesses up to \$250,000 and representing not more than 50% of the total project cost. The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) provides the loan funds for this program.</p>
TASK 18-4	<p><b>MICRO-MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM (MICRO-MBE)</b></p> <p>The District will make micro loans to eligible minority business owners. These loans will be for 100% of the project cost not to exceed \$35,000. The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) provides the funds for this loan program.</p>
TASK 18-5	<p><b>MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM FUND (MSBALP)</b></p> <p>The District will make loans to small businesses located in its seven-county area. Loans will be to acquire equipment, inventory, machinery, real estate, and working capital. The maximum amount of each loan will be \$250,000 representing no more than 50% of the total loan amount. The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) administers this loan program, and it is available to small businesses located in the District’s region.</p>

TASK 18-6	<p><b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATION OF OTHER LOAN APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>The District will assist small businesses in locating sources of debt financing and will assist them in preparing application packages for the U.S. Small Business Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and others.</p>
TASK 18-7	<p><b>COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT</b></p> <p>The District will work with financial institutions in meeting the requirements of the <i>Federal Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)</i>. Under CRA, the comptroller of the currency evaluates the performance of banks in helping to meet the credit needs of the communities where they operate. Upon request, the District will render technical assistance to banks in establishing and maintaining effective community reinvestment activities. Such assistance will include but not be limited to the following: participation with bank officials in community programs, seminars and presentations to community groups in conjunction with or on behalf of specific bank programs, and it will allow bank officials to participate in programs of the District that address community credit needs.</p>
TASK 18-8	<p><b>EXPORT WORKING CAPITAL LOAN</b></p> <p>The District will assist small businesses in accessing Export Working Capital Loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). This program, which is partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration, will be advertised and made available statewide.</p>
TASK 18-9	<p><b>FARISH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT FUND</b></p> <p>The District will make loans, at a rate not to exceed one percent (1%) below the federal discount rate, to persons or entities to assist in the development of commercial property and culturally significant property in the Farish Street Historic District. The amount of a loan to any one person or entity shall not exceed \$1 million. The District will service all loans pursuant to regulations and guidelines promulgated by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), which provides the funds for this program.</p>
TASK 18-10	<p><b>RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT - REVOLVING LOAN FUND</b></p> <p>The District will manage a \$500,000 grant from the Rural Development Administration (RDA) to establish and operate a Rural Business Enterprise Grant - Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). This RLF will provide debt financing for small and emerging private business enterprises in Madison County and other rural areas of the District, as approved by the RDA. This program is funded by the Rural Development Authority of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.</p>



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING BUDGET**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$109,095
Indirect	\$36,539
Travel	\$6,000
Miscellaneous	\$2,235
Postage	\$100
Computer	\$2,658
Legal	\$600
Loans	\$1,411,651
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<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,568,878
 <b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Local Cash- Contract	\$147,753
Program Income/Equity	\$1,419,050
Fees/Interest	\$2,076
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<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,568,879

PROJECT: **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

PROJECT NUMBER: **19**

DESCRIPTION: The District serves as the fiscal agent for Southcentral Mississippi Works (SMW), a seventeen- county local workforce development area under the *Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)*. The purpose of WIOA is to provide workforce development activities that increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, increase attainment of recognized post-secondary credentials by participants, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, increase economic self-sufficiency, and meet the skill requirements of employers.

In its capacity as fiscal agent, and in cooperation with Southwest Planning and Development District, the District will prepare and maintain a strategic workforce investment plan which addresses the workforce development needs of the area, including the needs of employers, job seekers, and youth.

NEED	Workforce development is essential to the quality of life within the area. A supply of qualified workers must be available to employers if they are to compete in the global economy. Workers must have relevant and up-to-date skills if they are to be productive, self-supporting citizens. The rapid pace of economic change requires an ongoing process of training and retraining to meet the needs of both workers and business. Some segments of the population need additional services to ensure that they can effectively compete within the labor market. Workforce development is an investment in human capital, which will return significant dividends to the community.
BENEFITS	Improved economic development potential resulting from a skilled workforce, increased per capita income, reduction in transfer payments, an increased tax base, improved quality of life, and an increase in self-sufficiency.
TASK 19-1	<p><b>IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT</b></p> <p>On July 22, 2014, the <i>Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)</i> became law. This reauthorized the prior <i>Workforce Investment Act (WIA)</i> and made numerous modifications to the methods of the planning and delivery of workforce programs. Portions of WIOA took effect on July 1, 2015, with the remaining portions taking effect on July 1, 2016. The District will, over the course of Program Year 2023 (July 2023 – June 2024), continue to work with the U.S. Department of Labor and the State WIOA oversight entity to develop and implement the requirements under the WIOA and the associated regulations. The District will continue to revise existing policies and develop new policies, revise the type of program services and service delivery, and other actions necessitated by this law and the requirements of the State of Mississippi WIOA Combined Plan in order to appropriately respond to the needs of business and citizens.</p> <p>The WIOA-required workforce partners include the new State Office of Workforce Development (Accelerate MS), Mississippi Departments of Employment Security, Rehabilitation Services, Human Services, and the State’s Community Colleges.</p>

TASK 19-2	<p><b>STRATEGIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING</b></p> <p><i>The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act</i> requires the development of a comprehensive state plan for workforce development. The development of this plan was overseen by the State Workforce Investment Board, and it analyzes the labor force and employment needs within the state and sets policies and directions for the workforce development system. Under this plan, as approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, the State Workforce Investment Board, the Office of Workforce Development, and the Office of Grant Management of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security work in conjunction with one another to develop guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the State plan. During this program year, the Southcentral Mississippi Works Workforce Area, in conjunction with partner agencies, must update the local area workforce which establishes goals for local workforce development efforts and mirrors the goals and objectives of the State’s plan.</p> <p>This includes identifying local labor force needs, options for employment and training service delivery, minimum skill training requirements, and expected outcomes and evaluation measures. The plan also describes policies and procedures for the employment and training services including the implementation of a comprehensive service delivery system and the establishment of "One-Stop" Career Centers, which are known as WIN Job Centers. This ongoing work will continue to be the focus of the District as it implements the various parts of the comprehensive workforce development plan.</p>
TASK 19-3	<p><b>SECTOR STRATEGY PLANNING</b></p> <p>In 2017, Southcentral Mississippi Works entered into a comprehensive plan to identify the industry sectors within the local workforce area that represent the greatest opportunities for self-sufficient jobs and the greatest need of employers seeking qualified, trained workers. The targeted industry sectors in the local workforce area identified were Healthcare, Manufacturing, Transportation/Distribution/Logistics, Information Technology, and Energy.</p> <p>The Sector Strategy Plan was developed in concert with representatives of the targeted industry sectors, who enumerated skill gaps they encounter within the industries, as well as the goals and objectives to meet the gaps and produce a qualified workforce.</p> <p>Over the course of the WIOA Program Year 2023, the district will examine current post-COVID employment data to update current and emerging sectors. The sectors will be identified in the comprehensive modification of the local area workforce plan discussed in Task 19-2.</p>
TASK 19-4	<p><b>LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD/CHIEF-ELECTED OFFICIAL BOARD</b></p> <p>The WIOA law mandates that local workforce area activities be administered at the direction of a local workforce development board and chief local elected officials’ board. The SCMW local elected officials’ board is called the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Supervisors in each of the 17 SCMS counties has appointed a member representative to the SCMW Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners has appointed a Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) from nominations received from local agencies and organizations. The District’s Workforce Division serves as staff to the LWDB who, in conjunction with the Board of Commissioners for SCMW, provide policy guidance for and oversight of the workforce development programs provided throughout the workforce area. The LWDB and the Board of Commissioners review and approve the components of the strategic plan, as well as those of the Sector Strategy Plan. These Boards will be updated as required by WIOA and will be maintained, as necessary.</p>
TASK 19-5	<p><b>YOUTH COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Southcentral Mississippi Works is required to form a Youth Committee to provide guidance and oversight of activities for eligible youth. A Youth Committee has been named by the Local Workforce Development Board and District staff serve as the Committee’s staff.</p> <p>During WIOA Program Year 2023, the Youth Committee will evaluate performance data from current youth providers and work to identify successful best practices for serving this population group.</p>

TASK 19-6	<p><b>SERVICES TO ADULTS, DISLOCATED WORKERS AND YOUTH</b></p> <p>WIOA funding is authorized by the US Department of Labor for services to the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth population groups. In accordance with the WIOA law, the workforce area provides a variety of career and training services to these individuals in order to connect them with permanent employment earning a self-sufficient wage. The primary training programs are 1) On-the-Job Training, which provides reimbursement to an employer in return for hiring an unskilled or under-skilled individual and training them while they work; 2) Individual Training Account scholarships, which pay the tuition, fees, books, and in some cases tools, to enable the individual to attend career tech training to acquire marketable skills; and 3) Internships, which pay the wages of interns while they work in order to gain work experience. South Central Mississippi Works utilizes the WIOA funding authorized for serving youth to provide a variety of services and programs. In addition to providing Individual Training Account scholarships and Internship opportunities to eligible youth, the workforce area contracts with three (3) youth courts. The youth court judges remand adjudicated youth to a workforce program as the dispensation of their cases, as allowed by law. Youth who do not possess a high-school diploma or HSE are assisted in doing so. Some program participants earn other credentials such as the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) and if appropriate, participants are placed into Internships. Other WIOA service providers and the area’s WIN Job Centers assist youth with career and training services and connection to skill attainment and employment.</p>
TASK 19-7	<p><b>PROCUREMENT AND SERVICE DELIVERY</b></p> <p>The District has developed and maintains a policy for the procurement of goods and services required to implement the WIOA program and the components of the strategic plan in order to meet the workforce development needs of the area. This includes the process for the selection of "One-Stop" Center (WIN Job Center) Operators; for entities to provide WIOA-funded Career and Training services, and for the selection of appropriate providers of services to eligible youth. As part of its overall management responsibilities, the District will, as necessary, update and revise the procurement policy and will issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) as required by the WIOA law and the District’s policy.</p>
TASK 19-8	<p><b>COORDINATED SERVICE DELIVERY</b></p> <p>The WIOA law requires coordinated delivery of workforce services across core programs, including Wagner-Peyser, Adult Education (AE)/High-School Equivalency (HSE), Rehabilitation Services, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), and WIOA programs. At least one “Comprehensive” One-Stop Center must be maintained in each local workforce area. The District will work with partner programs to identify and establish “Comprehensive,” as well as affiliate centers and other access points.</p> <p>There are seven (7) WIN Job Centers strategically located throughout the workforce area’s seventeen counties. Centers are currently located in Madison County, Jackson, Pearl, Vicksburg, Brookhaven, McComb, and Natchez. WIOA-funded and other partner programs and activities are accessed at these WIN Job Centers.</p> <p>The State of Mississippi’s WIOA Combined Plan and the local workforce area plan both require that the workforce area develop a Sector Training Plus Comprehensive WIN Job (One-Stop) Center. The District has worked extensively with an area community college for several years to develop such a center, which is strategically located within the City of Jackson metropolitan area at the Jackson Campus of Hinds Community College. The Center houses staff or online services from the WIOA-required workforce partner programs, including Rehabilitation Services, Human Services, and Employment Security. This center may also house workforce training programs of the community college. During the WIOA Program Year 2023, the District will continue to work to enhance the Sector Training Plus Comprehensive One-Stop Center.</p> <p>The District continually implements policies and procedures applicable across various programs to ensure consistent and complete delivery of services in a coordinated manner. This includes sharing information across agencies, tracking service delivery, and measuring outcomes.</p>

TASK 19-9	<p><b>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING</b></p> <p>The Office of Workforce Development, known commonly as Accelerate Mississippi (AccelerateMS), was awarded oversight of the ARPA workforce funding for the state. AccelerateMS will procure services for training and supportive services for Mississippians. During the program year 2022, the District staff responded to funding notices dedicated to enhancing workforce efforts in the Southcentral Mississippi Workforce Area.</p> <p>This funding supports the implementation of two work-based training strategies: 1) Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs and 2) Sector-Based Internship programs.</p> <p>The Industry Recognized Apprenticeship program will help eligible individuals gain job-specific skills during a prescribed period of paid employment. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in an earn-and-learn training model that provides real-world experiences in their chosen field of study while they complete a secondary or post-secondary credit or non-credit workforce training program.</p> <p>The Sector-Based Internship program will provide eligible participants an opportunity to gain practical work experience and obtain job-specific skills during a prescribed period of paid employment. Participants will be employees of a third-party employment service firm and work in a position related to their current or potential program of study. The purpose of this program is to give work-based learning/work experience opportunities to eligible participants in SCMW Identified Sectors that will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhance their basic education and workforce skills level.</li> <li>2. Provide youth and young adults with exposure to the world of work.</li> <li>3. Encourage school enrollment and completion in a workforce training preparation program.</li> </ol> <p>The District will develop, implement, and evaluate the Return on Investment of each strategy throughout the 2023 Program year.</p>
TASK 19-10	<p><b>PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION</b></p> <p>The District Workforce Division staff monitors the workforce development system and all activities, programs, and services under the local WIOA workforce plan to ensure compliance with fiscal and programmatic requirements, as well as EO compliance and quality service delivery. Corrective action is required whenever deficiencies are found. The district maintains a data collection system to track client data as a means of evaluating program performance.</p> <p>The District Workforce Division will work in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and nSPARC to implement a Return-on-Investment evaluation for training programs and training providers. Data from this evaluation will determine future offerings throughout the SCMW area.</p> <p>The District’s Workforce Division staff oversees the delivery of services and ensures participants receive the full benefit of all services available to prepare them for self-sufficient wage jobs.</p>
TASK 19-11	<p><b>GOVERNOR’S DISCRETIONARY GRANT</b></p> <p>The SCMW submitted a response to the Governor’s Discretionary Grant proposal. The response included funding to expand out-of-school youth training opportunities throughout the workforce area. If awarded, the workforce team will expand offerings throughout county Youth Courts and Adult Education programs.</p>

TASK 19-12	<p><b>DISLOCATED WORKER SERVICES/LAYOFF AVERSION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>The purpose of the Dislocated Worker Services/Layoff Aversion program is to save jobs and help companies grow and prosper. The SCMW LWDB will implement a continuum of layoff aversion strategies and activities as appropriate that assist employers and workers. The SCMW LWDB will also provide re-employment services to workers who have been laid off or terminated.</p> <p>The workforce area will also provide layoff aversion services that help employers located in the workforce area. The services will include but are not limited to, early identification of an industry’s risk of layoffs, assessment of the needs of options for at-risk industries, and recommendations for services to address these needs.</p> <p>Additionally, the workforce area will develop a business and industry outreach strategy that includes traditional and electronic outreach material. Traditional material will include modernized print material and electronic material will include social media video material and Virtual Reality simulations for job seekers to better understand training services and work environments.</p>
TASK 19-13	<p><b>CAREER COACHING IN SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS</b></p> <p>In the program year 2022, the workforce division worked with Accelerate MS and local school districts to place 13 Career Coaches in five (5) school districts. The statewide initiative was funded in the 2022 legislative session with \$8 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through House Bill 1388. In January, the workforce division received \$1,095,985 to hire 13 Career Coaches throughout five (5) school districts. An additional \$12 million of state general funds was appropriated in 2023 to help continue the growth of the program. CMPDD received \$2,700,000 to expand the program to 35 Career Coaches in 13 school districts.</p> <p>In 2023, Career Coaches will be engaging with Mississippi high school students this fall to help them discover successful paths into the workforce. Career Coaches will help students explore, prepare, and connect to high-tech, high-skill, and high-wage jobs throughout the workforce area.</p> <p>The workforce division will effectively and efficiently manage the Career Coaching program throughout the SCMW 17-county workforce area.</p>
TASK 19-14	<p><b>MODERNIZATION OF WIN JOB CENTERS</b></p> <p>The District Workforce Division staff will partner with WIN Job Center operators to develop a comprehensive evaluation instrument to evaluate the quality of service and return on investment for each WIN Job Center. This data will be used to improve and modernize the WIN Job Centers in the SCMW Workforce Area.</p>
TASK 19-15	<p><b>YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>In partnership with area high schools, community colleges, business and industry, and local economic development, the SCMW Workforce Area will research and develop an implementation plan for Youth Apprenticeships. Youth apprenticeship programs provide an opportunity for youth to learn valuable occupational skills while earning wages and can help reduce the challenges they face when seeking employment in high-demand industries, including manufacturing, health care, information technology, and transportation, distribution, and logistics (TDL). During the 2023 program year, SCMW will research best practices for youth apprenticeship development and implementation and be ready to implement a program during the 2024 program year.</p>

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>
Personnel	\$1,288,390
Indirect	\$431,518
Travel	\$67,984
Meetings	\$553,404
Furniture/Equipment	\$2,000
Dues/ Memberships/Subscriptions	\$25,850
Audit	\$9,000
Computer	\$6,000
Contractual Services	\$1,726,500
Legal	\$950
Space Lease/Rental	\$1,300
Communications	\$100
General Supplies	\$191,064
Postage	\$25
Services	<u>\$11,292,139</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,596,224</b>
<u>SOURCES</u>	
Federal/State	<u>\$15,596,224</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,596,224</b>

PROJECT: **MANAGEMENT, ADVOCACY, PLANNING, BROKERING, AND DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY (AREA AGENCY ON AGING)**

PROJECT NUMBER: **20**

DESCRIPTION: The District functions as the leading advocate of older persons in Covich, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo Counties. As the designated Area Agency on Aging, the District is responsible for planning, advocating, and coordinating services to promote independence of the elderly in their own homes. The District plays a vital role in meeting the needs of older persons by linking varying agencies, sharing information, brokering, monitoring, and evaluation of services.

NEED	With current advances in medical care, seniors are living longer and the risk of becoming disabled increases dramatically with age. Many people who were healthy in their 60's and even their 70's may become frail with advancing age, therefore the increasing proportion of the older senior citizens means that more people will need additional help in managing their daily lives.
BENEFITS	Promotes on-going activities which will lead to a comprehensive system of services for older persons, promotes quality services, increases public awareness of aging issues, develops partnerships between agencies, and seeks to encourage independence of older persons in this society.
TASK 20-1	<p><b>ADVOCACY</b></p> <p>The District will strengthen the capacity of the Aging Advisory Committee members by informing, educating, and seeking input regarding the needs and concerns of older persons. By conducting quarterly meetings of this group, the District will be able to expand its aging agenda to seek support from other segments of the population.</p> <p>The District while partnering with the local AARP, will promote, support, and advocate for the passing of legislation which will expand resources for older persons.</p> <p>The District will administer the <i>Fiscal Year 2022-2025 (Update FY 2024) Area Plan on Aging</i>, which outlines services to older persons in the central Mississippi area.</p>
TASK 20-2	<p><b>TRAINING</b></p> <p>To assure that service providers and other staff maintain a high level of job performance, the District will provide a minimum of four (4) training opportunities for its network of providers, including Technical Assistance, State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) training, WellSky computer software training, Adult Day Care Training, Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts, Alzheimer's Association Conference, Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A), National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A), Mississippi Department of Human Services Aging and Adult Services Conference, and any other identified training opportunities.</p>



TASK 20-3	<p><b>MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>In conjunction with the Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Centers, the District will continue using WellSky software for client tracking which supports the requirements from the National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) and the required reporting data from the Administration on Aging. Continued training and support will be provided to staff to improve the use of all components of the software. Also, staff will continue utilizing the Long-Term Systems and Supports (LTSS) website through the Mississippi Division of Medicaid to identify information on available providers, programs, and services in the community. The District will participate in a nationwide earthquake drill, maintain an updated Emergency Management Plan for elderly services to reflect appropriate changes and to minimize disruption of services during inclement weather. The Plan will include guidelines to procedures to follow in the case of a pandemic or natural disaster.</p> <p>Designated staff will monitor all contracts for services at least twice per year to ensure quality and efficient services according to minimum standards. Additionally, the District will coordinate services with organizations that have a proven record of quality performance.</p>
TASK 20-4	<p><b>PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>The District will utilize media to inform the public regarding aging matters, including the quarterly, in-house published <u>Central Update</u>, Facebook, radio ads, as well as local city and county newspapers. Speakers will be made available to those groups wishing to expand their awareness of aging issues. Speaking engagements for groups will be accepted for the sole purpose of educating and empowering families and caregivers of the availability of resources in the seven-county area. The promotion of the Long-Term Systems and Supports website will be ongoing.</p> <p>The District will provide information on a monthly basis to older persons at all nutrition sites and senior centers regarding the importance of physical activity, nutrition, weight control, substance abuse, and other wellness activities.</p>

**MANAGEMENT, ADVOCACY, PLANNING, BROKERING AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY (AREA AGENCY ON AGING) BUDGET**

<u><b>EXPENSES</b></u>	<u><b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b></u>
Personnel	\$1,327,000
Indirect	\$416,018
Travel/Training/Reg Fees	\$147,431
Meetings	\$7,447
Contractual Services	\$103,078
General Supplies	\$47,405
Services	<u>\$3,738,740</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,787,119</b>
<u><b>SOURCES</b></u>	
Federal/State	\$4,827,126
Assessments-General	\$0
Assessments-Services	\$77,424
Program Income	\$72,500
Local In-Kind	\$494,847
Local Cash Contracts	<u>\$315,222</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,787,119</b>

PROJECT: **HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES**

PROJECT NUMBER: **21**

DESCRIPTION: Home and community-based services are those programs which address the physical, nutritional, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of older persons who are at risk of becoming isolated and alienated from society.

NEED	Many older persons, due to physical or mental limitation, are unable to carry on normal tasks of daily living without some assistance. These services are designed to fill those gaps.
BENEFITS	Maintains dignity in later life; delays early institutionalization; provides relief for primary caregivers and their families; reduces feelings of isolation; and provides older persons with a feeling of independence.
TASK 21-1	<p><b>ADULT DAY CARE</b></p> <p>Adult day care provides care and supervision for functionally impaired elderly adults for periods of at least four (4) hours a day in a group setting. The day care center provides personal care supervision, limited health care, meals, and group activities. It is anticipated that 3,000 hours of services will be provided.</p>
TASK 21-2	<p><b>INFORMATION, REFERRAL, AND OUTREACH</b></p> <p>Trained workers will provide information to the elderly regarding community services. An estimated 20,000 contacts will be made to various agencies to link older people to needed resources.</p>
TASK 21-3	<p><b>TRANSPORTATION</b></p> <p>As many older people do not drive or lack a vehicle, they need a system of transportation services. Transportation service, estimated at 75,000 trips, will be provided to older people through the use of vans or buses. The types of trips offered include shopping, medical visits, and other community services.</p>
TASK 21-4	<p><b>LEGAL ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>Legal counseling will be provided under contract. The types of cases likely to be brought include job discrimination, guardianship, conservatorship, Medicaid, Medicare, housing, wills, and estates. It is estimated that 75 service hours will be purchased by the District.</p>
TASK 21-5	<p><b>NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Family caregiving has always been the dominant source of care for most individuals in need. Without this essential component of care, the long-term care industry would not be able to meet the needs of the older population. The <i>Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000</i> established this program with emphasis on providing support for caregivers who assume the role of care for older adults and other eligible adults on a full-time basis. This program will allow such services as counseling, respite, homemaker, home-delivered meals, transportation, information and assistance, access to T-Care and Trualta evidence-based Programming, and the provision of needed supplies for caregivers to support them in their caregiving roles.</p> <p>The District will build ten (10) new ramps at homes for caregivers taking care of loved ones at home who need help with ambulatory care. Additionally, grab bars, smoke detectors, mobility aids, diapers, blue pads, catheters, and similar purchases will be made by the District in support of approximately 50 caregivers. Staff will continue to provide counseling and educational information to caregivers through the District’s caregiver support group. The District, through subcontractors, will provide an estimated 5,000 respite hours to caregivers throughout the seven-county area.</p>

TASK 21-6	<p><b>CONGREGATE MEALS</b></p> <p>A congregate meal is a nutritionally balanced meal that is served to older persons in a group setting, such as a senior center, housing facility, or other facility. The purpose of this program is to promote better health among the older segments of the 60+ population through improved nutrition. Each meal meets one-third of the current daily Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) for persons 60 years and older. Approximately 100,000 congregate meals will be served this fiscal year.</p>
TASK 21-7	<p><b>HOME-DELIVERED MEALS</b></p> <p>A home-delivered meal is a nutritionally balanced meal which is delivered to the home of some persons who are unable to leave his/her home without assistance, purchase groceries, and/or are unable to cook for themselves. Each meal meets at least one-third of the RDA. We estimate 474,000 meals will be served, including State funded and Medicaid Waiver meals.</p>
TASK 21-8	<p><b>HOMEMAKER SERVICES</b></p> <p>Many functionally impaired older people have difficulty in performing routine household tasks which are needed to sustain themselves in their own homes. The District provides trained homemakers to assist these older persons with housekeeping tasks and activities of daily living, including bathing, dressing, toileting, feeding, shampooing hair, and bed making. Approximately 15,000 hours of service will be provided during the fiscal year.</p>
TASK 21-9	<p><b>EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE</b></p> <p>The District will provide emergency response systems to older persons who cannot be left alone for extended periods of time. There will be 50 Lifeline units will be placed in the homes of eligible clients. Additionally, the District will continue providing emergency supplies, such as bluepads, medication purchases, mobility aids, syringes, and diapers to those clients who need emergency assistance on an infrequent basis and who are not eligible under the National Family Caregiver Support Program.</p>
TASK 21-10	<p><b>PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS</b></p> <p>The District will continue to administer the “Santa for Seniors” project in conjunction with the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and Home Instead Senior Care. This program provides needed items during the holiday season to those seniors who would otherwise not be remembered.</p> <p>The District will continue, when appropriate, to seek partnerships with both public and private sectors groups to promote its campaign seeking charitable contributions to provide home delivered meals to those seniors currently on the waiting list due to lack of funding.</p>
TASK 21-11	<p><b>EMPLOYMENT</b></p> <p>The District will manage the Title V, Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which is designed to provide, foster, and promote useful part-time employment opportunities for low income persons 55 years of age and older. Eight (8) slots will be programmed throughout the seven-county area with the goal of enhancing the skills of the enrollees and assisting them in seeking unsubsidized employment.</p>

TASK 21-12	<p><b>DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION</b></p> <p>Under contract with local providers, the District will make available several forms of health promotion activities for seniors throughout the seven-county area. Recognizing the importance of healthy lifestyles, including exercise, mental health and counseling, disease prevention information, and other health-maintenance activities, the District will frequently make available these services for their use. District staff will continue teaching classes under the Walk with Ease Program. The classes are taught and co-partnered by trained District staff and focus on the safety and well-being of the older adult population. Fall Prevention education is beneficial to the seniors because it is specifically designed to teach practical strategies to manage the risks of falling in the home. Additional evidence-based programs such as T-Care, Trualta, Bingocize, and the Virtual Dementia Tour will be available to assist in the development of confident and competent family caregivers that can manage care at home.</p>
TASK 21-13	<p><b>PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Many of the State’s elderly on limited incomes have a difficult time acquiring the medication they need. Although there may be numerous opportunities for free or reduced cost assistance from pharmaceutical companies, many elderly adults have no way of working through the maze of applications required for participation.</p> <p>The District will provide information and assistance to older individuals regarding medications and medication management.</p>
TASK 21-14	<p><b>MISSISSIPPI ACCESS TO CARE CENTERS (MAC)</b></p> <p>Older and disabled persons and their families have difficulty in locating appropriate services and information, which will assist them in making sound decisions regarding long-term care issues. They often have difficulty sorting through or even locating community services, which can result in costly institutionalization. The MAC Centers provides a central source of reliable, objective, and unbiased information about a broad range of programs and services and help people understand and evaluate the various options available to them. The goal of the MAC Center is to empower people to make informed choices and to streamline access to services and support.</p> <p>In partnership with the Mississippi Department of Human Services/Division of Aging and Adult Services, the District, along with the Mississippi Division of Medicaid will continue making progress with the “No Wrong Door” network in the state of Mississippi. Also, the District plans to continue working on a sustainability plan along with the Mississippi State Department of Health to continue administering the Building Resilient Inclusive Communities (BRIC) loneliness assessments. The Jackson MAC Center staff will continue receiving supplementary training as services are increased. To sustain the program, District’s staff will continue to identify additional funding.</p>
TASK 21-15	<p><b>RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>The District will generate financial support for aging services from local units of government in the seven-county areas and through encouragement for voluntary contributions from older persons for services rendered. While encouraging contributions from older persons who are service recipients, sensitivity to the abilities of low-income individuals to contribute will be maintained. Other anticipated funding includes funding through the United States Department of Agriculture. The District will also collaborate with other state and local entities to seek additional funding for new projects which will expand opportunities for services to older adults.</p> <p>The District will provide program development and coordination activities with community organizations for the purpose of initiating new services and/or new benefits for older persons with special attention in the areas of caregiving, health promotion, affordable housing, mental health and providing specific services for veterans. Additionally, special attention will be focused on providing information and assistance to groups that serve the veterans population.</p>

TASK 21-16	<p><b>VETERANS DIRECTED CARE PROGRAM (VDC)</b></p> <p>The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) have formed a partnership to develop the Veteran Directed Care (VDC) program to enhance home-based supports for veterans. The VDC program offers eligible veterans a flexible budget to purchase goods and services that help them to live independently at home in the community, rather than in an institution.</p> <p>The District will continue partnering with Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District for the purpose of providing services on behalf of Veterans under the Veteran Directed Care Program. A trained Case Manager will be assigned to assist clients with arranging consumer self-directed services based upon their needs and preferences. Staff will monitor each enrolled Veterans' health, safety, outcomes, spending plan, and purchases by conducting at least one (1) monthly visit.</p>
TASK 21-17	<p><b>PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE</b></p> <p>The Mississippi Department of Human Services provided support to cover the costs of staff to conduct crucial public health activities. Professionals funded through this program may provide a wide range of public health services and support.</p> <p>The District will continue to partner with the Mississippi Department of Human Services to carry out these efforts. A Social Services Specialist has been hired to oversee the Emergency Transition Service Program. Through this program support is provided to those seeking to transition from hospital-to-home and nursing home-to-home. Clients eligible can receive meals and homemaker services on a temporary basis. The program provides up to 21 home-delivered meals and 12 hours of homemaker services.</p>

## **HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES BUDGET**

Budget information on the Home and Community Based Services Program is contained within the Budget of Project #20 - Management, Advocacy, Planning, Brokering, and Development of Services for the Elderly (Area Agency on Aging).

PROJECT: **ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AND ADVOCACY**

PROJECT NUMBER: **22**

DESCRIPTION: The abuse of the elderly is a shocking revelation to most Americans, and the average citizen may find it hard to believe that the problem exists. Elder Abuse and Advocacy Programs are designed to induce a change in attitudes and stereotypes, to enhance the quality of life and care for the aging community.

NEED	The incidence of elder abuse is high, both in community settings and in institutions, yet the problem is far less likely to be reported than child abuse due to the lack of public awareness. Elderly victims who are frail and/or isolated and unaware of help that is available for them are at the greatest risk of mistreatment or neglect. Direct intervention is critical to immediate resolution of these problems.
BENEFITS	Helps to prevent or minimize the occurrence of abusive situations; promotes citizen involvement; promotes development of new resources to meet the immediate needs of victims and families; and increases public awareness of aging concerns and needs.
TASK 22-1	<p><b>COMMUNITY TRANSITION SERVICES (CTS)</b></p> <p>The District will continue administering the Community Transition Services (CTS) Program funded by the Mississippi Division of Medicaid to provide an array of home and community-based services to eligible participants. CTS is a statewide program designed to assist individuals who reside in nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and development disabilities to return to the community.</p> <p>The Area Agency on Aging will continue to provide a trained Community Navigator to disseminate information, educate, and refer Medicaid beneficiaries interested in transitioning out of institutional care into the community. Additionally, the Community Navigator will lead a team chosen by the beneficiary to help him or her locate housing, plan employment, meaningful day activities, learn new skills, and build natural supports.</p>
TASK 22-2	<p><b>NURSING HOME OMBUDSMEN SERVICES</b></p> <p>The Ombudsman service is designed to assist residents of nursing homes and personal care homes with problems or concerns relating to their care in these facilities.</p> <p>Three (3) District Ombudsmen, along with one (1) certified county Ombudsmen, will make routine visits to 64 long-term care facilities with 80 personal care homes and ICF/MR facilities throughout the District monthly. Visits will be made on a scheduled and non-scheduled basis to mediate problems, to follow-up on problems, and to resolve complaints.</p> <p>The District Ombudsmen will conduct a minimum of five (5) public seminars on subjects related to the following: Resident Rights, Elder Abuse/Neglect, Role of the Ombudsman in Long-Term Care Facilities, Respecting Confidentiality in Long-Term Care Facilities, and How to Choose a Nursing Home.</p>
TASK 22-3	<p><b>ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION</b></p> <p>The Elder Abuse Prevention Program is an educational program which is designed to increase public awareness of the elder abuse in our society. The District will coordinate many of its efforts with the Mississippi Department of Human Services to assure that reports of abuse are handled promptly with the proper authorities.</p> <p>The District will conduct at least five (5) public seminars which will increase the public's ability to recognize and report the symptoms of elder abuse and to advocate for freedom from abuse. Additionally, the District will collect data on elder abuse, including neglect and exploitation, to determine the extent it impacts residents in long-term care facilities.</p>



TASK 22-4	<p><b>STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)</b></p> <p>The District will continue to offer a special counseling program to assist older persons in interpreting public benefit programs and in identifying long-term care insurance. Using media broadcasts and outreach efforts, the program will work to develop an understanding among the service population about all aspects of public benefits.</p> <p>It is estimated that roughly 4,600 individuals will receive individual counseling and assistance in enrolling in low-income subsidy programs, Medicare savings plans, and the State Prescription Assistance Program.</p>
TASK 22-5	<p><b>EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMING</b></p> <p>District staff will soon begin administering the Western Kentucky University's Bingocize Program. Participants combine exercise and health information with the familiar game of bingo. The District will continue its contractual agreement with the Mississippi Department of Human Services/Division of Aging and Adult Services to provide the educational component and share resources in the delivery of evidence-based programs using statistically proven facts for consumers identified with one or more chronic diseases. Also, the District plans to continue teaching classes and disseminating fall prevention information on the Walk with Ease Program.</p>

## **ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AND ADVOCACY**

Budget information on the Elder Abuse Prevention and Advocacy Program is contained within the Budget of Project #20 - Management, Advocacy, Planning, Brokering, and Development of Services for the Elderly (Area Agency on Aging).

PROJECT: **ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES**

PROJECT NUMBER: **23**

DESCRIPTION: The Medicaid Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver program is authorized in §1015c of the Federal *Social Security Act*. The program permits a state to furnish an array of HCBS that assist Medicaid beneficiaries to live in the community and avoid institutionalization. Waiver services complement and/or supplement the services that are available to beneficiaries through the State Medicaid Plan, other federal, state, or local programs, as well as the support that families and communities provide.

Mississippi’s Elderly & Disabled (E&D) Medicaid Waiver Program is one of five (5) different Waiver programs administered by the State. E&D Waiver services include: Case Management, Personal Care Attendant Services, Adult Day Care Services, Extended Home Health Services, Home-Delivered Meals, In-Home Respite Care, Institutional Respite Care, and Transition Assistance.

The E&D Waiver is administered and operated by the Office of Long-Term Care at the Division of Medicaid. Case Management and Home Delivered Meals are provided by CMPDD under the state and federally approved 1915(b)(4) Waiver Fee for Service Selective Contracting Program effective July 1, 2023.

NEED	The aging population is now living longer and the need for plans related to long-term care continues to rise. Elderly and/or disabled persons desire to live independently at home as long as possible. They choose to receive quality in-home assistance (provided by independent, Medicaid approved agencies), in an effort to prevent or delay permanent nursing facility placement. . Waiver recipients must be 21 years of age or older being disabled or elderly. Recipients must also be approved for Medicaid to receive any of the approved HCBS services.
BENEFITS	Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) are more cost-effective than institutionalized care. Based on average nursing facility paid claims, and paid waiver services, costs for nursing facility care can exceed the cost of waiver services by an average of \$14,000 per beneficiary per fiscal year. The services provided by the District offer a projected cost savings of federal and state tax dollars of more than \$50 million per fiscal year. According to the Division of Medicaid’s overview and program basics, “Medicaid can fund three (3) people in a HCBS Waiver program for the cost of one (1) person in a residential facility.”  HCBS employs a variety of service delivery approaches, including participant direction of services and development of their Plan of Care. There are annual limits to the amount or kind of service that a Medicaid beneficiary can receive under the Medicaid State Plan. For individuals who qualify, those limitations are “waived” thus allowing a participant to receive additional services not otherwise available.

TASK 23-1	<p><b>CASE MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>The E &amp; D Waiver utilizes the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) web-based information and assessment tool to submit and approve beneficiaries for waiver services. Incorporated into the LTSS system is the InterRAI HC Assessment tool (interactive Resident Assessment Instrument). This system focuses on the person’s ability to function and their quality of life by assessing needs, strengths, and preferences. It also identifies persons who could benefit from further evaluation of specific problems, or persons at risk for decline.</p> <p>All Registered Nurses and Licensed Social Workers must be certified to conduct the InterRAI assessment tools within their first 90 days of employment. Certification consists of reading modules of how to conduct the assessment; listening to and analyzing video of a specific situation between a client, caregiver, and the professional; then passing with at least 80% accuracy on a battery of tests.</p> <p>A client’s InterRAI assessment is conducted, at a minimum, on an annual basis.</p> <p>The Division of Medicaid approved Plan of Care (PSS) Plan of Services and Supports is generated by the client’s Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Case Managers on the initial assessment home visit. It is monitored and evaluated at each monthly home visit or monthly telephone contact visit to assure that approved services are being provided and meeting the client’s needs.</p> <p>Together the Registered Nurse and Licensed Social Worker conduct the initial assessment visit, the quarterly review home visit, and the yearly recertification assessment visit. All other monthly visits can be conducted by either the RN or the LSW.</p> <p>Through a contracted service provider, CMPDD also provides Home-Delivered Meals (HDM) to Waiver recipients who request the service to be added to their Plan of Care, and the Division of Medicaid has approved the service on the client’s Plan of Care. HDM’s are pre-packaged nutritious frozen meals delivered to the client’s home each week. E &amp; D waiver recipients can receive 5 or 7 pre-packaged, vacuum sealed meals each week.</p> <p>Case Managers complete the provider referral forms and forward them to the client-selected service providers and the HDM provider to start, stop, hold, or terminate a service.</p>																					
TASK 23-2	<p><b>HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES</b></p> <p>The District will provide home and community based options to eligible disabled or elderly individuals so as to divert nursing facility placement. This program is referral-based and waiting list driven. Individuals are served on a first-come, first-serve basis according to the date of the application or referral. Individuals who are transitioning from a nursing facility long-term care stay, back to a primary residence, or individuals who no longer qualify for any other long-term care program, are given priority assessment for the Waiver program. These are known as Transition to Community Referrals and they are included in the total number of clients served.</p> <p>Teams composed of Registered Nurses and Licensed Social Workers will be targeted in the following service areas to serve 2,675 clients districtwide. Teams and their allocation are as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="402 1444 1031 1665"> <tr> <td>Copiah County</td> <td>2 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hinds County</td> <td>13 teams</td> <td>1,430 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rankin County</td> <td>3 teams</td> <td>330 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simpson County</td> <td>1 teams</td> <td>110 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madison County</td> <td>2 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warren County</td> <td>1 teams</td> <td>110 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yazoo County</td> <td>2 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> </table>	Copiah County	2 teams	220 clients	Hinds County	13 teams	1,430 clients	Rankin County	3 teams	330 clients	Simpson County	1 teams	110 clients	Madison County	2 teams	220 clients	Warren County	1 teams	110 clients	Yazoo County	2 teams	220 clients
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TASK 23-3	<p data-bbox="332 210 925 241"><b>ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (MEDI-KEY)</b></p> <p data-bbox="332 252 1469 430">As part of the Division of Medicaid’s Balancing Incentive Program, personal care attendants and in-home respite providers utilizes the Medi-Key as a clocking in/clocking out system in the client’s home. Medi-Key is also known as a One-Time Password (OTP) device. The OTP devices will display an 8-digit number (password) that will be entered via telephone by the direct care worker upon arrival to the client’s home (clock in). After the completion of service, the direct care worker will enter via telephone the password displayed on the OTP device at that time (clock out).</p> <p data-bbox="332 441 1469 598">Effective 8/1/23, all direct care service providers and in-home respite providers will begin utilizing one of three (3) methods of clocking in or clocking out after providing service to E&amp;D Waiver participants. The first method is the EVV (Electronic Visit Verification) system utilizing a mobile app. The second method is IVR telephony utilizing a home or cell phone to call the voice recognition line. The third method is utilizing a FOB that will replace previously used OTP devices.</p> <p data-bbox="332 609 1469 703">Case Managers will be responsible for assigning specific FOB devices to their clients in Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS). They will then distribute and explain the use and care of the FOB device to the Waiver recipient.</p>
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**ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE BUDGET**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$3,614,673
Indirect	\$788,806
Travel/Training/Reg Fees	\$28,000
Insurance	\$10,000
Computer	\$10,500
Utilities	\$25,000
Contractual Services	\$30,000
Building Maintenance and Operations/Janitorial	\$25,000
Equipment Lease/Rental	\$12,000
Depreciation	\$24,000
Communications	\$53,000
General Supplies	\$20,000
Services	\$4,437,856
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,078,835</b>
<b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Program Income	\$13,200
Federal/State	\$9,065,635
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,078,835</b>

**ALL PROJECTS BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>
Personnel	\$8,008,264
Indirect/District Expense Fund	\$2,231,913
Travel	\$357,015
Meetings	\$590,151
Furniture/Equipment	\$77,000
Insurance	\$10,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000
Miscellaneous	\$47,235
Dues/Memberships/Subscriptions	\$60,850
Audit	\$9,000
Computer	\$129,758
Utilities	\$25,000
Contractual Services	\$2,461,578
Depreciation	\$89,000
Legal	\$14,050
Building Maintenance and Operations/Janitorial	\$25,000
Equipment Lease/Rental	\$87,000
Space Lease/Rental	\$1,300
Communications	\$65,100
General Supplies	\$279,469
Printing Supplies	\$4,000
Postage	\$1,625
Loans	\$1,411,651
Services	\$19,468,926
Unprogrammed	<u>\$1,303,100</u>
 <b>TOTAL</b>	 \$36,762,985
 <b><u>SOURCES</u></b>	
Federal/State	\$32,863,267
Assessments-General	\$232,176
Assessments-Services	\$77,424
Local Cash-Contracts	\$1,088,136
Program Equity	\$1,166,078
Program Income	\$383,672
Local In-kind	\$494,847
Fees/Interest	\$2,076
Match Carryover	\$390,309
Lease/Rental	<u>\$65,000</u>
 <b>TOTAL</b>	 \$36,762,985

**DISTRICT SUPPORT ALLOCATION  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

<b>COPIAH COUNTY</b>	0.028827	\$ 6,664
Crystal Springs	0.007873	1,820
Hazlehurst	0.002967	1,355
Wesson	0.002894	686
 <b>HINDS COUNTY</b>	 0.045152	 10,438
Byram	0.020508	4,741
Clinton	0.045502	10,519
Edwards	0.001611	372
Jackson	0.248884	57,536
Raymond	0.003175	734
Terry	0.002111	488
Utica	0.001030	238
 <b>MADISON COUNTY</b>	 0.066802	 15,443
Canton	0.017727	4,098
Flora	0.002669	617
Gluckstadt	0.005195	1,201
Madison	0.044931	10,387
Ridgeland	0.039412	9,111
 <b>RANKIN COUNTY</b>	 0.131571	 30,416
Brandon	0.040705	9,410
Florence	0.007401	1,711
Flowood	0.016520	3,819
Pearl	0.043906	10,150
Pelahatchie	0.002059	476
Richland	0.011558	2,672
 <b>SIMPSON COUNTY</b>	 0.031095	 7,188
Magee	0.006458	1,493
Mendenhall	0.003560	823
 <b>WARREN COUNTY</b>	 0.037487	 8,666
Vicksburg	0.034934	8,076
 <b>YAZOO COUNTY</b>	 0.025803	 5,965
Yazoo City	0.016706	3,862
 <b>TOTALS</b>	 <b>100.000%</b>	 <b>\$231,176</b>

All other towns/villages that are not listed above will each be assessed in the amount of \$100.



## **BUDGET NOTES**

The District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is projected to be approximately \$36 million dollars with \$231,176 to be generated through the local assessment process. The District Budget contained in this document should be considered a working budget and as projects and tasks are added during the fiscal year it will be altered to reflect those changes. The amounts reflected in the indirect line item for this Fiscal Year 2023 budget are subject to change based on adopting new cognizant agency requirements. The effect on the total budget is expected to be immaterial.

The budget shown to support Project 10 is the same as the Indirect Cost Budget, which supports a federally required and approved system of allocating general administrative and common expenditures in a sound and equitable manner. The funds shown in Project 10 are funds previously approved for non-eligible federal expenditures such as meals, entertainment of guests, and depreciation of equipment purchased with local fund reserves and recouped via overhead cost pool distribution to all programs and projects as lease income.

Project 17 is the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts' administrative management program.

Project 18 consists of Economic Development Administration and Minority Business Enterprise Revolving Loan Programs, as well as the Mississippi Small Business Assistance Revolving Loan Program, the CMDC SBA 504 Loan Program, the State of Mississippi Farish Street Historical District Project, and the USDA Revolving Loan Fund.

Project 19 is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Southcentral Mississippi Works Workforce Development Area (SMW) and strategic planning and implementation of the WIOA, which is funded through the Department of Labor for Job Training and On the Job Training services, and the Mississippi Association of Workforce Areas (MAWA) among others.

Costs shown and budgeted in Projects 19, 20, 21, and 23 are largely pass-through funds to support services which are purchased at the local level. All of the information shown in this Work Program and corresponding budgets are further supported and supplemented by additional detailed programs of work, such as the Unified Work Program for transportation planning, the Overall Economic Development Plan, Indirect Cost Proposal (Project 10), the Area Agency on Aging Plan, and Workforce Development.

Title III of the Older Americans Act consists of congregate meals, home delivered meals for both seniors and Medicaid Waiver clients, adult day care, legal services, ombudsman, emergency services, respite services, transportation, information and referral, outreach, program development administration, public information initiatives, emergency response, elderly abuse prevention services, and others as mentioned below.

Title V - SCSEP - is an elderly employment program which provides much needed work opportunities for senior citizens, which is budgeted under Project 20.

Insurance Counseling, and Elder Abuse Prevention programs are also a vital part of the AAA budget in providing services to the at-risk elderly population, they also are budgeted under Project 20.

Title XX Social Service Block Grant program provides services to the elderly in home delivered meals, transportation, homemaker services and case management for the elderly, they also are budgeted under Project 20.

The Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Waiver Service Program (Project 23) is also a vital component of the District's services and commitment to the elderly and disabled citizens of CMPDD's area to help them remain in their homes as long as possible and not become a nursing home resident.

The Personnel category for Fiscal Year 2022 includes a variety of pay increases based upon the following: merit, incentive, or reclassification.





