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PROJECT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION

PROJECT NUMBER:

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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 continue 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 insure 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, thus producing cost-effective benefits to all concerned.
TASK 10-1	<p>GENERAL MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The District will continue to use in-house computers extensively to manage programs and resources as effectively as possible. 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.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District has met or exceeded all management and administrative goals and requirements of the Work Program during the first half of this fiscal year.</p>
TASK 10-2	<p>OVERALL DISTRICT AUDIT</p> <p>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 insure sound management practices, certify the financial statements, and to comply with the Single Audit Concept of the Office of Management and Budget in the Federal Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District's audit for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 has been completed by the audit firm of BKD, LLC and was reviewed by the CMPDD Board of Directors at their March 11, 2015 meeting. There were no audit findings or recommendations.</p>

TASK 10-3	<p>PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM</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, its Internet 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 member governments.</p> <p>The District has completely revamped its website, which is www:cmpdd.org. This website is a virtual gateway to District reports, information, and development activities, and improvements are being made to it continuously. The District used consultants in the development of the website and with 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Numerous news releases were issued and published, and quarterly newsletters were prepared and distributed on schedule. Both an Annual Report and Work Program have been prepared, published, and distributed. Additionally, the Chief Executive Officer submits a bimonthly article to the Mississippi Association of Supervisors for publication in their magazine. The District continues to update its website by incorporating cutting edge technology, which is interactive and incorporates the use of virtual mapping and data management. This is accomplished through a blend of in-house personnel and outsourcing to consultants where it was found to be cost effective. CMPDD staff continue to maintain and update the District's website, www.cmpdd.org, which displays all CMPDD publications, services, programs, census data, and mapping products.</p>
TASK 10-4	<p>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS</p> <p>Under Federal Executive Order 12372, the District will continue to administer its program of Project Notification and Review. This program will insure 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Although this process has been greatly reduced in scope and magnitude, the District continues to administer this review process as required by regulations, various agencies, and programs.</p>

TASK 10-5	<p>SUPPORT FOR DISTRICT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS</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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Membership dues from all member governments have been collected. Grants and contracts from Delta Regional Authority, Economic Development Administration, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Mississippi Department of Human Services, and other similar ongoing programs are being carried out according to contract requirements. The District has developed a new system for Information and Referral called a MAC Center, which is being used for seniors and the disabled. Local planning contracts are in excess of what was projected, and the CentCom program is meeting the web needs of the District's members. District staff are also planning the upcoming annual conference of the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts and it is anticipated that there will be positive revenue generated.</p> <p>The District is more aggressive and entrepreneurial than ever before in seeking new and innovative ways to maximize financial resources.</p>
TASK 10-6	<p>INTERN/OUTREACH PROGRAM</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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff have spoken at numerous conferences, seminars, and educational events. Also, the District is currently determining its need for internship positions during the summer months of 2015.</p>

TASK 10-7	<p data-bbox="383 174 878 201">INTERNAL AUDIT/MONITOR FUNCTION</p> <p data-bbox="383 237 1409 543">The Auditor/Monitor function of the District began in FY 1993 and will continue for FY 2015. 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, WIA service providers, and case management entities. The District has a multitude of sub-recipients and service providers which 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.</p> <p data-bbox="383 579 651 606">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="383 611 1409 821">The Auditor/Monitor function of the District continues for Fiscal Year 2015. The District is in compliance with required Federal standards, and is continuing its practice of monitoring both the programmatic and fiscal monitoring elements of Aging network service providers, WIA service providers, and case management entities. The District is monitoring on a continuous basis a multitude of sub-recipients and service providers to protect the District from possible liabilities and to meet all local and Federal requirements necessary to maintain compliance. CMPDD continues to meet all audit requirements and safeguard the public dollars entrusted to it.</p>
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CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.
STATEMENT OF INDIRECT COSTS/DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND
October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$1,180,330	\$ 649,621
Travel	16,900	1,240
Meetings	9,300	2,654
Dues, Memberships, and Subscriptions	19,000	9,858
Audit	35,000	11,964
Contractual Services	28,400	14,316
Equipment Lease/Rental	112,000	46,609
Supplies	34,000	13,159
Printing	5,500	4,028
Postage	16,800	10,847
Legal	2,400	1,200
Communications	36,000	17,124
Insurance and Bonding	71,000	44,082
District Expense Fund	-0-	42,715
Equipment Maintenance	1,500	293
Depreciation	52,000	16,575
Computer Related	29,000	19,588
Automobile Pool Costs	80,000	30,321
Furniture and Equipment	-0-	-0-
Utilities/Housekeeping/Building	39,800	19,185
Miscellaneous	7,500	941
Prior Year Adjustment	(20,000)	(4,413)
Current Year Adjustment (Actual to Applied)	-0-	(4,663)
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TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$1,756,430	\$ 947,242
<u>SOURCES</u>		
Assessments - General	\$ 25,000	\$ 11,994
Lease/Rental Income	76,000	30,721
Allocated to Programs	1,665,430	879,908
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TOTAL	\$1,756,430	\$ 922,623

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 be explored.

NEED	Improve services and lessen costs by seeking mutual solutions to common problems affecting more than one local governmental unit, such as GIS, web based applications, broadband Internet and networking access. Improve management and administrative techniques and increase the effectiveness of local governments by not allowing political boundaries to restrict governmental and business efficiency.
BENEFITS	Increases efficiency and effectiveness of local governments. 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 attacking common problems.
TASK 11-1	<p>MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>The District will provide financial, management, administrative, grant, and planning assistance to member governments upon request. Aid will be provided to seek Federal and State financial assistance through such sources as Mississippi Development Authority, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of Commerce, Highway Safety Program, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Corps of Engineers, the Delta Regional Authority, and other appropriate agencies. 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 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: CMPDD’s staff provided assistance with future and present grant applications. The following applications were submitted and approved for funding during the first half of FY2015: five (5) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), two (2) Recreational Trails Program (RTP), two (2) Development Infrastructure Program (DIP), and two (2) CAP loans. In addition, nine (9) Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties (SMLPC) applications were submitted with 1 receiving funding.</p> <p>CMPDD’s GIS staff trained CMPDD grant writers on how to use the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2014 Updated LMISD (Low and Moderate Income Summary Data) map viewer to determine eligibility based on income limits provided by the U.S. Census Bureau’s ACS (American Community Survey) special tabulations. In addition CMPDD GIS staff performed numerous updates and performance enhancements on existing local government map viewers. Also, CMPDD developed a new viewer for the Town of Pelahatchie which will soon be released for public use and began work on the City of Pearl map viewer.</p>

TASK 11-2	<p>INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND JOINT SERVICES</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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff convened CMPDD's member Mayors, City Clerks, and County Administrators on a quarterly basis to discuss current topics of interest and support a peer-to-peer environment to promote regional cooperation.</p>
TASK 11-3	<p>REGIONAL INITIATIVE</p> <p>The District will continue to work with the governments in its seven 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 then develop a means of approaching and solving these issues from a regional point of view.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff convened CMPDD's member Mayors, City Clerks, and County Administrators on a quarterly basis to identify topics of interest and to coordinate regional approaches to addressing common issues or concerns.</p>
TASK 11-4	<p>REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NETWORK</p> <p>The District will continue to provide the Greater Jackson Alliance of Mississippi with packaged uniform demographic data and industrial park maps. The Alliance currently includes economic development organizations in Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, and Warren Counties.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to maintain and update the industrial park maps for over forty industrial sites in Central and Southwest Mississippi. The District continues to maintain an interactive mapping tool for the Southwest Mississippi Partnership that allows prospects to look at available infrastructure, utility lines, lot lines, existing buildings, floodways, and topography elevations from the comfort of their office while they are browsing the internet for possible locations or while they are on a conference call with one of the local economic development offices.</p>
TASK 11-5	<p>LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE</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, Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS), and the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) when beneficial to member governments.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff monitored legislative issues affecting the Planning and Development Districts, municipalities, and counties. District staff also worked closely with MML and MAS to present beneficial information to local governments. In addition, District staff attended a regional MAS Legislative Committee meeting at the State Capitol in March to discuss proposed legislation affecting counties.</p>

TASK 11-6	<p>CATALOGING AND DIGITIZING INDUSTRIAL PARKS</p> <p>The District, working with local economic development agencies as well as the Southwest Mississippi Partnership, will continue to maintain and expand its current inventory of industrial parks. In addition, the District will maintain a statistical datasheet on each site which will outline the available utilities and nearest modes of transportation. The District will institute a web-based, mapping application for each park where users can utilize interactive mapping technology to zoom, pan, select base maps, and pick viewable layers based on needs.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>The District continues to work with local economic development partners to maintain and expand the District's inventory of industrial sites and parks. The District maintains an interactive mapping tool for the Southwest Mississippi Partnership and each of its partners that allows prospects to look at available infrastructure, utility lines, lot lines, existing buildings, floodways, and topography elevations from the comfort of their office while they are browsing the internet for possible locations or while they are on a conference call with one of the local economic development offices.</p>
TASK 11-7	<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT-WIDE GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS</p> <p>The District will provide technical assistance to the Central Mississippi Mayors Association, City Clerks, and County Administrators. District staff will also assist in coordinating meetings to be held on a regular basis at District headquarters.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>District staff assisted in coordinating meetings held on a regular basis at the District headquarters with the Central Mississippi Mayors Association, City Clerks, County Administrators, and Chancery Clerks.</p>
TASK 11-8	<p>USE OF MODELS AND EXAMPLES</p> <p>The District will 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, 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>District staff maintained relationships and participated in workshops, conferences, and webinars with MML, MAS, MAPDD, AMPO, NADO, and NARC to facilitate an exchange of ideas beneficial to CMPDD's member governments.</p>

TASK 11-9	<p>CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM</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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff continue to coordinate the efforts of the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD) to provide CMO credits to municipal officials during the MAPDD Annual Conference to be held in April, 2014. Two (2) CMO credits will be available for those that attend the conference. Furthermore, the District aims to educate officials through meetings held at the District, such as Central Mississippi Mayors Association meetings and regional Mississippi Municipal League and Mississippi Association of Supervisors' meetings.</p>
TASK 11-10	<p>MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF INFORMATION</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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District is a data affiliate of the U.S. Census Bureau and as such is one of the first entities in the state to receive census data from the 2010 Census, which the District maintains and makes available to its member governments. In addition, the District continues to utilize Business Analyst Online from Environmental Systems Research Institute, a national GIS software provider, to supplement data needed in various planning applications and systems.</p>
TASK 11-11	<p>LOCAL/REGIONAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS</p> <p>Activities associated with this Task are incorporated into the responsibilities of the Regional Data Center. See TASK 13-4.</p>
TASK 11-12	<p>BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION</p> <p>Activities associated with this Task are incorporated into the responsibilities of the Regional Data Center. See TASK 13-6.</p>

TASK 11-13	<p data-bbox="381 174 776 201">TECHNOLOGY COORDINATION</p> <p data-bbox="381 237 1377 323">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 data-bbox="381 329 1422 1041" style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Provide network administration by maintaining server backups, user profiles, and system security. ▶ Provide technical specifications based on request for equipment purchases. ▶ Maintain CMPDD's email address listing. ▶ Maintain equipment inventory. ▶ Service and maintain non-warranty equipment and act as the central point for procurement of equipment maintenance. ▶ Keep a service log on equipment. ▶ Maintain inventory of surplus working equipment. ▶ Maintain a library of CMPDD software. ▶ Attend software and/or hardware training courses. ▶ Provide training as requested on software. ▶ Redesign and maintain CMPDD web page and update data as needed. ▶ Designing and maintaining web sites for members and other entities within the District's seven county area . ▶ Assist in maintaining other hosted web pages. ▶ Participate in conferences including, but not limited to, the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Conference, Windows training, and web design training. ▶ Research alternatives for telephones, network, Internet access, and email. ▶ Maintain lists of troubleshooting procedures for Internet, email, and local computer problems. ▶ Maintain the centralized area for the District server, backup system, switches, and router. <p data-bbox="381 1077 651 1104">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="381 1108 1422 1260">District staff perform computer systems administration on a daily basis by maintaining data backups, e-mail, and network users. Technical assistance is provided to CMPDD staff by developing technical specifications on any equipment purchases, installing new equipment, maintaining computer software and hardware, problem solving, and maintaining the District's and other hosted websites and email.</p> <p data-bbox="381 1295 1382 1381">During the first half of FY 2015, the District continued to make enhancements to the CMPDD website that provide a more comprehensive and user friendly experience. In addition, District staff continued to provide maintenance for existing websites hosted through CMPDD.</p>
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TASK 11-14	<p>MAPPING SUPPORT</p> <p>The District will provide up-datable, 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, the Mississippi Municipal League, the Central Mississippi GIS Technical Users Group and the Mississippi Association for Spatial Technologies (MAST).</p> <p>The District will continue to work with economic development offices in preparing GIS site plan data for industrial and major commercial areas.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continued to update base maps throughout the District with the acquisition of updated parcel maps and subdivision plats. Also, the District updated city limit files for the Town of Terry, the only recent annexation in the District. The District prepared numerous report maps for the Community Development Block Grant Program applications. The District also continued to maintain an urban area base map in the ongoing effort to keep current on transportation planning and surveillance activities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization focusing on JATLAN routes, sidewalks and bikeways. District staff continue to attend statewide meetings and speak at conferences in regard to GIS coordination, outreach and training.</p>
TASK 11-15	<p>MAPPING AVAILABILITY</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 or plots for all current coverage will continue, in addition to serving up basic map products on the District's website.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to provide both hard copy and web-based mapping products and services to city and county officials, political candidates, marketing specialists, and the general public.</p>

TASK 11-16	<p>ADDRESS RANGE MAP IMPROVEMENT FOR JACKSON URBANIZED AREA</p> <p>The District will continue to improve the quality of address-range maps to be used by the U.S. Census Bureau by coordinating data exchange between local governments and the Census Bureaus mapping office/contractors. Additionally, the District will continue to urge and assist local area mapping officials to transmit any and all map and address information to the Census Bureau.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District worked very closely with Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties regarding updating and making available address range data.</p>
TASK 11-17	<p>PROMOTE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM ACTIVITIES</p> <p>COMPDD will continue to encourage and assist local governments in establishing Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities through the Central Mississippi Technical Users Group. This group gathers to discuss GIS problems, opportunities, and other related issues to provide a forum to better establish rapport between and among GIS users on a local level. In addition the District will provide guidance and assistance to the Mississippi Association of Supervisors and the Mississippi Municipal League regarding GIS issues.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District was not able to convene the Central Mississippi Technical Users Group during the first half of the fiscal year; however, plans are underway to hold a meeting during late summer of this year.</p>
TASK 11-18	<p>MISSISSIPPI COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR REMOTE SENSING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MCCRSGIS)</p> <p>District staff will serve by appointment of the Governor to represent the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts' (MAPDD) interests and concerns on state-level GIS activities. 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.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to serve on the MCCRSGIS, thereby keeping abreast on a state level of GIS activities affecting local governments and MAPDD.</p>
TASK 11-19	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF WEB-BASED MAPPING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</p> <p>The District will continue to develop, host and enhance recently added web-based mapping application capabilities using COMPDD virtual server technology and ArcGIS server software solutions to provide innovative interactive mapping products and services to clients.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to provide updates and incorporate improvements to the existing web-based viewers as required. In addition, the District produced a Traffic Count Viewer, and a JATRAN route viewer which is currently under review. The District also performed a major update to the Bikeways and Pedestrian Viewer, as well as the Traffic Analysis Zone Viewer for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.</p>

TASK 11-20	<p>CENTCOM</p> <p>CentCom is a service provided by CMPDD to its member governments that offers website and email hosting at an affordable price. Communication and marketing through email and websites have become important tools for local governments to reach out to its citizens and the world. Having a website can also improve day-to-day operations by making available general information, permit applications, registration forms, regulations and ordinances, and other applications to improve access to local government by its citizens. CentCom’s goal is to provide member governments with a low-cost alternative to meeting their email and web hosting needs, as well as website design.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This is an ongoing activity of CMPDD. During the first half of Fiscal Year 2014-2015, District staff continued to provide technical support and assistance to CentCom clients with website updates and troubleshooting email issues.</p>
TASK 11-21	<p>CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION</p> <p>The Central Mississippi Public Improvement Corporation (CMPIC) is a corporation established by CMPDD to assist local governments within the service area with acquiring, financing, constructing, reconstructing, remodeling, enlarging, altering, repairing, operating, managing, leasing, selling or otherwise disposing of any buildings, equipment, or other facilities that may be useful to or useable by local governments in the CMPDD service area.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: During the first half of Fiscal Year 2015, the CMPIC staff continued to provide assistance to ongoing projects in the Cities of Pearl and Richland, and Copiah County.</p>
TASK 11-22	<p>SOUTHWEST MISSISSIPPI PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>The District will provide the Southwest Mississippi Partnership with packaged uniform demographic data and industrial park maps. The partnership currently includes economic development organizations in the counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to work with the Southwest Mississippi Partnership to collect industrial park data and information. With the data collection, the District is in the process of creating a mapping viewer for the Partnership where users can utilize interactive mapping technology to zoom, pan, select base maps, and pick viewable layers based on needs.</p>

REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 9,258	\$ -0-
Indirect	3,138	-0-
Contractual	<u>12,604</u>	<u>15,335</u>
TOTAL	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,335

SOURCES

Miscellaneous Income	\$ -0-	\$ 960
Assessments - General	<u>25,000</u>	<u>12,835</u>
TOTAL	\$ 25,000	\$ 13,795

Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures (\$ 1,540)

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.

NEED	All cities and counties have a need for proper planning as good planning fosters good development. These projects are conducted to ensure that communities meet state law requirements for comprehensive planning.
BENEFITS	Meets the requirements of state law on comprehensive planning and allows the needs of the community to be met while providing for orderly growth.
TASK 12-1	<p>CITY OF BRANDON</p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance, as needed, to the City regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to provide technical assistance to the City of Brandon regarding planning and zoning related issues as needed.</p>
TASK 12-2	<p>CITY OF CANTON</p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance to the City regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District is in the process of producing a Master Plan to upgrade Saab Park. The Plan includes adding some features to make the park more user-friendly and appeal to a wider range of people.</p>
TASK 12-3	<p>CITY OF FLORENCE</p> <p>The District will finalize the update of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District has completed the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.</p>
TASK 12-4	<p>CITY OF MADISON</p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance to the City regarding zoning and planning-related matters as needed.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District has submitted a proposal to the City to update their Comprehensive Plan in Fiscal Year 2016.</p>

TASK 12-5	<p>TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE</p> <p>The District will update the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and revise their Zoning Ordinance based upon the updated Comprehensive Plan. The District will also continue providing technical assistance to the Town regarding zoning and planning-related matters under a technical assistance contract.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to work on the update of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.</p>
TASK 12-6	<p>CITY OF RICHLAND</p> <p>The District will complete preparation of new Subdivision Regulations.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District completed the preparation of the City’s new Subdivision Regulations and will soon submit it to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for review and consideration for adoption.</p>
TASK 12-7	<p>TOWN OF TERRY</p> <p>The District will complete an update of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and provide zoning technical assistance as needed.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District has completed its update of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and the Town’s zoning map will soon be updated.</p>
TASK 12-8	<p>CITY OF VICKSBURG</p> <p>The District will complete an update of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District has completed the update of the Vicksburg Comprehensive Plan and adoption of the Plan is expected soon. Also, the District entered into a technical assistance contract with the City to provide planning and zoning-related assistance, as needed. Under that contract the District has completed a study of the City Fire Department’s fire service coverage areas to determine areas needing greater coverage.</p>
TASK 12-9	<p>CITY OF YAZOO CITY</p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance, as needed, to the City regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District completed an amendment to “Noncomities” section of the City’s Zoning Ordinance. A new sign ordinance is in progress.</p>
TASK 12-10	<p>MADISON COUNTY</p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance, as needed, to the County regarding zoning and planning-related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District has not been requested to provide technical assistance as of this date.</p>

TASK 12-11	<p>RANKIN COUNTY</p> <p>The District will continue providing technical assistance to the County regarding zoning and planning related matters under an existing technical assistance contract.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to provide technical assistance to Rankin County regarding planning and zoning related issues as needed.</p>
TASK 12-12	<p>PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT</p> <p>The District will make itself available to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD) to provide assistance with the implementation of it's Master Plan or to provide technical assistance on an as needed basis.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Staff continue to provide limited technical assistance related to the implementation of the Plan</p>
TASK 12-13	<p>RANKIN FIRST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to work with Rankin First to update and maintain the list of available buildings in the county. Once gathered, the information is entered into an on-line database, which allows prospects to search for available property.</p>
TASK 12-14	<p>REDISTRICTING PLANS</p> <p>The Decennial Census was conducted in April 2010 and it prompted municipalities and counties to review existing voting boundaries to ensure their compliance with the "one person - one vote" requirement of the Department of Justice. The District will continue to work with its municipal and county governments in advising them of their need to redistrict to meet these Justice Department guidelines. 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 into a contractual relationship and a new redistricting plan will be prepared.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Since the release of the Decennial Census, The District has prepared redistricting plans for six (6) counties and sixteen (16) municipalities.</p>

TASK 12-15	<p>HAZARD MITIGATION</p> <p>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. Furthermore, the District will serve as the liaison between local governments and State and Federal agencies regarding local Hazard Mitigation Plans. As needed, the District will work with local governments to make minor changes to existing plans as new problems arise over time before the mandatory five year update cycle. During this Fiscal Year, the District will begin working with local entities to revise their plans before the five year expiration date.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Over the last few months, CMPDD has worked with portions of Mississippi Emergency Management Agency’s (MEMA) District 5, which includes Claiborne, Hinds, Issaquena, Sharkey, and Simpson Counties, along with the Cities of Madison, Canton, Crystal Springs and the Town of Puckett, to develop a draft Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. In January, the Plan was submitted to MEMA for review and approval. Once approved, the plan will be considered for adoption by each participating jurisdiction. In addition, the District has signed contracts to assist Copiah County and the City of Brandon with the update of their Mitigation Plans over the next 12-months.</p> <p>Furthermore, CMPDD assisted the Town of Pelahatchie with a Hazard Mitigation Grant application. The application, which was recently approved for funding, includes the construction of a 3,500 square foot Community Storm Shelter in Milltown Park. The facility once complete, will provide a safe place for residents to go to during severe weather, or as a distribution site during recovery efforts. The shelter will be constructed according to Federal Emergency Management Agency 361 storm shelter requirements, and will be able to withstand 250 mph winds.</p>
TASK 12-16	<p>STATEWIDE PLANNING SUPPORT</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>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Currently, the District does not have any contracts for planning support outside of CMPDD’s area.</p>

TASK 12-17	<p data-bbox="381 174 771 201">HEALTH CARE MASTER PLANS</p> <p data-bbox="381 237 1396 323">For a county to qualify as a Health Care Zone, it must be part of a three county contiguous area that contains a minimum of 375 or more acute care hospital beds or it must be able to demonstrate a minimum investment of \$250 million in a hospital since July 1, 2012.</p> <p data-bbox="381 329 1409 543">Additionally, the Health Care Zone must encompass an area within a 5-mile radius of a hospital with a certificate of need. For a county failing to meet the Health Care Zone qualifications as defined above, a master plan must be developed by an AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) certified planner with work experience in Mississippi. A Health Care Master Plan is designed to be economic development tool for communities to follow in order to facilitate health care job creation and wealth. CMPDD has AICP certified planners on staff and is available to assist local governments with the development and preparation of Health Care Master Plans.</p> <p data-bbox="381 579 651 606">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="381 613 1417 758">District staff have completed the Simpson County Health Care Zone Master Plan for the Simpson County Economic Development Foundation. Staff continue to offer technical assistance to the Foundation, the Cities of Magee and Mendenhall, and Simpson County with the implementation of the Master Plan. District staff are available to assist other local governments or development agencies on the development of Health Care Zone Master Plans.</p>
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LOCAL PLANNING PROJECTS BUDGET

EXPENSES	ANNUAL BUDGET	AS OF 03/31/2015
Personnel	\$ 164,679	\$ 65,616
Indirect	55,814	23,110
Meetings	15,000	1,614
Dues, Memberships & Subscriptions	1,000	-0-
Contractual	15,000	2,275
Supplies	5,000	90
Unprogrammed	16,577	-0-
Communications	15,000	4,680
Travel	15,000	530
Printing	5,000	-0-
Miscellaneous	<u>930</u>	<u>1,878</u>
TOTAL	\$ 309,000	\$ 99,792
 <u>SOURCES</u>		
Contracts	<u>\$ 309,000</u>	<u>\$ 450,044</u>
TOTAL	\$ 309,000	\$ 450,044
 Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		 \$ 350,252

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 with database development being extremely time consuming.

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 good information available for decision making is even more important to efficiently utilize limited resources.
TASK 13-1	<p>MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION</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 can serve 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to compile data collected from local sources to pair with national and statewide data to give its planners and membership the most up-to-date and comprehensive information possible.</p>

TASK 13-2	<p>DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION</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 to CMPDD to provide on-line access to demographic data, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and traffic counts.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Through the District's updated website, the public is now provided with easy access to useful data. CMPDD provides comprehensive census, demographic, and economic data reports for all municipalities and counties within its seven-county area. The District's new interactive data viewers provide the public current physical and political boundaries (such as precincts, parcels, floodplains, school districts, etc.).</p>
TASK 13-3	<p>RADIAL SEARCH</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.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Using the Business Analyst Online program, the District is able to quickly provide a comprehensive data report – including Census, American Community Survey, and demographic and economic data – for radial geographies, drive time analysis geographies, as well as specific requested geographies.</p>

TASK-13-4	<p>LOCAL/REGIONAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS</p> <p>The District will provide, as needed, local economic studies including feasibility studies, tax studies, and economic impact analyses. The economic impact studies will be completed through the use of economic impact modeling software. The software assists in the development of a report determining the impact of companies moving in and out of a region. The report will show the direct and indirect economic impacts of a business including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Number of new direct and indirect jobs created, ▶ Salaries to be paid to these workers, ▶ Number of new residents expected in the area, ▶ Taxable sales expected in the area, ▶ Additional residential and commercial property added to local tax rolls, and ▶ Other applicable impacts. <p>The report 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>The District continues to maintain its partnership with Dr. Brian Richard, a former CMPDD employee who is now a Senior Research Associate at Northern Illinois University, to assist the District in conducting economic impact studies. The District, with the assistance of Dr. Richard, conducts economic impact studies for specific projects using input-output modeling to calculate the indirect impacts of economic activities including spin-off employment for new or existing facilities and tourism activity. The results show the total number of jobs, personal income, and business activity created based on a specific project. In addition, based on primary impacts the overall direct and indirect impacts can also be estimated using employment and personal income.</p>
TASK 13-5	<p>CENSUS</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 web-site.</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.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>The District continues to update its website and data collection with current census information for its seven-county area. District staff also stay up to date on the newest releases and applications of census information for GIS purposes by attending the census trainings and the State Data Center workshops.</p>

TASK 13-6	<p>BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION</p> <p>The District will continue a process aimed at providing more 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>Through the use of the Business Analysis Online tool, the District is able to provide detailed Census and American Community Survey information for all levels of geographies. Also, detailed economic projections, as well as business summaries broken down by both NAICS codes and SIC codes, can be provided.</p>
TASK 13-7	<p>GEO-BASED SMALL AREA POPULATION PROJECTIONS</p> <p>The District will provide more 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>The District continued to provide detailed and accurate small area projections of population for use in local transportation planning, comprehensive planning, school planning, and business location planning.</p>

TASK 13-8	<p data-bbox="381 174 1016 201">MAINTENANCE OF TRANSPORTATION DATA BASE</p> <p data-bbox="381 235 1390 354">During FY 2015, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will continue to collect and maintain computerized maps of other cities and unincorporated portions of the Metropolitan Planning Area, including the entire five-county area (Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, and Simpson Counties) that now constitutes the boundaries of the Transportation Planning Process.</p> <p data-bbox="381 392 1390 480">Section 450.322 (e) of the Final Rule states: “In updating the transportation plan, the MPO will base the update (of the LRTP) on the latest available estimates and assumptions for population, land use, travel, employment, congestion, and economic activity (emphasis added).”</p> <p data-bbox="381 485 1406 573">Accordingly, the computerized maps described above will provide the foundation for continued maintenance of areawide transportation-related databases. This database will be used to monitor urban development and transportation indicators.</p> <p data-bbox="381 611 1406 730">Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff will work with the National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center (NSPARC) at Mississippi State University to develop a system for continually monitoring urban development and transportation indicators. In order to assist in the development of this system, consultants may be retained by the MPO.</p> <p data-bbox="381 768 1390 888">In addition, MPO staff will continue gathering local land use data to be used in forecasting land development projections to be used in the Transportation Plan Update. This land use data in conjunction with transportation indicators will be used to project model input data (population, housing, employment, and school enrollment).</p> <p data-bbox="381 926 651 953">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="381 957 1390 1161">The District compiled detailed economic and demographic data for the traffic analysis zones (TAZ’s) for use in the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. This data was aggregated in coordination with Neel Schaffer, Inc., the statewide consultant for long range transportation planning, using control totals to guide the estimates and projections TAZ to be used in the Transportation Plan Update traffic modeling process. This data is based on area land use plans and a proposed build out methodology to derive traffic loading projections aimed at predicting traffic patterns in the five county MPO planning area.</p>
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REGIONAL DATA CENTER BUDGET

EXPENSES	ANNUAL BUDGET	AS OF 03/31/2015
Personnel	\$ 314,438	\$ 192,372
Indirect	106,571	67,753
Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions	1,000	-0-
Contractual	100,000	-0-
Equipment	75,000	-0-
Computer Related	50,000	-0-
Unprogrammed	269,491	-0-
Miscellaneous	10,000	-0-
TOTAL	\$ 926,500	\$ 260,125
 <u>SOURCES</u>		
Federal	\$ 741,200	\$ 69,562
State	86,900	7,729
Assessments	21,952	17,410
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TOTAL	\$ 926,500	\$ 94,701
 Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		 (\$ 165,424)

ROJECT: **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

PROJECT NUMBER: **14**

DESCRIPTION: The District is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which now includes Copiah and Simpson Counties, as well as Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. As the MPO, the District is responsible for directing a federally-mandated Transportation Planning Process. Federal regulations require that all “urbanized areas” (cities with populations of 50,000 or more plus the surrounding closely settled area) have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive Transportation Planning Process. The *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)*, passed by Congress in July 2012, continued the enhanced role of local governments in planning and selecting transportation projects in metropolitan areas that was established under the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century-A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)* and previous transportation re-authorization acts.

TASK 14-1	<p>TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MANAGEMENT</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2014-2015, 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, and planning work schedules; and activities associated with meetings of the Intermodal Technical Committee and the Metropolitan Planning Organization.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Meetings of the Intermodal Technical Committee were held on November 5, 2014 and February 4, 2015. Meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee were held on November 12, 2014 and on February 11, 2015. A meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities subcommittee was held on February 4, 2015. Items on the agenda for those meetings included: the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Long Range Transportation Plan</i> update; presentations on the Mississippi Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) Safety Circuit Rider Program and Local Technical Assistance Program; a presentation on the status of air quality attainment in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA); a discussion of ideas for improving the flow of transportation funding to support needed projects; and discussion concerning the Local Public Agency (LPA) process. Quarterly progress reports were also prepared and submitted to MDOT.</p>
TASK 14-2	<p>PREPARATION/REVISION OF PROSPECTUS AND UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM</p> <p>The passage of the <i>Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)</i> will result in the issuance of revised Federal Transportation Planning Regulations, which will necessitate revisions to the <i>Prospectus</i> for the Jackson Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning Process. Accordingly, District staff will draft revisions to that document resulting from the issuance of new Transportation Planning Regulations and to address other issues that arise in the planning process during Fiscal Year 2015. Also, the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 <i>Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)</i> will be amended when deemed necessary by CMPDD. A new Fiscal Year 2017-2018 UPWP will be prepared during the last quarter of FY 2016 for approval by the MPO.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: No amendments to the <i>Prospectus</i> or the <i>Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)</i> for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 were necessary during the first half of Fiscal Year 2015.</p>

TASK 14-3	<p data-bbox="381 174 1386 233">AMENDMENTS TO THE PARTICIPATION PLAN AND ALL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/ INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES</p> <p data-bbox="381 268 1414 512">During Fiscal Year 2014, the MPO staff, in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Federal Highway and Transit Administrations, as well as other participants in the Transportation Planning Process, prepared amendments to the MPO’s existing Participation Plan. District staff and others will continually monitor the effectiveness of the Participation Plan and modify it as necessary to expand its usefulness as a tool to encourage public and interested party input during Fiscal Year 2015. In addition, the Participation Plan will be updated during Fiscal Year 2015 to meet any additional guidance included in the <i>Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)</i> federal transportation legislation.</p> <p data-bbox="381 548 651 573">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="381 579 1403 856">District staff drafted articles for the District’s newsletter, the <u>Central Update</u>, regarding transportation planning-related activities. Staff responded to public comments received concerning the development of the <i>2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)</i>. Public notices were published in both the <u>Clarion Ledger</u> and the <u>Jackson Advocate</u> newspapers informing the public of the <i>2040 Long Range Transportation Plan</i> Kick-Off meeting which is scheduled to be held at CMPDD on April 2, 2015. As an additional public outreach tool for the development of the 2040 LRTP, the MPO and MDOT have been using a website called Mind Mixer to gather public comments. This site can be accessed at http://mississippitransportationplan.mindmixer.com</p> <p data-bbox="381 888 1411 1003">District staff have been updating the Transportation section of the District’s website, www.cmpdd.org, and have also been developing new transportation-related interactive viewers. The updated website and new viewers will be completed and published during the second half of Fiscal Year 2015.</p> <p data-bbox="381 1037 1308 1096">There were no amendments to the Participation Plan for the Jackson Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning Process during the first half of this fiscal year.</p>
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<p>TASK 14-4</p>	<p>BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF 2040 STREETS AND HIGHWAYS PLAN ELEMENT OF LRTP; CONTINUE PREPARATION OF LOCAL PLANS</p> <p>The District, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), the City of Jackson’s Department of Planning and Development-Transit Services Division, and other participants in the Transportation Planning Process will begin an update of the <i>2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan</i> during FY 2014, to be completed by or before December 31, 2015. As part of the development of the Streets and Highways Plan element of the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan</i>, District staff will continue assisting local governments in the preparation of Comprehensive Plans, including Land Use Plans, local Transportation Plans, and Public Facilities Plans (especially, the public schools element of those plans on which to base school enrollment projections for the LRTP). District staff will use these local plans and previously prepared plans (especially the Land Use Plans) to begin to develop forecasts of population, dwelling units, employment, and school enrollment (from local Public Facilities Plans) by Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) in ten year increments: 2020, 2030, and 2040. In corporation with MDOT, the MPO will retain a consultant to assist the District in updating the LRTP, including the application of a traffic simulation model to the foregoing demographic projection to forecast travel demand on streets and highways in the study area of the LRTP. Ultimately, listings of proposed street and highway improvements will be prepared based in part upon the travel demand forecasts.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff completed the development of forecast data for the Streets and Highways element of the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Long Range Transportation Plan</i> update to be used in the traffic simulation model for forecasting future travel demand in the Jackson Urbanized Area. MPO staff continued preparation of local Land Use Plans and local Transportation Plans for the Cities of Florence, Pelahatchie, Raymond, and Terry.</p>
<p>TASK 14-5</p>	<p>UPDATE OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ELEMENT OF THE LRTP</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2015, District staff will update the <i>Jackson Urbanized Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan</i> adopted in March, 2011. This update, which will be part of the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan</i> and must be completed by December 31, 2015, will prioritize projects and include cost estimates and potential funding sources for proposed new or upgraded bicycle or pedestrian facilities. District staff members will also amend and refine that plan as needed. To meet the new requirements found in Section 134, USC, as amended by MAP-21, MPO staff will develop performance measures and performance targets for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities element of the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan</i>.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: A meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee was held on February 4, 2015. Items on the agenda included a discussion of the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan</i> update and a discussion about the 2015 Bike Walk Summit. Another meeting of this Subcommittee is scheduled for August 5, 2015. District staff members continue to serve on and/or support various bicycle and pedestrian organizations in the Jackson Urbanized Area. District staff have reached out to and/or met with each Local Public Agency (LPA) in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) to solicit input and proposed projects for the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan</i>. District staff members have been updating this document to have a draft version ready for public review and comment prior to its consideration for adoption at the end of calendar year 2015.</p>

TASK 14-6	<p>TRANSIT PLANNING ELEMENT OF THE LRTP</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2015, District staff will update the Transit Plan Element of the <i>2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan</i> adopted in March, 2011. The Transit Plan Element must be completed by December 31, 2015. The Transit Element of the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan</i> will analyze and focus on identify the availability of transit services in the Jackson Urbanized Area; the demand and needs to expand existing services; and potential expansion routes for the transit system outside of the City of Jackson.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff continue to work with the City of Jackson’s Transit Division and assist them in operating the City’s transit program. District staff continued development of a map viewer that will contain all current JATLAN transit stops and route locations. The District will also produce pdf versions of each transit route location and publish them along with the viewer on the District’s website, www.cmpdd.org, once completed. In addition, District staff members have been working with the <i>2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (2040 LRTP)</i> consultants and the City of Jackson’s planning division to develop the Transit element for the 2040 LRTP.</p>
TASK 14-7	<p>TRANSPORTATION SAFETY, SECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION ELEMENT OF THE LRTP</p> <p>The District will update the traffic safety element of the LRTP, including compilation of data from MDOT’s Safety Management Analysis System (SAMS) regarding traffic accident numbers, causes, and locations and make recommendations on ways to reduce traffic accidents in the Jackson Urbanized Area. The District will cooperate with MDOT in developing performance measures and targets to examine over a period of time the effectiveness of strategies recommended to improve the safety of streets and highways in the area. The District will work with MDOT’s Planning Division and local communities to identify street and highway bridges that are most vulnerable to terrorist threats or vandalism. The District will also work with MDOT’s Office of Intermodal Planning-Division of Freight, Rails, Ports and Waterways, and local communities to identify potential threats to rail infrastructure. Additionally, the District will begin to update the Environmental Mitigation Analysis performed as part of Volume V of the LRTP. This will include an examination of potential impacts of the transportation improvements proposed in the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan</i> upon the following: wetlands; threatened and endangered species of plants and animals; properties on the National Register of Historic Places; and Environmental Justice concerns. Where potential impacts are detected, the MPO will recommend performance measures and targets to mitigate such impacts.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: During the first half of FY 2015, District staff coordinated efforts with the LRTP consultants to begin development of the Traffic Safety, Security and Environmental Mitigation element for the 2040 LRTP.</p>

TASK 14-8	<p>FREIGHT PLANNING ELEMENT OF THE LRTP</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2015, the District will continue to evaluate the needs for freight planning in the Jackson Urbanized Area. The MPO will continue to work collaboratively with MDOT as they develop the State Freight Plan. After the development of a State Freight Plan, the MPO will review the State plan and determine if a plan specific to the Jackson Urbanized Area is needed. However, MAP-21 does not require the Jackson MPO to have a Freight specific plan.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff members have attended Federal Highway Administration sponsored webinars to better understand freight planning requirements. Additionally, a District staff member serves on and works collaboratively with the Mississippi Freight Advisory Committee. As part of the Mississippi Freight Advisory Committee, District staff provided input and participated in the development of the Mississippi Statewide Freight Plan.</p>
TASK 14-9	<p>PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ELEMENT OF THE LRTP</p> <p>The District uses its Pavement Management System to collect data on road conditions in the three-county metropolitan area on a three-year cyclical basis—that is, one county each year for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin counties. During FY 2014, District staff will complete a re-inventory all non-State maintained arterial and collector facilities in Rankin County. Each year a new prioritized list of management needs will be developed based upon the latest available data from each county. The data is collected using a windshield survey method in which District staff complete a visual inspection of the arterial and collector facilities and the data is then input into the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) software. The RSMS software completes an analysis of the data and assigns a numeric value, called a pavement condition index (PCI) score/value, to each road segment based on its condition. The lower the PCI value, the worse the condition of the roadway segment. Presently, the Pavement Management System for the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) is reassessed annually. Each of the three counties, (Hinds, Madison, and Rankin) in the JUA, is reassessed every third year to determine pavement improvements and degradation since the prior assessment. This meets the requirement established in Section 134, USC, as amended by MAP-21, to develop performance measures. Performance targets will be developed for the Pavement Management System to meet the new requirements.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff will complete an update of the Pavement Management System for the functionally classified roadways in Rankin County during the summer of Fiscal Year 2015.</p>
TASK 14-10	<p>FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE LRTP</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2015, the District, the City of Jackson as the transit operator, and MDOT will begin preparation of a Financial Plan for the <i>2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan</i>, which must be completed by December 31, 2015.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: No amendments to the Financial Plan of the LRTP were needed during the first half of FY 2015. However, an update of the financial plan for the LRTP is currently underway and will be available for public review and comment by the end of calendar year 2015.</p>

<p>TASK 14-11</p>	<p>PREPARATION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2015, additional administrative modifications and amendments to the <i>Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019</i> will be submitted to the MPO for consideration as needed. It is anticipated that during the summer of 2016, the District, MDOT, the City of Jackson as the transit operator and others will begin preparation of a TIP for Fiscal Years 2017-2021.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: There were no amendments proposed to the <i>Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2015-2019</i> during the first half of FY 2015. However, an administrative modification was processed at the request of MDOT. District staff attended two (2) TIP project update meetings with the FHWA, MDOT, and various LPA's in November 2014 and February 2015.</p>
<p>TASK 14-12</p>	<p>DATA MAINTENANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING, CONGESTION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES ELEMENT OF THE LRTP</p> <p>The <i>2035 Jackson Urbanized Area's Transportation Plan Volume IV, Congestion Management Process</i> adopted by the MPO in March 2011, contained three measures of traffic congestion: (1) 24-hour volume-to-capacity ratios; (2) congestion duration factors, which measured the amount of delay time experienced during peak hours versus non-peak hours; and (3) level of service (LOS), which assigned an LOS for six levels, ranging from LOS A to LOS F. During Fiscal Year 2015, District staff in cooperation with MDOT and other transportation planning process participants, will begin to update the Congestion Management Process for the Jackson Urbanized Area report with the latest findings from the congestion monitoring efforts. The updated report will identify current causes of congestion, propose congestion management strategies to be used to mitigate the identified congestion deficiencies in the roadway network, and identify which areas saw a reduction in congestion since the previous study was conducted.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: There were no amendments proposed to the <i>2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan Volume IV Congestion Management Process</i> during the first half of Fiscal Year 2015. District staff collected traffic congestion data for the Congestion Management Process study for the <i>2040 Long Range Transportation Plan</i> update and will prepare a draft version ready for public review and comment prior to consideration of its adoption at the end of calendar year 2015.</p>

TASK 14-13	<p>EVALUATION OF RIDESHARING AS A CONGESTION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2015, the District will continue to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a web-based ridesharing program. Much will depend upon the price of gasoline during that time frame. If research indicates that a ridesharing program would be effective and useful, the District will initiate a ridesharing program for the seven-county area that CMPDD serves, including the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) of Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, and Simpson Counties, plus Warren and Yazoo Counties. Eligible users of the service must have an origin and/or a destination located in the Jackson Metropolitan Area. The District will use a system to match potential carpoolers and vanpoolers. As part of the ridesharing program, District staff will coordinate with major employers in the region to build a rideshare database and promote the ridesharing program through public outreach activities. This will be a free ride matching service allowing users to obtain a match in real time and will facilitate electronic communication with selected matches.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff members continue to monitor the need for developing a ridesharing program in the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), however, at this time there is not a great demand to implement a program of this nature.</p>
TASK 14-14	<p>MAINTENANCE OF TRANSPORTATION DATABASE</p> <p>During FY 2015, District staff will continue to develop the Transportation Analysis interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) map viewer on the CMPDD web-based mapping portal. District staff will continue to collect and maintain computerized maps of other cities and unincorporated portions of the Metropolitan Planning Area, including the entire five-county area (Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, and Simpson Counties) that now constitutes the boundaries of the Transportation Planning Process. District staff will continue working with the National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center (NSPARC) at Mississippi State University to develop a system for updating the urban development and transportation indicators. In order to assist in the development of this system, consultants may be retained by the District.</p> <p>In addition MPO staff will continue gathering local land use data to be used in forecasting land development projections to be used in the Transportation Plan Update. This land use data in conjunction with transportation indicators will be used to project model input data (population, housing, employment and school enrollment).</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District's GIS staff continued preparation/revision of updated base maps for the communities of Florence, Pelahatchie, Raymond and Terry in connection with the development of Comprehensive Plans for those communities. MPO staff continued to maintain and update existing transportation viewers on the District's website, www.cmpdd.org, and have been working to develop additional transportation viewers that will improve the dissemination of transportation information to users of the site.</p>

TASK 14-15	<p data-bbox="381 174 1068 201">METROPOLITAN AREA TRAFFIC COUNTING PROGRAM</p> <p data-bbox="381 237 1414 546">During FY 2015, District staff will continue the Metropolitan Traffic Counting Program initiated during FY 2004. Traffic counters will be deployed by District staff on selected arterial and collector streets and roads in the entire Metropolitan Planning Area, including Hinds, Madison, and Rankin counties, and on an as-requested only basis in Copiah and Simpson Counties. The District will continue to coordinate these traffic counts with counts performed by MDOT and local governments in order to avoid a duplication of effort. District staff will place the traffic counts on the CMPDD website. Traffic counts performed through this program will provide supporting data for each Long-Range Transportation Plan update and the Congestion Management Process. The District will also continue performing traffic counts as requested by local member governments.</p> <p data-bbox="381 581 654 609">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="381 615 1414 699">Traffic count data for Rankin County was collected during the first half of FY 2015. In addition, District staff continued development of the traffic count viewer, which will be published on the District's website (www.cmpdd.org) once it is complete.</p>
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TASK 14-16	<p data-bbox="381 174 665 201">TRAINING ACTIVITIES</p> <p data-bbox="381 237 1380 422">During FY 2015, the professional and technical staff of the District will participate in training several courses and conferences, many of which will require out-of-state travel. All persons participating in these courses conferences are regularly employed in transportation planning-related functions of the MPO. The MPO will continue to provide information to MDOT in Quarterly Progress Reports relating to courses/conferences attended by MPO staff. The following is a list of training activities in which MPO staff may participate:</p> <ul data-bbox="381 426 1380 951" style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Conferences sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration. ▶ The Mississippi Transportation Institute conference sponsored by MDOT. ▶ Conferences sponsored by the American Planning Association (APA), the Mississippi Chapter of the American Planning Association, or other state APA chapters. ▶ Conferences sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts. ▶ Conferences of the Mississippi Municipal League and the Mississippi Association of Supervisors. ▶ Courses relating to various aspects of land use/transportation planning offered through various universities. ▶ Courses/conferences relating to Geographic Information Systems offered by ESRI (ARC/INFO). ▶ Courses/conferences offered by other transportation-related software vendors. ▶ Courses/conferences sponsored by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). ▶ Courses/conferences offered by the Transportation Research Board. <p data-bbox="381 984 652 1012">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="381 1016 1396 1073">District staff participated in the following conferences and training sessions during the first half of Fiscal Year 2015:</p> <ul data-bbox="381 1077 1396 1417" style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Asset Management training session in Jackson in October, 2014; ▶ Census training session in Oxford in October , 2014; ▶ Mississippi Municipal League Small Towns Conference in Hattiesburg in November, 2014; ▶ Mississippi Chapter of the American Planning Association conference in Tupelo in November, 2014; ▶ District staff provided a training course on Sign Retroreflectivity in Biloxi in December, 2014; ▶ Mississippi Association of Supervisors Mid-Winter Conference in Jackson in January, 2015; and ▶ MDOT’s Project Development Manual training session in Jackson in March, 2015. <p data-bbox="381 1451 1412 1635">District staff will continue to participate in training activities that enhance transportation planning capabilities. Staff will attend the MAPDD Annual Conference in Biloxi in April, 2015; the Bike Walk Summit in Jackson in April, 2015; the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Conference in Biloxi in June, 2015; and the Mississippi Municipal League Conference in Biloxi in June, 2015. Sign retroreflectivity training sessions will be provided by District staff in April and May 2015 in Yazoo City and Hattiesburg respectively.</p>
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TASK 14-17	<p data-bbox="381 163 1104 191">REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGN RETRO-REFLECTIVITY SYSTEM</p> <p data-bbox="381 226 1414 657">The Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Maintenance and Management Plan for the Jackson Urbanized Area was adopted in November 2011. The plan was proposed after working with several local governments to identify the method that best suits the needs of each municipality or county and included ease of use, cost effectiveness, secure and reliable, and other factors. Local government personnel have begun to inventory their signs and enter the collected data (sign type by location, date last replaced if known, and date proposed for replacement, etc.) into the CMPDD database. CMPDD personnel selected ITrac Signs as the best sign inventory software for establishing the regional sign retroreflectivity database and District staff will serve as technical support staff. CMPDD staff will provide training on the ITrac Signs software and on the use of the RoadVista 922 retroreflectometers. Once the initial inventory and sign reflectivity assessments have been completed, each local government will be responsible for replacing each sign failing to meet the minimum reflectivity requirements. Additionally, each local government will have an inventory of the signs that will soon fail to meet the minimum requirements and will be able to better track each sign in their jurisdiction for future planning purposes.</p> <p data-bbox="381 695 651 722">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="381 726 1398 934">District staff continued serving as technical support for the sign retroreflectivity program by fielding questions and providing assistance with other sign inventory issues, as needed, for each Local Public Agency (LPA) using the sign inventory system and retroreflectometer during the reporting period. District staff provided a training course, at the request of the MDOT, for the Sign Retroreflectivity Program in Biloxi in December, 2014 and at the Mississippi Association of Supervisor’s Mid-Winter Conference in Jackson in January, 2015. Additional training courses will take place in Yazoo City and Hattiesburg during the second half of FY 2015.</p>
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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 539,537	\$ 257,356
Indirect	182,863	90,641
Travel	148,000	1,970
Meetings	10,000	2,329
Dues, Memberships, and Subscriptions	3,000	2,499
Contractual Services	350,000	-0-
Equipment Lease/Rental	10,000	4,940
Supplies	10,000	79
Printing	2,000	110
Legal	2,500	873
Equipment	75,000	-0-
Unprogrammed	557,100	-0-
Computer Related	30,000	14,088
Miscellaneous	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$1,925,000	\$ 374,883
 <u>SOURCES</u>		
Federal	\$1,540,000	\$ 181,030
State	120,000	8,198
Assessments	105,330	52,652
Match Carryover	<u>159,670</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$1,925,000	\$ 241,880

PROJECT: **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
ACTIVITIES**

PROJECT NUMBER: **15**

DESCRIPTION: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is designed to aid in the development of viable communities that provide their residents with decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities. The three national objectives of the program are: (1) to benefit low and moderate income persons, (2) to aid in the prevention of slums and blight, and (3) to eliminate conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of a community.

NEED	There is a need in central Mississippi to improve infrastructure and housing, and to provide job opportunities in almost all communities and counties. The CDBG program is one of the few remaining federal programs available to municipalities and counties that provides funds to improve all of these things. The District has experienced staff to provide technical assistance with this program.
BENEFITS	Increased opportunities for jobs; safe and affordable housing; 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>APPLICATION PREPARATION</p> <p>Staff will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ General technical assistance to all local governments to inform them of CDBG program opportunities, eligible projects, deadlines, prioritizing needs, and suggest other sources of funding for matching CDBG grants. ▶ 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 engineer/architect to compile cost estimates and detailed information for proposed project, and serving as liaison between the local government and State and Federal agencies in connection with the proposed project. ▶ 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 project engineer/architect and state agencies to compile data demonstrating the need for the project activities, completing all necessary application forms, and provide for submission of the application to the State for review. ▶ Technical assistance to the local government when a site visit is requested by the State for the proposed project. <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>CMPDD hosted a CDBG Public Facilities (PF) workshop in February, 2015 for those local governments in its area that were interested in applying for a 2015 CDBG PF funds.</p> <p>The due date for these PF applications falls after the first half of the fiscal year; therefore, none have been submitted to MDA. However, the District staff is assisting the following communities in the development of applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Town of Braxton ▶ Town of D'Lo ▶ Town of Edwards ▶ Hinds County ▶ City of Mendenhall ▶ Town of Pelahatchie ▶ City of Yazoo City <p>In October 2014, the Mississippi Development Authority awarded CDBG funds to the following communities which District staff assisted with the application process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ City of Brandon ▶ City of Byram ▶ City of Hazlehurst ▶ City of Madison ▶ City of Vicksburg ▶ Town of Wesson ▶ Yazoo County
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TASK 15-2	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Upon approval of a CDBG project the District will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Work with the State and the local government to meet any special conditions required by the grant. ▶ Meet with the local government to inform them of their requirements. ▶ Sign a contract with local government. ▶ Provide all environmental assessment work, as required by the State and the National Environmental Policy Act. ▶ Assist the local government with advertising for professional services, which are required to implement the project as required by HUD regulations. ▶ Assist the local government in the selection of consultants. ▶ Provide the selected project administrator with the files necessary for the implementation of the project. <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"> ▶ Assist the local government in executing contracts with selected consultants and submitting the contracts to the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) for approval. ▶ Assist the local government in the acquisition and recording all necessary easements identified by the engineer/architect. ▶ Provide the project engineer/architect with guidance when preparing, advertising, and reviewing bid documents. ▶ Request wage determinations from MDA for inclusion in the bid documents. ▶ Submit award notice to MDA for approval of selected contractors. ▶ Attend the Pre-Construction Conference and explain all applicable regulations to the contractors. ▶ 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. ▶ 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. ▶ Conduct labor standard interviews for each contractor during project implementation. ▶ Collect and review weekly certified payrolls from each contractor and ensure compliance with Davis-Bacon requirements. ▶ Prepare and submit quarterly reports, Section 3 reports, MBE/WBE reports, and audits. ▶ For Economic Development projects, assist the benefitting business in documenting job creation reports. ▶ Host a post-award public hearing and a public hearing on Section 3 requirements. ▶ Attend post-award site and monitoring visits. ▶ Prepare closeout package and submit to MDA. <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>District staff provided administrative and technical assistance to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Town of D'Lo ▶ City of Hazlehurst ▶ City of Madison ▶ Town of Puckett ▶ Town of Utica ▶ University of Mississippi Medical Center ▶ City of Vicksburg
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 85,816	\$ 35,712
Indirect	29,085	12,578
Travel	12,000	112
Unprogrammed	143,099	-0-
Dues, Memberships & Subscriptions	500	-0-
Meetings	500	127
Miscellaneous	1,000	-0-
Supplies	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$ 275,000	\$ 48,530

SOURCES

Contracts	<u>\$ 275,000</u>	<u>\$ 245,758</u>
TOTAL	\$ 275,000	\$ 245,758

Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 197,229
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PROJECT: **DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES**

PROJECT NUMBER: **16**

DESCRIPTION: The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is a federal-state partnership created by Congress through the *Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000*, which serves a 240 county/parish area in an eight-state region. In Mississippi, 45 counties (including the seven 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 types of projects: (1) Basic Public Infrastructure, (2) Transportation Infrastructure, (3) Business Development, and (4) Job Training and Employment-related Education. Also, DRA funds may be used to leverage other federal and state programs. Under Federal law, 75 percent of funds are targeted to distressed counties and pockets of poverty and 50 percent of dollars are earmarked for transportation and basic public infrastructure.

NEED	There is a need in central Mississippi to identify funding sources that can be used to leverage other funding sources such as CDBG, EDA, USDA, etc. 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 experienced staff to provide technical assistance with this program.
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 16-1	<p>PUBLIC AWARENESS/COMMUNICATION</p> <p>Staff will inform potential DRA applicants through the U. S. Mail and email of DRA funding opportunities. Staff will advertise and hold meetings to inform potential applications of the regulations, requirements, application process, and a timeline of the DRA Program. CMPDD staff will provide the DRA with names, addresses, and email information of people that would benefit from DRA programs and information.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Once DRA releases their 2015 application and due date, District staff will inform all public officials within the District’s seven counties by mail.</p>
TASK 16-2	<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Staff will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ General technical assistance to all local governments to inform them of DRA program opportunities, eligible projects, deadlines, prioritizing needs; and ▶ Specific technical assistance to communities desiring to apply for DRA funding by serving as a liaison between the local government and State and Federal agencies in connection with the proposed project. <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The City of Hazlehurst received \$201,251 for the rehabilitation of the dam at Lake Hazle. The District is providing technical assistance to potential applicants for 2015 DRA funds.</p>

TASK 16-3	<p>PROJECT ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Staff will provide technical assistance to the local governments to administer the project once approved.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Upon award, District staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Work with DRA and local government to meet any special conditions of the grant; ▶ Meet with local government to inform them of their requirements; ▶ signs a contract with the local government; ▶ Provide all necessary environmental assessment work as required by DRA and the National Environmental Policy Act; ▶ Assist the local government with general oversight regarding project administration, administrative services, and financial management services consistent with DRA program guidelines and policies; ▶ Assist in setting up record keeping files in accordance with DRA specifications; ▶ Assist with preparation of quarterly performance reports and close-out documents; ▶ Assist with DRA draw-downs by filing necessary documents, and; ▶ Coordinate meetings with DRA representatives as needed. <p>Currently, District staff members are providing administrative services for the following: City of Crystal Springs, City of Hazlehurst, Magee General Hospital, and Mississippi Blood Services.</p>
TASK 16-4	<p>REPORTING</p> <p>Staff will provide reports of CMPDD’s DRA activities to DRA officials.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: CMPDD has submitted its Annual Report and quarterly newsletters to the DRA, both of which contain articles about the DRA.</p>
TASK 16-5	<p>ASSOCIATION OF DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS</p> <p>CMPDD will work with the DRA, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), and the National Association of Regional Councils to further organize the Association of Delta Regional Authority Planning and Development Districts, whose members are from the geographic region which the DRA serves.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff worked closely with NADO to strengthen the Association of Delta Regional Authority Planning and Development Districts. Staff also participated in conference calls and attended other meetings in regard to this Association</p>

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 16,894	\$ 6,136
Indirect	5,725	2,161
Unprogrammed	17,981	-0-
Travel	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$ 41,600	\$ 8,297
 <u>SOURCES</u>		
Federal	<u>\$ 41,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,363</u>
TOTAL	\$ 41,600	\$ 15,363
 Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		 \$ 7,065

PROJECT:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

PROJECT NUMBER:

17

DESCRIPTION: One of the District's main responsibilities is to improve the overall economic well-being of its region. While this responsibility is multi-faceted, 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 17-1	<p>EDA PLANNING</p> <p>The District will update and seek to use the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to guide economic development in the seven-county area. An appointed CEDS Committee will be used to assist in the formation and maintenance of the CEDS. The District will seek to implement the CEDS by developing projects that will link private investment with public funds and will provide jobs for the unemployed and underemployed. The District will report semi-annually on the accomplishments of the Action Plan contained within the CEDS, and annually on the performance of the CEDS. The District will also conduct an annual survey of the CEDS committee to identify any needed changes to the technical components of the CEDS, including strategic and vital projects.</p> <p>The District will disseminate information regarding EDA programs and grant availability to member governments.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff prepared a 2015 CEDS update, which reflected data collected during a survey of the CEDS committee. Staff have worked with member governments, non-profits, and state agencies to implement the CEDS by developing projects that will provide jobs and create private investment. District staff have also informed member governments of funding opportunities associated with EDA programs</p>
TASK 17-2	<p>EDA GRANT PREPARATION</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff discussed project eligibility with District members as well as several other potential applicants.</p>

TASK 17-3	<p>EDA GRANT ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Upon approval of a EDA project the District will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Work with the EDA and the local government to meet any special conditions required by the grant. ▶ Meet with the local government to inform them of their requirements. ▶ Sign a contract with local government. ▶ Provide all environmental assessment work, as required by the EDA and the National Environmental Policy Act. ▶ Assist the local government with advertising for professional services, which are required to implement the project as required by EDA regulations. ▶ Assist the local government in the selection of consultants. ▶ Assist the local government in executing contracts with selected consultants and submitting the contracts to EDA for approval. ▶ Assist the local government acquisition and recording of all necessary easements identified by the engineer/architect. ▶ Submit Site Certificate and seek approval of plans and specifications prior to bid advertising. ▶ Provide the project engineer/architect with guidance when preparing, advertising, and reviewing bid documents. ▶ Provide the project engineer/architect with the appropriate Wage Determinations for inclusion in the bid documents. ▶ Submit Award Notice to EDA for approval of selected contractors. ▶ Attend the Pre-Construction Conference and explain all applicable regulations to the contractors. ▶ 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. ▶ Maintain an account ledger supported by certified pay estimates, canceled checks and bank statements from the local government. ▶ Conduct labor standard interviews for each contractor during project implementation. ▶ Collect and review weekly certified payrolls from each contractor and ensure compliance with Davis-Bacon requirements. ▶ Prepare and submit quarterly reports. ▶ Assist the benefitting business in documenting job creation reports. ▶ Attend post-award site and monitoring visits. ▶ Prepare closeout package and submit to EDA. <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff have worked with the Covich Water Association, Town of Puckett, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center to successfully administer EDA grant awards. Staff members have also administered the Districts' Planning award.</p>
TASK 17-4	<p>TRAINING</p> <p>The District staff will coordinate efforts with the EDA staff to provide training to Planning and Development District staff on a statewide basis.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff are coordinating statewide training for Planning and Development District staff during the annual conference of the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts to be held in April.</p>

TASK 17-5	<p data-bbox="383 174 760 201">SPECIFIC PROJECT REQUESTS</p> <p data-bbox="383 237 1409 359">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> <p data-bbox="383 394 651 422">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="383 426 1357 510">District staff members have provided assistance in seeking grant funds for workforce development and job training, as well as water and sewer improvements when related to job creation and economic development.</p>
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 61,617	\$ 45,251
Indirect	20,884	15,937
Travel/Training	499	580
Dues, Memberships, and Subscriptions	300	-0-
Supplies	100	-0-
Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$ 83,500	\$ 61,768
 <u>SOURCES</u>		
Federal	\$ 58,450	\$ 38,507
Assessments - General	<u>25,050</u>	<u>14,916</u>
TOTAL	\$ 83,500	\$ 53,423
 Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		 (\$ 8,345)

PROJECT:

STAFF FOR MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

PROJECT NUMBER:

18

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 persons and relationships are already known. Joint ventures and group purchasing can be accomplished better as a unit versus each PDD acting independently.
TASK 18 -1	<p>MEETING PREPARATION</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff continue to organize the agenda, as well as keep minutes for all the regularly scheduled and special called MAPDD meetings. MAPDD meets at CMPDD's office on the third Wednesday of every month, and on other occasions when needed to address time sensitive issues.</p>
TASK 18-2	<p>FISCAL MANAGEMENT</p> <p>District staff will provide bookkeeping and fiscal management for the Association. Included in this will be maintaining the proper relationship with the IRS and/or Secretary of State's Office.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff continue to provide bookkeeping and fiscal management for MAPDD and prepare all necessary paperwork for the Internal Revenue Service and Secretary of State's Office.</p>
TASK 18-3	<p>PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>District staff will update and publish the State Directory of Planning and Development Districts (PDDs), as well as maintain the Association's website (www.mspdds.com). District staff will also update and reproduce the PDD promotional brochure as necessary.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff are currently updating the PDD Directory and will distribute it to elected officials and PDD staff during the annual conference, which is to be held April 21- 24, 2015. Also, directories and promotional brochures will be distributed at the Mississippi Association of Supervisors annual convention in June and at the Mississippi Municipal League's annual conference also in June. District staff continue to maintain the website for MAPDD - www.mspdds.com.</p>

TASK 18-4	<p>CONTINUING EDUCATION</p> <p>Educational efforts will be implemented for the professional betterment of the PDDs and their staff, i.e. coordination of seminars and conferences.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff will continue to coordinate continuing education efforts for elected officials and PDD staff members by offering Continuing Education Credits for social workers and Certified Municipal Official credits for municipal officials during the annual PDD conference in April, 2015.</p> <p>Furthermore, District staff organized a Census training workshop for PDD staff members in October, 2014. The training was held at the University of Mississippi and hosted by the State Data Center and the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts. Staff members from the State Data Center presented information on different methods to compare American Community Survey data, and where to find economic and health related data.</p>
TASK 18-5	<p>LEGISLATIVE ATTENTION</p> <p>District staff will develop and follow the progress of legislative initiatives affecting the Association, each Planning and Development District, and member governments.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff monitored legislative activities of interest to the PDDs and member governments on a daily basis during the legislative session.</p>
TASK 18-6	<p>MAPDD ANNUAL CONFERENCE</p> <p>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 PDD's to participate in all areas of the conference.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The 2015 Annual PDD conference is to be held in Biloxi, MS at the Beau Rivage Convention Center April 21-24, 2015. Conference attendance is expected to be over 550, which will include PDD staff, local elected officials, and personnel from State agencies.</p>
TASK 18-7	<p>ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR</p> <p>MAPDD will maintain a presence at both the Mississippi Association of Supervisors and the Mississippi Municipal League Conferences. District staff will serve as coordinator of these events and any others which may arise.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: MAPDD worked with MAS to co-host its annual Legislative Appreciation Reception, which was held January 13th. The reception was attended by PDD and MAS staff members, county officials from across the state, statewide officials, and many Mississippi Senate and House members. District staff are also coordinating the spring MAS Legislative Update meetings for each PDD which will begin in May, 2015.</p>

TASK 18-8	<p data-bbox="383 176 649 201">STATEWIDE LIAISON</p> <p data-bbox="383 239 1380 296">When beneficial to the Association, District staff will serve as a liaison between MAPDD and other state and national organizations to coordinate joint ventures.</p> <p data-bbox="383 333 649 359">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="383 365 1347 422">District staff continue to serve as a point of contact for state and national organizations and agencies for the PDD Association.</p>
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MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 18,736	\$ 4,772
Indirect	6,350	1,681
Travel	500	-0-
Meetings	500	-0-
Supplies	500	-0-
Unprogrammed	33,914	-0-
Miscellaneous	<u>500</u>	<u>389</u>
TOTAL	\$ 61,000	\$ 6,842
<u>SOURCES</u>		
Contracts	\$ 26,000	\$ 6,025
Project Income	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$ 61,000	\$ 6,025
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		(\$ 816)

PROJECT: **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING**

PROJECT NUMBER: **19**

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 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	Commercial and industrial startups; commercial and industrial expansion; increased/improved products and services; new jobs; increased tax revenues for local government; and community improvement.
TASK 19-1	<p>CERTIFIED DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (CDC)</p> <p>The District 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 \$65,000 (\$100,000 for manufacturers) of financing. These loans will be offered statewide in Mississippi and the District must obtain a minimum of two (2) loan approvals per year. Loans made under this program are guaranteed by the U. S. Small Business Administration.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The U. S. Small Business Administration’s minimum production requirement for this loan program is that the CMDC must provide at least two 504 loan approvals on average for any two consecutive years. Currently the CMDC has met fifty percent (50%) of this requirement for Fiscal Year 2015, as the Board has approved one loan. This loan totaled \$3,240,571 of a \$10,801,900 project (new hotel construction) and will create approximately six (40) new jobs.</p>
TASK 19-2	<p>REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF)</p> <p>The District will make fixed assets, inventory, and working capital loans to small businesses in an amount up to \$300,000 representing no more than 33% of the total project cost. Each loan recipient must create at least one job per \$10,000 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continued to market this loan program and service its existing portfolio during the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015. The District received and reviewed a number of loan applications and proposals, however, none of them met the requirements for approval.</p>

TASK 19-3	<p>MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM (MBE)</p> <p>The District will make fixed assets, inventory, equipment, and working capital loans up to \$250,000 representing not more than 50% of the total project cost to minority and female owned businesses. The Mississippi Development Authority provides the loan funds for this program.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: As of the first six months of this fiscal year, the District has made one loan under this program. The loan was for \$146,000 of a \$365,000 project and will create approximately three (3) new jobs.</p> <p>The District continued to market this loan program and service its existing portfolio during the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015.</p>
TASK 19-4	<p>MICRO-MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM (MICRO-MBE)</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 provides the funds for this loan program.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continued to market this loan program and service its existing portfolio during the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015. The District received and reviewed a number of loan applications and proposals, however, none met the requirements for approval.</p>
TASK 19-5	<p>MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM FUND (MSBALP)</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 loan amount of each loan will be \$250,000. The Mississippi Development Authority administers this loan program and it is available to small businesses located in the District's region.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continued to market this loan program and service its existing portfolio during the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015. The District received and reviewed a number of loan applications and proposals, however, none met the requirements for approval.</p>
TASK 19-6	<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATION OF OTHER LOAN APPLICATIONS</p> <p>The District will assist small businesses throughout its area in locating sources of debt financing and will assist them in preparing application packages for U.S. Small Business Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, etc.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continued to assist small businesses in accessing debt capital through commercial lending institutions and other specialized lending programs offered through private, public, and non-profit entities. This service has remained in effect during the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015.</p>

TASK 19-7	<p>COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT</p> <p>The District will assist banks throughout the District in meeting the requirements of the Federal Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). Under CRA, the Comptroller of the Currency will evaluate 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 allowing bank officials to participate in programs of the District that address community credit needs.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District has continued to work with banks in addressing Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) initiatives. The District's staff have participated in meetings, conferences, seminars, and other community oriented activities programs.</p>
TASK 19-8	<p>EXPORT WORKING CAPITAL LOAN</p> <p>The District will assist small business in accessing Export Working Capital Loans through the U. S. Small Business Administration. This program will be advertised and made available statewide and is funded partially by the U. S. Small Business Administration.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to advertise this program through the District's newsletter and at various business conferences and seminars. The District refers all interested borrowers to the U. S. Small Business Administration for loan applications and processing.</p>
TASK 19-9	<p>FARISH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT FUND</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 one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The District will service all loans pursuant to regulations and guidelines promulgated by the Mississippi Development Authority, which provides the funds for this program.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continued to market this loan program and service its existing portfolio during the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015.</p>
TASK 19-10	<p>RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT - REVOLVING LOAN FUND</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 in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continued to market this loan program and service its existing portfolio during the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015. The District received a number of loan applications and proposals, however, none met the requirements for approval.</p>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 154,651	\$ 85,171
Indirect	52,415	29,997
Travel	4,005	1,595
Computer Related	1,732	940
Postage	250	84
Legal	11,319	2,551
Loans	1,698,716	1,436,000
Insurance	1,400	-0-
Miscellaneous	<u>14,355</u>	<u>2,294</u>
TOTAL	\$1,938,843	\$1,558,633

SOURCES

Local Cash - Contract	\$ 102,386	\$ 50,444
Program Income/Equity	1,514,810	1,240,681
Fees/Interest	<u>321,647</u>	<u>146,462</u>
TOTAL	\$1,938,843	\$1,437,587

Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures (\$ 121,046)

PROJECT: **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

PROJECT NUMBER: **20**

DESCRIPTION: The District is the fiscal agent for Southcentral Mississippi Works (SMW), a seventeen county local workforce investment area under the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The purpose of WIA is to provide workforce development activities that improve the occupational skills of area residents, increase employment and earnings, and, as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the area.

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	<p>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.</p>
BENEFITS	<p>Improved economic development potential resulting from a skilled workforce; increased per capita income; reduction in transfer payments and an increased tax base; and improved quality of life and an increase in self-sufficiency.</p>
TASK 20-1	<p>IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT</p> <p>On July 22, 2014 <i>The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)</i> became law. This re-authorizes the prior <i>Workforce Investment Act (WIA)</i> and makes numerous modifications to the planning and delivery of workforce programs. WIOA will take effect on July 1, 2015. The District will, over the course of the Workforce Program Year 2014 (July, 2014 – June, 2015), work with the Department of Labor and the State to develop and implement the requirements under WIOA. This may include developing necessary plans, restructuring the Local Workforce Investment Board, revising existing policies and development of new policies, revising the type of program services and service delivery, and other actions necessitated by this change in the law.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>The District, in partnership with Southwest MS Planning and Development District, and in consultation with the State and the Department of Labor, is actively in the process of converting the local workforce area to the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) which will take effect on July 1, 2015. This includes making changes to the Cooperative Service District which supports the local area, restructuring the Local Workforce Development Board, issuing a Request for Proposals for WIOA programs, and other actions necessary to comply with the new workforce law. These efforts are ongoing and will continue through Program Year 2015 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016).</p>

TASK 20-2	<p>STRATEGIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING</p> <p>The District will maintain a strategic workforce investment plan as required by the Workforce Investment Act and State policies. This plan analyzes the labor force and employment needs within the seventeen county Southcentral Mississippi Works area and establishes goals for workforce development efforts. This includes identification of 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 delivery of employment and training services including the implementation of a comprehensive service delivery system and establishment of "One-Stop" Career Centers.</p> <p>The plan, as approved by the State, complies with the requirements of the <i>Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Act of 2004</i>, the <i>Federal Workforce Investment Act</i>, and State policies and directives. The revised strategic plan covers the years 2012 – 2017.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Southcentral Mississippi Works Strategic Workforce Investment Plan for Program Years 2012 through 2016 (7/1/12 – 6/30/17) has been approved and remains in effect. WIOA requires significant changes to workforce planning. Currently, the District is in the early stages of developing the WIOA plan based upon guidance issued by the Department of Labor and the State. The WIOA plan will be fully developed during Program Year 2015 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016).</p>
TASK 20-3	<p>LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD/CHIEF-ELECTED OFFICIAL BOARD</p> <p>The Board of Supervisors in each of the 17 Southcentral Mississippi Works (SMW) counties has appointed a member to the SMW Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners has appointed a Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) from nominations received from local agencies and organizations. The District serves as staff to the LWIB who, in conjunction with the Board of Commissioners for SMW, provide policy guidance for and oversight of the workforce development program. The LWIB and the Board of Commissioners review and approve the components of the strategic plan.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District is in the process of making changes to the various Boards as required by WIOA. The Board of Commissioners will remain the same; however, the Local Workforce Board will change to a Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) with some change in the required make-up of the board and it will have an emphasis on coordination and partnership. It is anticipated that the new LWDB will be in place by July 1, 2015.</p>
TASK 20-4	<p>YOUTH COUNCIL</p> <p>The LWIB appoints a Youth Council from nominations received from local agencies and organizations. The Youth Council provides guidance and oversight of activities for eligible youth. The Youth Council serves as non-voting members of the LWIB. The District serves as staff to the Youth Council.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Under the WIOA, the Youth Council will become a Youth Committee under the LWDB. The make-up of the Youth Committee is not expected to significantly change and they will still make recommendations to the LWDB for youth programming activities.</p>

TASK 20-5	<p>PROCUREMENT AND SERVICE DELIVERY</p> <p>The District has developed and maintains a policy for the procurement of goods and services required to implement the WIA program and the components of the strategic plan in order to meet the workforce development needs of the area. This includes the selection of "One-Stop" Center Operators to provide core, intensive, and training services as required by the plan and selection of appropriate providers of services to eligible youth. As part of its overall management responsibilities, the District will occasionally update and revise the procurement policy.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The new WIOA requires that all programmatic activity must be competitively procured. Consequently, the District has developed and issued a Request for Proposals for One Stop operation, provision of Adult and Dislocated Worker career and training services, and out-of-school youth programs. Proposals are due by June 1, 2015 with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2015.</p>
TASK 20-6	<p>COORDINATED SERVICE DELIVERY</p> <p>The District has executed and maintains Memoranda of Understanding with a variety of partner agencies and organizations, which will provide for a comprehensive service delivery system. Consortium Agreements and Resource Sharing Plans are maintained for each "One-Stop" Career Center. The District works with partner agencies to increase coordination of services and improve integration of workforce development activities into overall local economic development strategies.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The existing Memoranda of Understanding and Consortium Agreements are being reviewed in light of WIOA. It is likely that changes will need to be made to existing agreements and new agreements added once additional guidance is provided by Department of Labor and the State. The District is participating in a variety of meetings designed to produce a comprehensive workforce strategy.</p>
TASK 20-7	<p>PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION</p> <p>The District monitors the workforce development system and all activities and services under the workforce investment plan to ensure compliance with program requirements 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. Management reports are produced and regularly evaluated to measure program success compared to performance standards and program goals.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: All WIA funded contracts for Program Year 2014 (7/1/14 – 6/30/15) have been scheduled for monitoring for fiscal integrity. Programmatic monitoring is ongoing. The District continues to track WIA performance on an ongoing basis and reports to the State and Boards as necessary. The latest monitoring review of the local workforce area conducted by the State indicated no findings or observations.</p>

TASK 20-8	<p>BUSINESS ASSISTANCE RESOURCE CENTER</p> <p>The District maintains comprehensive Business Assistance Resource Centers at each of the WIN Centers in the area. The Business Assistance Resource Centers consolidate information on services and assistance available to businesses and employers and provides a convenient, central location where businesses can access this information and receive referrals to services as needed. This includes areas where businesses can meet with and interview job candidates on site.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District is reviewing the needs of employers and business and considering ways the workforce program can best meet those needs under the WIOA.</p>
TASK 20-9	<p>CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATES</p> <p>Southcentral Mississippi Works, in cooperation with the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, provides a Career Readiness Certificate program which assesses the basic skills level of job applicants to determine the occupations and jobs for which they are qualified. Applicants who need to improve their basic skills are provided remedial instruction. Applicants are tested using the WorkKeys assessment and, depending on their skill level, qualify for a bronze, silver, or gold level certificate issued by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. The certificate certifies to potential employers that the holder has the basic skills necessary to succeed in a particular job classification.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Southcentral Mississippi Works has implemented, in cooperation with the Mississippi Community College Board, a Career Readiness Certificate program which assesses the basic skill levels of job applicants to determine the occupations and jobs for which they are qualified. Applicants who need to improve their basic skills are provided remedial instruction. Applicants are tested using the Work Keys assessment and, depending on their skill level, are awarded a bronze, silver, or gold level certificate. The certificate certifies to potential employers that the holder has the basic skills necessary to succeed in a particular job classification. The Career Readiness Certificates are nationally recognized as an indicator of skill proficiency.</p> <p>Additionally, applicants for training under the Individual Training Account program are pre-tested using the CRC program to ensure they have the basic skills necessary to succeed in their chosen training field.</p> <p>In an effort to further assist WIA clients, including dislocated workers, to find employment Southcentral Mississippi Works is offering an innovative approach to Job Search. SMW is utilizing the NEXT JOB software in all WIN Job Centers. The NEXT JOB program provides job seekers with a structured approach for finding suitable employment, including instruction and assistance with career search, resume preparation, networking, interviewing techniques, and follow-up on potential jobs. The program is available to clients through their personal computers or in the Resource Room of each WIN Job Center.</p> <p>The WIOA emphasizes qualifying participants for employer accepted credentials. The District may add additional activities in this area and will continue to utilize the CRC as an employer accepted credential under WIOA.</p>

TASK 20-10	<p>SECTOR STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION - New Task</p> <p>Southcentral Mississippi Works, in conjunction with the State and the other three local workforce areas, will participate in an effort to identify significant regional business sectors and their workforce needs. This effort will lead to increased involvement of employers in identifying critical labor force shortages and greater opportunities for workers to obtain and advance in their jobs while meeting the labor needs of growing employers.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: SMW participated on the State Sector Strategy Team which established state goals and practices. SMW completed a comprehensive labor analysis for the seventeen county area. This study provides a detailed review of labor availability and demand by individual county. The results of this study identified growing business sectors within the local workforce area. SMW staff met with local economic developers to review the findings. The developers identified Health Care, Advanced Manufacturing, and Process Technology as critical sectors in the local economies.</p>
TASK 20-11	<p>H1-B GRANT</p> <p>The District has been awarded an H1-B grant by the U.S. Department of Labor called The Mississippi Careers of Tomorrow On The Job Training (OJT) project.</p> <p>The primary goal of the H1-B OJT activity is to train eligible individuals to meet industry skill shortages in the high-growth information technology and advanced manufacturing/engineering industries and occupations. The training provided under this grant will raise the technical skill levels of American workers so they can obtain or upgrade employment in the targeted high-growth industries and occupations. Over time, this will help businesses reduce their use of skilled foreign professionals permitted to work in the U.S. on a temporary basis under an H1-B visa.</p> <p>The grant provides \$5 million over a four year period and anticipates serving 490 individuals.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District has completed procedures and processes for implementing the MCOT grant and has approximately 100 OJT contracts in place. Presentations outlining the benefits of the program have been made to over 250 businesses and economic development agencies. In addition, the District received approval from the U. S. Department of Labor to add additional occupations and expand the scope of the program to the entire state. The District works closely with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security through all WIN Centers in the State to implement the MCOT OJT contracts. The District also coordinates with the Mississippi Development Authority and local economic development groups to identify employers who can benefit from the MCOT program.</p>

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 861,681	\$ 437,831
Indirect	270,830	142,715
Travel	34,285	12,063
Meetings	5,100	3,464
Dues, Memberships and Subscriptions	5,800	989
Audit	9,000	4,500
Contractual Services	203,420	86,369
Janitorial	2,800	1,543
Services	9,963,898	2,521,817
Supplies	10,202	3,605
Printing	150	-0-
Utilities	27,871	14,656
Postage	225	7
Legal	2,475	440
Insurance	600	621
Communications	21,500	10,160
Office Space	98,400	56,513
Equipment	7,060	2,450
Equipment Lease or Rental	5,484	1,146
Equipment Maintenance	<u>17,800</u>	<u>2,046</u>

TOTAL	\$11,548,581	\$3,302,934
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SOURCES

Federal	\$5,190,260	\$1,843,723
Federal Carryover	6,063,103	1,123,053
State	50,000	-0-
Lease/Rental Income	<u>245,218</u>	<u>155,763</u>

TOTAL	\$11,548,581	\$3,122,540
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Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(\$ 180,394)
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PROJECT: **MANAGEMENT, ADVOCACY, PLANNING, BROKERING AND DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY (AREA AGENCY ON AGING)**

PROJECT NUMBER: **21**

DESCRIPTION: The District functions as the leader relative to all aging issues on behalf of older persons in Copiah, 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 maintains a distinct visibility within central Mississippi by establishing interagency linkages, sharing information, brokering, monitoring, and evaluation of services to meet the needs of older persons.

NEED	The “aging of the aged” is an important phenomenon because the risk of becoming disabled rises 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 “oldest old” means that more people will need a substantial amount of 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 21-1	<p>ADVOCACY</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 will promote, support, and advocate for the passage of legislation which will expand resources for older persons, partnering with the local AARP.</p> <p>The District will administer the <i>Fiscal Year 2015 Area Plan on Aging</i> which outlines an array of services to older persons in the central Mississippi area.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>Twenty-one (21) members have been appointed to serve a two-year term, beginning September 2013 through September 2015. Of the twenty-one members, thirty-eight percent were re-appointed. Thus far, three (3) meetings have been held for this fiscal year.</p> <p>Currently, all aspects of the <i>Fiscal Year 2015 Area Plan on Aging</i> are being carried out as approved by the Mississippi Department of Human Services/Division of Aging. Staff continues to participate with the Technical Assistance Committee for the Mississippi Planning and Development District’s Association for the purpose of information-sharing on many issues facing aging programs in Mississippi.</p>

TASK 21-2	<p>TRAINING</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 State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) training, Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) training, RTZ computer software training, Adult Day Care Training, Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts, Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A), and any other identified training opportunities.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff, as well as local service providers, have participated in training activities in the following areas: Ombudsman Training; State Health Insurance Program; State Medicare Patrol; Chronic Disease Self- Management Training; Diabetes Self- Management Training; Bridge to Independence; Mississippi Access to Care; Relias Training; and numerous other local workshops. The District’s staff continues to provide training and educational opportunities to service providers and volunteers. Also, staff attended sessions dealing with aging issues offered at the Mississippi Planning and Development District’s Annual Conference on April 21-24, 2015.</p>
TASK 21-3	<p>MANAGEMENT</p> <p>In conjunction with the Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Centers, the District will be using Harmony 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 given to staff to improve use of all components of the software. Also, staff will begin 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 continue updating the Emergency Management Plan for elderly services to reflect appropriate changes and to minimize disruption of services during inclement weather.</p> <p>The District will monitor all contracts for services at least twice per year to assure 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Information from services provided to older adults throughout the District is being tracked through software called “Harmony Information Systems”. Service providers report their service levels monthly to the District. Currently, all of the Area Agency on Aging and Canton Mississippi Access to Care Center staff have participated in a state-wide training course and continue to collaborate with the State Unit on Aging for technical support. These ongoing training opportunities entail meetings, webinars, and phone conferences. The District plans to encourage staff to continue attending training sessions and conferences that focus on these two data collection systems. Recently, the Mississippi Department of Health received a grant opportunity through a partnership with the Area Agency on Aging and approximately 4,000 “Senior Emergency Preparedness” pinwheels were purchased. Important safety information is advertised on these pinwheels and provide valuable tips to use in the case of weather related emergencies. These pinwheels are currently being distributed across central Mississippi.</p> <p>Monitoring of contracts at the local level began in March 2015 and will continue through September 2015.</p>

TASK 21-4	<p data-bbox="381 174 808 201">PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM</p> <p data-bbox="381 237 1414 422">The District will utilize media to inform the public regarding aging matters, including the quarterly, in-house published <u>Central Update</u>, 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 by staff members to all kinds of groups will be accepted for the sole purpose of educating families and care givers of the availability of resources in the seven-county area, and the promotion of the Long Term Systems and Supports website will be ongoing.</p> <p data-bbox="381 457 1414 543">The District will provide information on a monthly basis to older persons at all nutrition sites and senior centers on the importance of physical activity, nutrition, weight control, substance abuse, and other wellness activities.</p> <p data-bbox="381 579 651 606">ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p data-bbox="381 613 1414 762">The District will continue to distribute the “Aging Services” brochure which highlights the assistance provided to the public by the Area Agency on Aging. Also, in each publication for the <u>Central Update</u>, articles have been prepared that highlight Aging services and accomplishments in the community. District staff will continue to make presentations to community groups on the resources available to the senior population and disseminate information about services.</p> <p data-bbox="381 798 1373 858">Senior Centers throughout the District have been utilized as focal points to get information to seniors regarding various programs and opportunities available to them.</p>
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**MANAGEMENT, ADVOCACY, PLANNING, BROKERING AND
DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY (AREA AGENCY ON AGING)
BUDGET**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 733,973	\$ 349,055
Indirect	227,472	114,014
Travel	52,248	5,401
Audit	4,500	-0-
Contractual Services	140,730	30,222
Services	3,451,783	1,503,857
Equipment	20,000	2,591
Miscellaneous	736	-0-
Supplies	<u>9,299</u>	<u>4,509</u>
TOTAL	\$4,640,741	\$2,009,648

SOURCES

Federal	\$3,886,380	\$2,250,685
State	78,134	59,976
Assessments - General	25,844	8,344
Assessments - Services	77,424	30,543
Program Income	73,500	94,839
In-Kind	468,025	270,361
Match Carryover	<u>31,434</u>	<u>14,421</u>
TOTAL	\$4,640,741	\$2,729,168

Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures \$ 719,520

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

PROJECT NUMBER: **22**

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 the gaps.																				
BENEFITS	Maintains dignity in later life; delays early institutionalization; provides relief for primary care givers and their families; reduces feelings of isolation; and provides older persons with a feeling of independence.																				
TASK 22-1	<p>ADULT DAY CARE</p> <p>Adult day care provides care and supervision for functionally impaired elderly adults for periods of at least four hours a day in a group setting. The day care center provides personal care supervision, limited health care, meals, and group activities. Three thousand (3,000) hours of services are projected to be provided.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District funds the two sites for adult day care in the central Mississippi area, one is located in Jackson and the other is in Clinton. To date, 1,132 hours of day care services have been provided five days a week to thirty-seven (37) frail and vulnerable adults at these centers.</p>																				
TASK 22-2	<p>INFORMATION, REFERRAL, AND OUTREACH</p> <p>Trained workers will provide information to the elderly regarding community services. Referrals, estimated at 20,000, will be made to various agencies to link older persons to needed resources.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Fourteen thousand four hundred and eight (14,408) contacts, including home visits to individual seniors, have been completed during the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015.</p>																				
TASK 22-3	<p>TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>Transportation service, estimated at 100,000 trips, will be provided to older persons through the use of vans/buses. Types of trips include shopping, medical visits, benefit officers, and other community services. As many older persons do not drive or lack a vehicle, they need a system of transportation services.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: To date, 54,408 trips have been provided throughout the seven-county area for seniors who either don't drive or have no other means of transportation to get to places they need to go for business purposes. Those trips were provided in the following areas:</p> <table data-bbox="381 1669 1088 1816"> <tr> <td>City of Clinton</td> <td>3,198</td> <td>City of Jackson</td> <td>17,877</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Copiah County</td> <td>8,161</td> <td>Hinds County</td> <td>1,848</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madison County</td> <td>3,740</td> <td>Rankin County</td> <td>10,406</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simpson County</td> <td>1,789</td> <td>Warren County</td> <td>2,550</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yazoo County</td> <td>4,839</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	City of Clinton	3,198	City of Jackson	17,877	Copiah County	8,161	Hinds County	1,848	Madison County	3,740	Rankin County	10,406	Simpson County	1,789	Warren County	2,550	Yazoo County	4,839		
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<p>TASK 22-4</p>	<p>LEGAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Legal counseling will be provided under contract with a legal entity. The types of cases likely to be brought include job discrimination, guardianship, conservatorship, Medicaid, Medicare, housing, wills, and estates. More than five hundred (500) service hours will be purchased by the District.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: To date, fifty-nine (59) older adults have received either legal counseling or representation from the District’s contractor, Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation.</p>
<p>TASK 22-5</p>	<p>NATIONAL FAMILY CARE GIVERS SUPPORT PROGRAM</p> <p>Family care giving 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 our older population. The <i>Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000</i> established this program with emphasis on providing support for care givers 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, 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 care givers 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 fifty (50) care givers. The District, through subcontractors, will provide an estimated 12,250 respite hours to care givers throughout the seven-county area.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Specifically for caregivers, the District has provided, under contract, 5,323.75 hours of services to 57 individuals who needed a “break” from caregiving of a loved one. Additionally, three (3) ramps have been built for caregivers in the seven county area. The Respite Program for caregivers to date has served nine (9) clients with supplies such as diapers, grab bars, blue pads, and supplemental liquids. Also, 945 home-delivered meals were served to seven (7) families eligible for respite services.</p> <p>Additionally, a District staff member serves on the Mississippi Caregiver Coalition’s Steering Committee.</p>

TASK 22-6	<p>CONGREGATE MEALS</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 for persons 60 years and older. Approximately 100,00 congregate meals will be served this fiscal year.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: A total of 37,323 meals were provided five days a week to seniors in congregate settings. This daily service allows seniors the opportunity to have healthy meals and socialize with others. Over the last six months, congregate meals were served in the following areas:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Copiah County</td> <td>1,897</td> <td>Madison County</td> <td>2,229</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hinds County</td> <td>28,919</td> <td>City of Pearl</td> <td>1,607</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City of Jackson</td> <td>23,697</td> <td>Simpson County</td> <td>928</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City of Clinton</td> <td>1,889</td> <td>Yazoo County</td> <td>1,743</td> </tr> <tr> <td>County Only</td> <td>3,333</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Copiah County	1,897	Madison County	2,229	Hinds County	28,919	City of Pearl	1,607	City of Jackson	23,697	Simpson County	928	City of Clinton	1,889	Yazoo County	1,743	County Only	3,333		
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TASK 22-7	<p>HOME-DELIVERED MEALS</p> <p>A home-delivered meal is a nutritionally balanced meal which is delivered to the home of a person who is unable to leave their home without assistance, purchase groceries, and/or are unable to cook for themselves. The meal meets at least one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA). Approximately 695,000 meals will be served this fiscal year, including State funded and Medicaid Waiver recipient meals.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District continues to expand the Home- Delivered Meals Program “Pay As You Go”. This program assists clients that have the ability to pay for home delivered meals, but are unable to prepare a daily nutritious meal. To date, four hundred and twenty-six (426) meals have been served.</p> <p>Also, the District continues to serve clients through funding received by the Wal-Mart Foundation Hunger Grant which has assisted in the expansion of the Home-Delivered Meals Program by helping to eliminate the waiting list. Currently, the District has served through the Wal-Mart grant over one hundred and three (103) clients and have provided thirteen thousand four hundred and fifty (13,450) meals.</p> <p>Also, over the last six months 134, 226 meals were delivered to frail and vulnerable individuals in their homes throughout the seven-county area. By area, the number of meals served were as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Copiah County</td> <td>15,003</td> <td>Simpson County</td> <td>3,640</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hinds County</td> <td>18,463</td> <td>Warren County</td> <td>16,170</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madison County</td> <td>9,030</td> <td>Yazoo County</td> <td>19,580</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rankin County</td> <td>16,700</td> <td>City of Jackson</td> <td>35,640</td> </tr> </table>	Copiah County	15,003	Simpson County	3,640	Hinds County	18,463	Warren County	16,170	Madison County	9,030	Yazoo County	19,580	Rankin County	16,700	City of Jackson	35,640
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<p>TASK 22-8</p>	<p>HOMEMAKER SERVICES</p> <p>Many functionally impaired older persons 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 32,000 hours of service will be provided during the fiscal year.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: To date, 8,801.5 hours of homemaker services have been provided to older individuals throughout the seven-county area. These hours in individual homes were provided as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Copiah County</td> <td>1,685.5</td> <td>Hinds County</td> <td>1,425.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madison County</td> <td>281.0</td> <td>Rankin County</td> <td>826.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simpson County</td> <td>546.0</td> <td>Warren County</td> <td>2,694.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yazoo County</td> <td>1,344.0</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Copiah County	1,685.5	Hinds County	1,425.0	Madison County	281.0	Rankin County	826.0	Simpson County	546.0	Warren County	2,694.0	Yazoo County	1,344.0		
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<p>TASK 22-9</p>	<p>EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE</p> <p>The District will provide emergency response to older persons who cannot be left alone for long periods of time. Sixty (60) Lifeline units will be placed in the homes of eligible clients. Additionally, the District will provide emergency supplies, such as blue pads, 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 Care Giver Support Program.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: More than fifty (50) individuals have received 24 hour a day monitoring through emergency response services. Many of these individuals are private-pay clients and others have their monitoring fees paid for through the District. This service assists clients in the case of an emergency and allows them the opportunity to alert medical assistance in the case of an emergency. To date, fifty-one (51) eligible clients have received emergency supplies through the District.</p>																
<p>TASK 22-10</p>	<p>PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS</p> <p>The District will continue to administer the “Santa for Seniors” project in conjunction with the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Jackson Association of Health Underwriters, and Home Instead Senior Care. This program provides needed articles 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: During the month of December 2014, the District again partnered with the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Home Instead Senior Care, and the Jackson Association of Health Underwriters to provide more than 400 gifts to seniors who otherwise would not receive presents at Christmas. Seniors received gifts such as robes, blankets, gowns and toiletries. The sponsors purchased their gifts and District staff delivered them. Recipients were grateful and excited to be remembered during the holiday season. This event marked twenty-four (24) years of activities with this project.</p>																

TASK 22-11	<p>EMPLOYMENT</p> <p>The District will manage the Title V, Senior Community Service Employment Program, 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 the project of enhancing the skills of the enrollees and assisting them in seeking unsubsidized employment.</p> <p>The District will host one (1) VISTA volunteer to work in the field of aging. This volunteer will complement the services being rendered at the Area Agency on Aging by providing additional support to staff in the Insurance Counseling Program.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Presently, there are eight (8) older individuals hired to work part-time in community organizations throughout the seven-county area. This fiscal year, one (1) VISTA worker, whose term ended February 20, 2015, was assigned the responsibility of assisting the District's Aging staff in recruiting volunteers through the Senior Medicare Patrol Program.</p>
TASK 22-12	<p>DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION</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 make these services available for their use.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Diabetes Self-Management and Chronic Disease Self-Management Program classes are being taught to interested community partners and seniors at senior centers and nutrition sites. To date, a class has been scheduled for June 22-26, 2015 at the WIN Job Center in Jackson, Mississippi.</p>
TASK 22-13	<p>PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</p> <p>Many of the State's elderly on limited incomes are having a difficult time in acquiring the medication they need. Although there may be numerous opportunities for free or reduced assistance with pharmaceutical companies, many elderly adults have no way of working through the maze of applications required for participation.</p> <p>The District will provide assistance to older individuals who need assistance with acquiring needed medications.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Through the District's insurance counselors, referrals for prescription drug assistance are ongoing. Counselors continue to make information available to assist clients in choosing the best prescription drug plan through face to face contact, walk-ins, and by telephone.</p>

TASK 22-14

MISSISSIPPI ACCESS TO CARE CENTERS (MAC)

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. MAC Centers provide 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.

Through initial funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, the District, in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Human Services/Division of Aging has begun making progress in establishing a “No Wrong Door” network in the state of Mississippi. The goal of the MAC Center is to empower people to make informed choices and to streamline access to services and supports.

This year, more features of this project will be forthcoming, including the grand opening of the MAC Center which will be located at the WIN Job Center in Canton, Mississippi. Also coming this fiscal year is an enhanced website and new linkages with other agencies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Canton Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Center is currently making tremendous progress in reaching its goals and mission. Since the District opened the Canton Mississippi Access to Care Center on October 10, 2014, four (4) MAC Center Resource Specialists and one (1) Supervisor have documented over 1,177 telephone calls and interactions, responded to over 53 email requests, presented information to consumers and families at over 50 community visits, completed 313 follow-ups, assisted 94 individuals through office visits, contacted 570 representatives from Community Resources, attended 17 training events, and updated over 5,156 Community Resources within the Mississippi Access to Care database system.

In addition to responding to telephone inquiries and updating resources, the Canton MAC Center staff has presented and distributed information to the following organizations and at the following events: 1) Mississippi State Hospital Resource Fair; 2) Lively Stones Incorporated Community Education Forum; 3) Annual Social Work Conference; 4) Tougaloo College/Education Opportunity Career Fair; 5) Mission First Ministry; and 6) Region 8 Mental Health Facilities.

The District plans to continue developing a comprehensive plan specific to meeting the yearly goals of updating the resources in the database. Additionally, MAC Center staff are working closely with the Medicaid Waiver teams by contacting clients who had been placed on a waiting list to see if they are still interested in Medicaid Waiver services and by pre-screening clients on their readiness and eligibility for those services.

TASK 22-15

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The District will generate financial support for aging services from local units of government in the seven county area and through 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.

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 health promotion, affordable housing, mental health, and providing specific services for veterans. Additionally, special attention will be focused on providing information and technical assistance to groups who express an interest in increasing the availability of affordable housing for the elderly.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

To date, the District has received more than \$77,000 from its local Boards of Supervisors for financial assistance with supportive services, such as transportation, home-delivered meals, and homemaker services for seniors in the seven-county area. This financial assistance allows the District to be able to provide additional services beyond the federal funding. Their contributions are as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Copiah County Board of Supervisors	\$ 6,154
Hinds County Board of Supervisors	30,629
Madison County Board of Supervisors	8,896
Rankin County Board of Supervisors	6,143
Simpson County Board of Supervisors	6,592
Warren County Board of Supervisors	7,597
Yazoo County Board of Supervisors	<u>11,413</u>
TOTAL	\$77,424

Other accomplishments include the following:

District staff recently submitted a proposal the Mississippi Department of Human Services /Division of Aging and Adult Services seeking funding through a planning grant for the continuous operation of the Mississippi Access to Care Center (MAC Center). The District's goal is to expand the role of the MAC Center in ways which should generate a funding stream to assist in maintaining the center and expanding the staff. Staff will continue to seek other projects which will allow the expansion of the MAC Center and more information will be provided later when these projects are developed.

As an Area Agency on Aging, developing and coordinating programs is an ongoing activity. The District has collaborated with non-traditional organizations in developing new projects. These organizations include the Medical Mall Health Services, Mississippi State Department of Health, Central Mississippi Medical Center (CMMC) and Information and Quality Health (IQH) organization. The District will continue to partner with the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Medical Mall Health Services in providing Annual Wellness visits and Chronic Disease and Diabetes Self-Management classes.

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES BUDGET

For Budget Information, please refer to the Budget of Project #21

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

PROJECT NUMBER: **23**

DESCRIPTION: Medicaid, the largest public program financing long-term care, has an inherent bias toward institutionalization. In an attempt to reduce this bias, Congress established the Home and Community-Based Service Waiver Program in 1981. Mississippi applied for a waiver to fund Home and Community-Based Service for people who met Medicaid eligibility requirements for nursing home care and the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Service Program began shortly thereafter. This program allows for individuals who meet the criteria for nursing home placement to receive home and community based services instead of institutionalized services.

Home and Community-Based Services employs a variety of service delivery approaches including participant direction of services and development of their Plan of Care. There are limitations (per fiscal year) to the amount or kind of service that a Medicaid beneficiary can receive under the Medicaid State Plan. For individuals who qualify, these limitations are “waived”, thus allowing a participant to receive additional services not otherwise available. Mississippi’s Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Services is one of five different waiver programs and includes: 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.

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 and still receive quality in-home assistance.																					
BENEFITS	Home and Community Based Services provide an annual cost savings to the State of Mississippi of more than \$55 million from the 2,400 individuals that the District will serve on a monthly basis in their homes rather than receiving service in state paid nursing homes. Nursing home care is estimated to cost approximately \$55,200 per year, which exceeds the cost of waiver services by an average of \$23,000 per individual.																					
TASK 23-1	<p>HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES</p> <p>The District will provide home and community-based options to 2,400 eligible disabled and/or elderly individuals so as to divert nursing home placement. This program is referral driven and individuals whose applications are approved 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; or who no longer qualify for any other long-term care program, are given priority. Of the 2,400 assigned slots, a minimum of 95% will be served at all times.</p> <p>Teams composed of Registered Nurses and Licensed Social Workers will be targeted in the following areas:</p> <table data-bbox="446 1465 1079 1686"> <tr> <td>Copiah County</td> <td>2 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hinds County</td> <td>10 teams</td> <td>1,100 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rankin County</td> <td>2 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simpson County</td> <td>2 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madison County</td> <td>4 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warren County</td> <td>2 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yazoo County</td> <td>2 teams</td> <td>220 clients</td> </tr> </table> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District served an average of 2,357 clients per month from October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. An additional team was added in both Hinds and Rankin Counties.</p>	Copiah County	2 teams	220 clients	Hinds County	10 teams	1,100 clients	Rankin County	2 teams	220 clients	Simpson County	2 teams	220 clients	Madison County	4 teams	220 clients	Warren County	2 teams	220 clients	Yazoo County	2 teams	220 clients
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ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE BUDGET

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$2,844,926	\$1,394,345
Indirect	790,764	403,940
Travel	34,600	49
Contractual Services	20,000	7,638
Janitorial/Housekeeping	9,200	4,070
Equipment Lease/Rental	12,000	3,882
Services	2,433,803	580,519
Supplies	25,000	11,060
Office Space	52,000	27,475
Communications	30,700	13,350
Insurance	2,500	1,022
Utilities	12,000	5,822
Computer Related	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1,281</u>
TOTAL	\$6,272,493	\$2,454,452
 <u>SOURCES</u>		
Federal/State	<u>\$6,272,493</u>	<u>\$3,261,208</u>
TOTAL	\$6,272,493	\$3,261,208
 Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		 \$ 806,756

PROJECT: **ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AND ADVOCACY**

PROJECT NUMBER: **24**

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, so as to enhance the quality of life and the quality of care for the aged.

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 unable to access the aging system are at 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 24-1	<p>BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM</p> <p>The District will administer the Bridge to Independence (B2I) Program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The District will also work with the Mississippi Division of Medicaid to provide these services to eligible participants. B2I is a statewide program designed to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside in nursing homes and intermediate care facilities to return to the community. The Area Agency on Aging will 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 them locate housing, plan employment and meaningful day activities, learn new skills, and build natural supports.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</p> <p>The District has assisted with four (4) Bridge to Independence Program transitions. District staff worked in conjunction with other community representatives by assisting long-term care residents residing in Jackson, Vicksburg, and Yazoo City, Mississippi, transition successfully from an institutional setting back into the community. Currently, the Community Navigator has eight (8) clients and during this portion of the fiscal year has conducted a total of 68.45 contact hours through face-to-face visits, personal care plan meetings, and by telephone. Also, the Community Navigator has completed a total of 52 hours of training through classes conducted by Marc Gold & Associates, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (B2I), and the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts' Conference</p>

<p>TASK 24-2</p>	<p>NURSING HOME OMBUDSMEN SERVICES</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>One District ombudsman, along with five (5) certified county ombudsmen, will make routine visits to 41 long-term care facilities, 38 personal care homes and 2 sub-acute ICF/MR facilities throughout the District on a monthly basis. Visits will be made on a scheduled and non-scheduled basis to mediate problems, follow-up on problems, and to resolve complaints.</p> <p>The District ombudsman 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District, along with five (5) local Ombudsmen, performed the following services at local nursing and personal care homes during the first half of the fiscal year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Facility Visits - 520 Number of Resident Contacts - 13,497 Number of Complaints Investigated - 480 <p>Further, the District and local Ombudsmen have attended forty-one (41) Resident Council meetings; two (2) Family Council meetings; three (3) Family Care Plan meetings; and sixteen (16) State Surveys. The District Ombudsman has conducted three (3) In- Service training sessions on Resident Rights, Vulnerable Persons, and Elder Abuse. Also, forty (40) Christmas gifts were delivered to the residents courtesy of the Santa for Seniors Project.</p>
<p>TASK 24-3</p>	<p>ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION</p> <p>The Elder Abuse Prevention Program is an educational program which is designed to increase public awareness of the prevalence of elder abuse in our society. The District will coordinate many of its efforts with the Mississippi Department of Human Services to assure that abuse is handled in an expedient manner 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff conducted three (3) workshops on Elder Abuse Prevention during the past six months. Also, District staff continue to report cases of elder abuse to the appropriate authorities. To date this fiscal year, one (1) case of abuse has been reported.</p>

<p>TASK 24-4</p>	<p>SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL PROJECT</p> <p>Escalating costs in Medicare and Medicaid programs have placed both programs in jeopardy. Research shows that fraud, waste, and abuse of these public dollars are the major reasons for this dilemma. The District will administer this program which will recruit and train volunteers to teach and educate Medicare beneficiaries how to monitor Medicare billing and what to do about identified discrepancies. Additionally, these actions should increase the number of suspected incidences being reported to the proper authorities.</p> <p>District staff will explore various means of getting information to the public regarding the issue of fraudulent acts in public benefit programs. Through participation in health fairs, speaking engagements, printed materials, and one-on-one counseling, more people will become aware of this issue.</p> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: District staff have performed numerous activities to inform the public about the incidences of Medicare fraud and how to report them. The District has partnered with several agencies including Catholic Charities, the Social Security Administration, the Division of Medicaid, the Commission of Volunteer Services, TRIADS, and many more agencies to provide cross training on services among each agency. To date, there have been 107 individual contacts; 18 presentations which were attended by 330 individuals; 5 health fairs which were attended by 762 attendees; and 2,312 brochures, and other pieces of literature were distributed to individuals in the community.</p>
<p>TASK 24-5</p>	<p>STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)</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. Through the use of volunteers in each county, 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> <p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The District's SHIP Insurance Counselors are required to make special efforts to locate and train Medicare beneficiaries to apply for benefits provided by Social Security and Medicaid. To date, 2,115 contacts have been made to beneficiaries with information regarding Medicare health coverage, issues, and supplemental benefits. Additionally, Insurance Counselors have contacted 1,132 beneficiaries with assets below the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) limit. Also, Insurance Counselors have completed 1,111 eligibility screenings for Medicare benefits, assistance, and costs.</p> <p>Counselors participated in 31 events, which were attended by more than 1,350 attendees. Also, more than 1,280 brochures and other literature was disseminated to individuals in the community. Presently, the District has six (6) volunteers assisting with the provision of insurance counseling to older persons throughout central Mississippi.</p>

TASK 24-6

CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In conjunction with the Medical Mall Health Services, the District signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together and share resources in the delivery of evidence-based programs and care transitions services to consumers identified with one or more chronic diseases. Also included is the delivery of chronic disease and diabetes self-management education to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries with the goals of reducing disease complications and improving health outcomes. These services are reimbursable under Medicare under the *Affordable Care Act*. As part of this joint venture, trained District staff, along with community health workers from the Medical Mall Health Services (MMHS), will be conducting six-week classes and annual wellness visits to seniors at local congregate nutrition sites throughout the seven-county area. Additionally, MMHS plans to co-partner with CMPDD to provide care transition services to Central Mississippi Medical Center (CMMC), Madison River Oaks, and University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) to accept referrals from the hospital to provide home and community based services to discharged patients with the outcome of reducing hospital re-admissions at their facility.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The District has continued partnering with the Medical Mall Health Services, Central Mississippi Medical Center (CMMC) and Information Quality Healthcare for the purpose of conducting classes using the Sanford Model curriculum. To date, the District has scheduled one (1) Chronic Disease Self- Management Leaders class at the WIN Job Center in Jackson, Mississippi on June 22-26, 2015. Currently, the District has one (1) skilled and educated Master Trainer and one (1) Leader available to teach classes throughout the community

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AND ADVOCACY BUDGET

For Budget Information, please refer to the Budget of Project #21

ALL PROJECTS BUDGET SUMMARY

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AS OF 03/31/2015</u>
Personnel	\$ 5,806,206	\$2,873,617
Indirect/District Expense Fund	1,751,911	947,242
Travel	302,637	22,299
Meetings	34,100	7,534
Dues, Memberships, and Subscriptions	11,600	3,488
Audit	13,500	4,500
Contractual Services	841,754	141,838
Janitorial/Housekeeping	12,000	5,613
Equipment Lease/Rental	27,484	9,967
Services	15,849,484	4,606,194
Supplies	66,101	19,341
Printing	7,150	110
Postage	975	91
Legal	26,294	3,863
Office Space	150,400	83,988
Communications	67,200	28,190
Equipment	177,060	5,041
Insurance	4,500	1,643
Equipment Maintenance	17,800	2,046
Utilities	39,871	20,478
Depreciation	76,000	-0-
Loans	1,698,716	1,436,000
Computer Related	86,732	16,309
Miscellaneous	44,621	4,561
Unprogrammed	1,038,162	-0-
TOTAL	\$28,152,258	\$10,243,953

SOURCES

Federal	\$23,793,486	\$8,783,131
State	335,034	75,903
Assessments	232,176	118,151
Assessments - Services	77,424	30,543
Contracts	712,386	752,272
Program Equity/Income	1,623,310	1,336,480
In-Kind	468,025	270,361
Fees/Interest	321,647	146,462
Match Carryover	267,552	14,421
Lease/Rental Income	321,218	186,484
TOTAL	\$28,152,258	\$11,714,207

**DISTRICT SUPPORT ALLOCATION
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

COPIAH COUNTY	0.028757	\$ 6,648
Crystal Springs	0.008093	1,871
Hazlehurst	0.006588	1,523
Wesson	0.002894	669
HINDS COUNTY	0.062545	14,459
Byram	0.015871	3,669
Clinton	0.038382	8,873
Edwards	0.001838	425
Jackson	0.309976	71,659
Raymond	0.002107	487
Utica	0.001103	255
MADISON COUNTY	0.048790	11,279
Canton	0.020175	4,664
Flora	0.002894	669
Madison	0.031504	7,283
Ridgeland	0.034783	8,041
RANKIN COUNTY	0.109553	25,326
Brandon	0.031647	7,316
Florence	0.005520	1,276
Flowood	0.010918	2,524
Pearl	0.038884	8,989
Pelahatchie	0.002254	521
Richland	0.010641	2,460
SIMPSON COUNTY	0.032698	7,559
Magee	0.006917	1,599
Mendenhall	0.004070	941
WARREN COUNTY	0.043928	10,155
Vicksburg	0.040471	9,356
YAZOO COUNTY	0.027092	6,263
Yazoo City	0.019107	4,417
TOTALS	100.000%	\$231,176

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

