

**Cash Management Improvement Act Agreement**  
**between**  
**The State of North Dakota**  
**and**  
**The Secretary of the Treasury,**  
**United States Department of the Treasury**

The Secretary of the Treasury, United States Department of the Treasury (hereafter 'Secretary'), and State of North Dakota (hereafter 'State'), in order to implement Section 5 of the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990, as amended (hereafter 'Act'), agree as follows:

**1.0 AGENTS OF THE AGREEMENT**

1.1 The Authorized Official(s) for the State of North Dakota shall be the Fiscal Officer, Office of Management and Budget in all matters concerning this Agreement.

1.2 The Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Collections Management, Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service), U.S. Department of the Treasury, shall act as the Secretary's representative in all matters concerning this Agreement.

**2.0 AUTHORITY**

2.1 The authority for this Agreement is the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-453), as amended by the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-589), codified at 31 U.S.C. 6501 and 31 U.S.C. 6503.

2.2 The regulations codified at 31 CFR Part 205 shall apply to all matters pertaining to this Agreement, and are incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and 31 CFR Part 205, the regulations shall govern.

**3.0 DURATION, AMENDING, TERMINATING, AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

3.1 This Agreement shall take effect on 07/01/2024 and shall remain in effect until 06/30/2025.

3.2 This Agreement may be amended at any time by written, mutual consent of the State and the Fiscal Service. This Agreement shall be amended annually to incorporate new programs that qualify as major Federal assistance programs and remove programs that no longer qualify as major Federal assistance programs. A State must notify the Fiscal Service in writing within 30 days of the time the State becomes aware of a change that involves additions or deletions of programs subject to Subpart A, changes in funding techniques, and/or changes in clearance patterns. The notification must include a proposed amendment for review by the Fiscal Service.

3.3 Notwithstanding section 3.2, in the event of Federal or State non-compliance with Subpart B of 31 CFR, Part 205, the Fiscal Service may amend this Agreement at any time to incorporate additional programs and the entities that administer those programs.

3.4 This Agreement may be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice. If this Agreement is terminated, the Fiscal Service will prescribe the funding techniques, clearance patterns, and methods for calculating interest liabilities to be used by the State.

**4.0 PROGRAMS COVERED**

4.1 The State's threshold and its major Federal assistance programs shall be determined based on the State's most recent Single Audit, which is done every two years, for fiscal year ending 06/30/2022.

All major Federal assistance programs shall be covered by this Agreement, unless otherwise specified in section 4.4 of this Agreement.

4.2 The State's threshold for major Federal assistance programs is \$15,633,564.

The following programs meet or exceed the threshold and are not excluded in Section 4.4:

CFDA	Program Name
10.551	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
10.553	School Breakfast Program
10.555	National School Lunch Program
12.401	National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Projects
15.437	Minerals Leasing Act
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
84.027	Special Education -- Grants to States
84.425	Education Stabilization Fund
93.323	Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)
93.423	1332 State Innovation Waivers
93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
93.568	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
93.575	Child Care and Development Block Grant
93.767	Children's Health Insurance Program
93.778	Medical Assistance Program
97.036	Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)

4.3 The following programs fall below the State's threshold but have been required to be covered by Fiscal Service in accordance with the non-compliance provisions of Subpart B of 31 CFR Part 205:

There are currently no programs listed for Section 4.3.

4.4 The following programs exceed the State's threshold but have been excluded from coverage for the reason indicated:

CFDA	Program Name	Exclusion Reason
21.026	Homeowner Assistance Fund	Federal Statute - Full Exemption

**5.0 ENTITIES COVERED**

5.1 State agencies and instrumentalities that meet the definition of a State per 31 CFR Part 205, shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. The following is a list of such entities that administer funds under the programs listed in Section 4.0 of this Agreement:

- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Public Instruction
- Department of Transportation
- Insurance Commissioner
- ND Adjutant General
- State Treasurer's Office

5.2 Entities that meet the definition of a Fiscal Agent per 31 CFR Part 205 shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. The following is a list of Fiscal Agents that administer funds under the programs listed in the Section 4.0 of this Agreement:

Fiscal Agent	CFDA	Program Name
E-Funds	10.551	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

**6.0 FUNDING TECHNIQUES**

6.1 General Terms

6.1.1 The State shall request Federal funds in accordance with the appropriate cut-off times shown in Exhibit I to ensure funds will be received and credited to a State account by the times specified in the funding techniques. Exhibit I is incorporated by reference herein.

6.1.2 The State shall schedule the receipt of Federal funds such that the funds are received and credited to a State account in accordance with the clearance patterns specified in Exhibit II - List of State Clearance Patterns. Exhibit II is incorporated by reference herein.

6.1.3 In instances where the receipt of funds is scheduled for a Saturday, the State shall request funds for deposit on Friday. In instances where the receipt of funds is scheduled for a Sunday, the State shall request funds for deposit on Monday. In instances where the receipt of Federal funds is scheduled for deposit on a day when the State is not open for business, the State shall request funds for deposit the day following the scheduled day; in instances where the receipt of Federal funds is scheduled for deposit on a day when the Federal Government is not open for business, the State shall request funds for deposit the day prior to the scheduled day.

6.1.4 Estimates and Reconciliation of Estimates:

Where estimated expenditures are used to determine the amount of the drawdown, the State will indicate in the terms of the State unique funding technique how the estimated amount is determined and when and how the State will reconcile the difference between the estimate and the State's actual expenditures.

6.1.5 Supplemental Funding:

Unless otherwise defined by program rules, Supplemental Funding is the award of additional funds to provide for an increase in costs due to unforeseen circumstances.

The State will comply with all Federal program agency policies and procedures for requesting supplemental grant funding.

The State will comply with the following guidelines when requesting supplemental funding for the Medical Assistance Program and associated administrative payments (CFDA 93.778):

The State must submit a revised Medicaid Program Budget Report (CMS-37) to request supplemental funding. The CMS guidelines and instructions for completing the CMS-37 are provided in Section 2600F of the State Medicaid Manual (SMM). The CMS/CO must receive the revised Form CMS-37 through the Medicaid Budget Expenditure System/Children's Budget Expenditure System (MBES/CBES) no later than 10 calendar days before the end of the quarter for which the supplemental grant award is being requested.

Additional guidance on this policy is available from the respective CMS Regional Office, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

The State will comply with the following guidelines when requesting supplemental funding for TANF (CFDA 93.558), CCDF (CFDA 93.575), CSE (93.563), and the FC/AA (CFDA 93.658 and CFDA 93.659) programs administered by the U.S. Department of Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (HHS/ACF):

a. Timing of the Request

A State should initiate its request for supplemental funding during a quarter as soon as it becomes aware of the fact that a shortfall does/will exist. For the TANF and CCDF grants, supplemental funding requests (estimates) may be submitted by a State, for consideration by ACF, up through and including the 15th day of the third month of the first, second or third quarter of any fiscal year. Since TANF and CCDF are block grant programs, all unawarded portions of the annual allotment will automatically be issued at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Therefore, supplemental funding requests will not be available during the fourth quarter for these programs. For the CSE and FC/AA programs, supplemental funding requests may be submitted by a state, for consideration by ACF, up through and including the 15th day of the third month of any quarter of a fiscal year.

b. Justification for the Request

The request for a supplemental funding for any of the above-mentioned programs should contain a justification clearly documenting the need for the additional funding authority during the current quarter. This documentation should be in the form of State accounting records or similar documents that will show the actual expenditures through the most recent month for which such data are available, as well as the State's most accurate projection of its anticipated expenditures during the remaining month(s) of the quarter. For either the TANF or the CCDF program, the State's justification should also include an explanation of the activities requiring the obligation and/or expenditure of amounts that exceed the normal quarterly grant award restrictions and why these activities could not have been delayed until the next quarter.

c. Form Submittal

Supplemental funding requests should be made by completing the appropriate ACF quarterly report of expenditures and estimates applicable to the particular program for which the grant award request is being made.

d. Approval Process

Upon receipt of the state's request for additional funding authority for a quarter, the ACF Regional Office will promptly review the supporting documentation. If the request is properly justified, so long as ACF has adequate funding availability, the State's request will be expedited and supplemental funding will be issued within 5 days of ACF receiving the request. The State will be notified by the Regional Office when the supplemental award has been transmitted to the Payment Management System (PMS) and when it may initiate drawdowns against the supplemental funding.

Additional guidance on this policy is provided in the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, letter (May 19, 2004) to State Administrators from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

6.2 Description of Funding Techniques

6.2.1 The following are terms under which standard funding techniques shall be implemented for all transfers of funds to which the funding technique is applied in section 6.3.2 of this Agreement.

Funding Technique Name	Description
Actual Clearance, ZBA - Same Day Payment	The State shall request funds the same day it pays out funds, in accordance with the appropriate Federal agency cut-off time specified in Exhibit I. A Federal agency will deposit funds in a State account the same day as requested. The amount of the request shall be for the amount of funds that clear the State's account that day. This funding technique is interest neutral.
Average Clearance	The State shall request funds such that they are deposited by ACH on the dollar-weighted average day of clearance for the disbursement, in accordance with the clearance pattern specified in Exhibit II. The request shall be made in accordance with the appropriate Federal agency cut-off time specified in Exhibit I. The amount of the request shall be for the exact amount of that disbursement. This funding technique is interest neutral.
Composite Clearance	The State shall request funds such that they are deposited on the dollar-weighted average number of days required for funds to be paid out for a series of disbursements,

	in accordance with the clearance pattern specified in Exhibit II. The request shall be made in accordance with the appropriate Federal agency cut-off time specified in Exhibit I. The amount of the request shall be the sum of the payments issued in the series of disbursements. This funding technique is interest neutral.
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6.2.2 The following are terms under which funding techniques for administrative costs shall be implemented for all transfers of funds to which the funding technique is applied in section 6.3.2 of this Agreement.

There are currently no funding techniques listed in Section 6.2.2.

6.2.3 The following are terms under which miscellaneous funding techniques shall be implemented for all transfers of funds to which the funding technique is applied in section 6.3.2 of this Agreement.

There are currently no funding techniques listed in Section 6.2.3.

6.2.4 The following are terms under which State unique funding techniques shall be implemented for all transfers of funds to which the funding technique is applied in section 6.3.2 of this Agreement.

Funding Technique Name	Description
Actual Allocation	The State shall request funds, such that they are deposited on the first business day after the cost allocation system records the expenditures in the statewide accounting system. The request shall be made in accordance with the appropriate Federal agency cut-off time specified in Exhibit I. The amount of the request for a given month's activity shall be based on actual costs distributed in accordance with the State's approved cost allocation plan. This funding technique is interest neutral.
Automatic Payment Distribution	Revenue from Public or Flood Control land leasing will trigger automatic payment distribution, from the Federal Government. The payment distributions are determined by the Federal Government. This funding technique is interest neutral.
Fixed Interval Drawdowns	<p>The State, for non-payroll direct administrative costs, shall request funds once a month, such that they are deposited on the last working day of each month. The request shall be made in accordance with the appropriate Federal agency cut-off time specified in Exhibit I. The amount of the request shall be based on the amount of actual cash outlays for direct administrative costs during the month.</p> <p>The State, for the Department of Public Instruction, for non-payroll direct administrative costs, shall request funds once a month, such that they are deposited on the first business day after the cost allocation system records the expenditures in the statewide accounting system. The request shall be made in accordance with the appropriate Federal agency cut-off time specified in Exhibit I. The amount of the request shall be based on the amount of actual cash outlays for direct administrative costs during the month. This funding technique is interest neutral.</p>
Prior Month's Actual	Funds will be requested monthly for expenditures incurred in the prior month. Expenditures will be determined as soon as possible subsequent to the close of each month and a request for funds will occur as soon as possible thereafter. The request shall be made in accordance with the appropriate Federal agency cut-off time specified in Exhibit I. The amount of the request shall be for the actual expenditures incurred in the prior month. This funding technique is not interest neutral.
Weekly Reimbursable Funding	The State shall request funds such as they are deposited in a State account in accordance with the clearance pattern specified in Exhibit II. The request shall be made in accordance with the appropriate Federal agency cut-off specified in Exhibit I. The amount of the request shall be the actual sum of expenditures that have been incurred, recorded, identified and reconciled as billable since the last weekly draw request was processed. In instances which include, but are not limited to, when the weekly draw is not scheduled for a day that is the end of the quarter, or year, or grant closeout deadline, the draw can be performed on that day in lieu of the normal scheduled day. The following weekly draw will be done as scheduled. In all the cases the request for funds will occur after the state has disbursed funds. This funding technique is interest neutral.

### 6.3 Application of Funding Techniques to Programs

6.3.1 The State shall apply the following funding techniques when requesting Federal funds for the component cash flows of the programs listed in sections 4.2 and 4.3 of this Agreement.

#### 6.3.2 Programs

Below are programs listed in Section 4.2 and Section 4.3.

10.551 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Recipient: Department of Health and Human Services  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Weekly Reimbursable Funding  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

10.553 School Breakfast Program  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Weekly Reimbursable Funding  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

10.555 National School Lunch Program  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: Direct Costs  
Technique: Average Clearance  
Average Day of Clearance: 1 Day

12.401 National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance (O&M)  
Projects  
Recipient: ND Adjutant General  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Prior Month's Actual  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

15.437 Minerals Leasing Act  
Recipient: State Treasurer's Office  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: Program Benefits Non- Payroll  
Technique: Automatic Payment Distribution  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

20.205 Highway Planning and Construction  
Recipient: Department of Transportation  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Average Clearance  
Average Day of Clearance: 1 Day

84.010 Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 4  
Component: Direct Administrative Costs (Non-Payroll)  
Technique: Fixed Interval Drawdowns  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

84.010 Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 4  
Component: Payroll  
Technique: Actual Allocation  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

84.010 Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 2  
Component: Indirect Costs  
Technique: Actual Allocation  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

84.010 Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 90  
Component: Program Costs  
Technique: Average Clearance  
Average Day of Clearance: 2 Days

84.027 Special Education -- Grants to States  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 5  
Component: Payroll  
Technique: Actual Allocation  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

84.027 Special Education -- Grants to States  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 4  
Component: Direct Administrative Costs (Non-Payroll)  
Technique: Fixed Interval Drawdowns  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

84.027 Special Education -- Grants to States  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 1  
Component: Indirect Costs  
Technique: Actual Allocation  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

84.027 Special Education -- Grants to States  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 90  
Component: Program Costs  
Technique: Average Clearance  
Average Day of Clearance: 0 Days

84.425 Education Stabilization Fund  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: .5  
Component: Direct Administrative Costs (Non-Payroll)  
Technique: Fixed Interval Drawdowns  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

84.425 Education Stabilization Fund  
Recipient: Department of Public Instruction  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 99.5  
Component: Program Costs  
Technique: Average Clearance

Average Day of Clearance: 1 Day

93.323 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)

Recipient: Department of Health and Human Services  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Weekly Reimbursable Funding  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

93.423 1332 State Innovation Waivers

Recipient: Insurance Commissioner  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Actual Clearance, ZBA - Same Day Payment  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

93.558 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Recipient: Department of Health and Human Services  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Weekly Reimbursable Funding  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

93.568 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance

Recipient: Department of Health and Human Services  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Weekly Reimbursable Funding  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

93.575 Child Care and Development Block Grant

Recipient: Department of Health and Human Services  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Weekly Reimbursable Funding  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

93.767 Children's Health Insurance Program

Recipient: Department of Health and Human Services  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Weekly Reimbursable Funding  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

93.778 Medical Assistance Program

Recipient: Department of Health and Human Services  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 100  
Component: All Program Costs  
Technique: Weekly Reimbursable Funding  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

97.036 Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)

Recipient: ND Adjutant General  
% of Funds Agency Receives: .3  
Component: Direct Administrative Costs (Non-Payroll)  
Technique: Fixed Interval Drawdowns  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A



97.036 Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)  
Recipient: ND Adjutant General  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 1  
Component: Payroll  
Technique: Actual Allocation  
Average Day of Clearance: N/A

97.036 Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)  
Recipient: ND Adjutant General  
% of Funds Agency Receives: 98.7  
Component: All Program Benefits - Non-payroll (Grants)  
Technique: Composite Clearance  
Average Day of Clearance: 1 Day

### 6.3.3 Materiality Exemptions

Agencies exempt from coverage on the basis of materiality:

None

6.4.1 An agency is not required to drawdown federal funds if the expenditures for which reimbursement is being requested are under \$50,000. An agency can wait to request federal funds for their expenditures until their federal drawdown will exceed \$50,000. However, agencies still have the option of requesting federal funds for amounts under \$50,000.

## 7.0 CLEARANCE PATTERNS

7.1 The State shall develop separate clearance patterns for each of the following:

Separate clearance patterns will be developed for the following programs by the following responsible State Agencies: N/A

7.2 The following shall develop the State's clearance patterns:

The ND Office of Management and Budget shall develop all of the State's clearance patterns for all major Federal Programs.

7.3 The sources of data the State shall use when developing its clearance patterns are as follows:

The sources of data the State shall use when developing its clearance patterns for payments made by the Statewide Accounting System are the PeopleSoft transaction history file, and the Bank of North Dakota cleared check file. The months of June through November 2022 were used to calculate the clearance pattern for ALN #20.205. The months of June thru August 2022 were used to calculate clearance patterns for ALN #84.010, #84.027 and #84.425. The months of September thru November of 2022 were used to calculate the clearance pattern for ALN #10.555. After reviewing expenditures in ALN #97.036 it was found that the highest levels of activity were found to be in June, July and August for 2023, therefore causing the clearance pattern to change from 0 to 1 day.

7.4 The State shall use the following methodology when developing its clearance patterns:

When developing each clearance pattern, the State shall track at least 99% of the funds disbursed, from issuance to clearance, for a period of at least three months.

7.5 The State shall identify for each check or warrant (hereafter, check) in the population: (1) the date the check was released for payment; (2) the date the check was debited from the State's account, and, (3) the amount of the check.

7.6 The State shall use the following method to calculate the dollar-weighted average day of clearance:

To determine the number of days each check was outstanding (clearance time), the issue date shall be subtracted from the date the check cleared the State's account.

To determine the percentage of the disbursement paid out each day following issuance, the amount of the checks that clear the State's account each day shall be summed and then divided by the amount of the total disbursement.

For each day following issuance, the clearance time of the checks paid out that day shall be multiplied by the percentage of the total disbursement those checks represent. This product is the clearance factor.

The dollar-weighted average day of clearance for the disbursement shall be determined by summing the clearance factor of each day following the disbursement.

7.7 The State shall adjust each clearance pattern to reflect the dollar-weighted proportion of funds paid out by EFT/Direct payroll, with the following exceptions:

Interdepartmental Billings are not included for the programs that have a separate component for those billings.

The State shall also adjust each clearance pattern to reflect:

N/A

7.8 Each of the State's clearance patterns is calculated in Calendar days.

7.9 An authorized State official shall certify that each clearance pattern developed by the State accurately corresponds to the clearance activity of the programs to which it is applied. This certification shall be provided to the Fiscal Service prior to the effective date of the Agreement. The State shall recertify its clearance patterns at least every five years.

7.10 The State shall follow the procedures of 31 CFR 205 if it has actual or constructive knowledge, at any time, that a clearance pattern does not correspond to a program's clearance activity.

7.11.0 The issue date shall be the day following the date on the check, to allow for one day processing time before checks are mailed.

7.12.0 Estimated clearance activity is based on a sample of checks over a three to six month period. The system, knowing when the checks were written, determines if they are outstanding or have been cashed. The estimated clearance pattern is then based on this information. The information is kept in a spreadsheet by the agency responsible for it and is reconciled daily.

## **8.0 INTEREST CALCULATION METHODOLOGY**

### **8.1 General Terms**

8.1.1 The State and the Secretary agree that no interest liabilities will be incurred for transfers of funds made in accordance with the procedures specified in section 6 of this Agreement where the following funding techniques are applied:

- Actual Allocation
- Actual Clearance, ZBA - Same Day Payment
- Automatic Payment Distribution
- Average Clearance
- Composite Clearance
- Fixed Interval Drawdowns
- Weekly Reimbursable Funding

8.1.2 The State shall maintain information on disbursements and receipts of funds to verify the implementation of any funding technique and document interest liabilities.

For each disbursement, the State shall be able to identify:

- (1) amount of the issuance
- (2) date of issuance

(3) date Federal funds are received and credited to a State account

(4) amount of Federal funds received

(5) date funds were requested

## 8.2 Federal Interest Liabilities

8.2.1 A Federal interest liability shall accrue from the day the State pays out its own funds for program purposes to the day Federal funds are credited to a State account. With regard to funds transferred out of the Federal Highway Trust Fund, if a State does not bill at least weekly for current project costs, the Federal interest liability shall not accrue prior to the day the State submits a request for funds.

8.2.2 The State shall use the following method to calculate Federal interest liabilities:

For all transactions where the State pays out its own funds for program purposes prior to receiving Federal funds, the State shall track each payment from the date it is paid out of a State account to the date Federal funds are subsequently credited to a State account to cover that outlay. The Federal interest liability on each payment shall be based on the difference in whole days between the two events. With Federal-State matching programs, interest shall be calculated on the Federal percentage of the disbursement.

Average Clearance: For all transactions where the State pays out its own funds for program purposes prior to receiving Federal funds, the Federal interest liability shall be based on the difference in whole days between the average date of clearance for the disbursement, as specified in Exhibit II, and the date the related Federal funds are credited to a State account. With Federal-State matching programs, interest shall be calculated on the Federal percentage of the disbursement.

## 8.3 The Unemployment Trust Fund

8.3.1 The State shall use the following method to calculate State interest liabilities on funds withdrawn from the several accounts in the Unemployment Trust Fund:

The State shall use the following methodology to calculate State interest liabilities on funds withdrawn from the several accounts in the UTF under the Unemployment Insurance program.

Based on statements provided by its financial institution, or other appropriate source, the State shall determine the actual interest earnings and the related banking costs attributable to funds withdrawn from its account in the UTF.

At the end of the State's fiscal year, the State shall calculate the percentage of its total unemployment compensation expenditures for (1) funds withdrawn from the State account in the UTF, or the State %, and (2) funds withdrawn from the Federal Employees Compensation Account (FECA) and the Extended Unemployment Compensation Account (EUCA) and any other accounts of Federal funds in the UTF, or the Federal %.

The State shall calculate the actual interest earnings and the related banking costs attributable to funds withdrawn from the State account in the UTF by multiplying the State % by the amount of the actual interest earnings and the related banking costs of the account as a whole. The State's liability for interest on funds withdrawn from its account in the UTF shall consist of the actual interest earnings attributable to such funds less the related banking costs attributed to such funds.

The State shall determine the average daily cash balance of its unemployment compensation benefit payment account for its fiscal year. The State shall calculate the average daily cash balance of Federal funds by multiplying the Federal % by the average daily cash balance of the benefit payment account on the whole. The State's liability for interest on funds withdrawn from the FECA and EUCA (and any other benefit accounts of Federal funds in the UTF from which the State draws funds) shall be the average daily cash balance of Federal funds multiplied by the annualized rate equal to the average equivalent yields of 13-week Treasury bills auctioned during the State's fiscal year.

## 8.4 Refund Liabilities

8.4.1 The State shall be liable for interest on refunds from the date the refund is credited to a State account until the date the refund is debited from the State account for program purposes. The State shall apply a \$50,000 refund transaction threshold below which the State shall not incur or calculate interest liabilities on refunds. A transaction is defined as a single deposit.

8.4.2 For each refund, the State shall maintain information identifying:

- (1) date a refund is credited to a State account
- (2) date of the subsequent deposit of Federal funds against which the refund is offset
- (3) amount of the refund

8.4.3 The State shall use the following methodology to calculate interest liabilities on refunds:

With programs to which applicable interest neutral funding techniques are applied, the State interest liability shall be based on the difference in whole days between the date the refund is deposited in a State account and the date the refund is offset against a subsequent deposit of Federal funds.

## 8.5 Exemptions

8.5.1 Where more than one State agency is a recipient of Federal funds under a program, a particular State agency's funding may be excluded from interest calculation procedures if the State agency receives an amount of funds less than 5 % of the State's threshold for major Federal assistance programs. Notwithstanding this potential exemption, however, in no case shall less than 90% of a program's total funding be subject to interest calculation procedures.

Proration of calculations: If less than total program funding is subject to interest calculation procedures, the resulting interest liability calculations shall be prorated to 100% of program funding.

## 8.6 State Interest Liabilities

8.6.1 The State shall be liable for interest on Federal funds from the date Federal funds are credited to a State account until the date those funds are paid out for program purposes.

8.6.2 The State shall use the following method to calculate State interest liabilities on Federal funds:

### 8.6.2.1 Measuring Time Funds Are Held

To determine the total time Federal funds are held, the State shall measure the time between the date Federal funds are received and credit to a State's account and the date those funds are debited from the State's account.

### 8.6.2.2 Source of Data

The time period from issuance of funds to the date funds are debited from the State's account shall be determined by the appropriate clearance pattern specified in Exhibit II.

### 8.6.2.3 Standards Applied

To measure the time Federal funds are held in a State account prior to being disbursed, the State shall use statistical sampling. The sample shall be randomly selected, and shall be of sufficient size to ensure, at a minimum, a 95% confidence interval no wider than a 0.3 dollar-weighted days about the estimated mean.

For each check in the sample population, the State shall:

- 1 subtract the deposit date from the issuance date
- 2 multiply the difference of step 1 by the check amount
- 3 divide the product of step 2 by the total amount of funds drawn in the sample to determine the dollar-weighted pre-issuance time for that check

The State shall then sum the dollar-weighted pre-issuance time for each check to arrive at the total dollar-weighted average pre-issuance time to be used for calculating State interest liabilities.

### 8.6.2.4 Calculation Procedure

$I = ADB \times R$ , where

I = State's total interest liability

ADB = Average Daily Balance of cash in a program's account, measured from deposit to clearance

R = Annualized rate equal to the average equivalent yields of 13-week Treasury bills auctioned during a State's fiscal year

8.7.0 Rebates for the Medicaid components for CFDA #93.778

Medical Assistance Program will be interest neutral when used in conjunction with an estimated refund process. Three refund components have been identified to be used in the reduction of the weekly requests for federal funds: (1) Drug Rebates are identified on a quarterly basis and tracked to establish a historical trend that will be used to estimate the weekly rebates. The estimates will be adjusted to actual collections the following week; (2) Provider Refunds these refunds were averaged over a weekly basis to obtain a historical trend that will be used to estimate the weekly refund. This weekly estimated amount will be reduced from the weekly request and then adjusted the following week to actual refunds collected; and (3) Other Rebates these refunds were averaged over a weekly basis to obtain a historical trend that will be used to estimate the weekly refund. This weekly estimated amount will be reduced from the weekly request and then adjusted the following week to actual refunds collected.

8.8.0 There are no interest earnings on funds withdrawn from the State UTF account, as the State has implemented estimated clearance funding technique, an interest-neutral funding technique, for such transfers. For transfers of funds from the State account in the UTF that do not follow the technique specified and result in a positive balance of funds in a State account, the State's liability for interest on funds withdrawn from its account in the UTF shall consist of the actual interest earnings of the benefit payment account attributed to such funds less the related banking costs attributed to such funds.

**9.0 REVERSE FLOW PROGRAMS**

The State is not required to cover any reverse flow programs under the terms of this Agreement because the State does not participate in the program.

**10.0 INTEREST CALCULATION COSTS**

10.1 As set forth in 31 CFR 205.27, interest calculation costs are defined as those costs necessary for the actual calculation of interest, including the cost of developing and maintaining clearance patterns in support of the interest calculations. Interest calculation costs do not include expenses for normal disbursing services, such as processing of checks or maintaining records for accounting and reconciliation of cash balances, or expenses for upgrading or modernizing accounting systems. Interest calculation costs in excess of \$50,000 in any year are not eligible for reimbursement, unless the State provides justification with the annual report.

10.2 The State expects to incur the following types of interest calculation costs:

The State of North Dakota developed a system to monitor clearance patterns. In general, for those warrants generated by the statewide accounting system, OMB creates a file of transactions unique to the Federal Programs covered by our agreement. This file is updated on a daily basis and contains the check number; the date the check was written; the date the check cleared the Bank of North Dakota; the state accounting system's grant number, (this corresponds to the ALN number); the transaction amount; etc.. This program computes the number of days from the time the check was written to when it cleared the Bank of North Dakota. We use it to determine if our clearance patterns are holding true and to compute any interest due or payable.

The State shall bill the Federal Government for all costs associated with the above. This includes the following charges for: programming; data processing; file storage; and any other cost associated with this file. At a minimum, data processing and file storage costs shall be an annual cost incurred by the state and billed to the Federal Government. The State shall also bill for the time to: compute the actual calculation of interest; compiling and analyzing data related to interest calculation; preparing and transmitting the Annual Report. Costs are not available at this time, however, all costs billed the Federal Government shall be properly documented and available for audit.

10.3 The State shall submit all claims for reimbursement of interest calculation costs with its Annual Report in accordance with 31 CFR 205.

**11.0 NON-COMPLIANCE**

11.1 The provisions of 31 CFR Part 205.29 and 31 CFR Part 205.30 shall apply in cases of non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

**12.0 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES**

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Fiscal Officer, N.D. Office of Management and Budget

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: 7/2/2024  
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## Exhibit I - Funds Request and Receipt Times Schedule

### State of North Dakota

Federal Agency	Payment Type	Request Cut-Off Time	Receipt Window
Agriculture-FNS	ACH	11:59 PM	1 day
Agriculture-FNS	Fedwire	5:45 PM	0 day
Agriculture-FS	ACH	3:00 PM	1 day
Air National Guard	ACH	12:00 PM	15 days
Army National Guard	ACH	12:00 PM	15 days
Commerce-NOAA	ACH	2:00 PM	1 day
Dept of Homeland Security (FEMA)	Fedwire	2:00 PM	2 days
Dept of Homeland Security (ODP)	ACH	2:00 PM	2 days
Dept of Homeland Security (ODP)	Fedwire	2:00 PM	2 days
EPA	ACH	2:00 PM	2 days
EPA	Fedwire	2:00 PM	0 day
Education	ACH	3:00 PM	1 day
Education	Fedwire	2:00 PM	0 day
Energy	ACH	4:00 PM	1 day
Energy	Fedwire	3:00 PM	0 day
HHS	ACH	5:00 PM	1 day
HHS	Fedwire	3:00 PM	0 day
HUD	ACH	5:30 PM	2 days
HUD	Fedwire	3:00 PM	0 day
Interior-FWS	ACH	11:59 PM	1 day
Interior-FWS	Fedwire	5:45 PM	0 day
Interior-OSM	ACH	3:00 PM	1 day
Interior-OSM	Fedwire	1:00 PM	0 day
Justice	ACH	11:00 PM	6 days
Justice	Fedwire	2:00 PM	2 days
Labor-Non-UTF	ACH	3:00 PM	1 day
Labor-UTF	ACH	3:00 PM	1 day
Labor-UTF	Fedwire	3:00 PM	0 day
National Science Foundation (NSF)	ACH	8:00 PM	1 day
National Science Foundation (NSF)	Fedwire	5:45 PM	0 day
Social Security Administration	ACH	11:59 PM	1 day
Social Security Administration	Fedwire	5:45 PM	0 day
Transportation (FAA)	ACH	2:00 PM	1 day
Transportation (FHWA)	ACH	12:00 PM	3 days
Transportation (FHWA)	Fedwire	12:00 PM	0 day
Transportation (FTA)	ACH	2:00 PM	1 day
Veterans Administration	ACH	12:00 PM	3 days



**Exhibit II - State of North Dakota  
LIST OF STATE CLEARANCE TIMES**

**(Rounded Dollar-Weighted Average Day of Clearance)**

**Clearance Times Where the Timing of A Draw Down Is Based on A Clearance Pattern**

CFDA	Program Name	Recipient	%	Component	Technique	Rounded days
10.551	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Department of Health and Human Services	100.0	All Program Costs	Weekly Reimbursable Funding	N/A
10.553	School Breakfast Program	Department of Public Instruction	100.0	All Program Costs	Weekly Reimbursable Funding	N/A
10.555	National School Lunch Program	Department of Public Instruction	100.0	Direct Costs	Average Clearance	1 Day
12.401	National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Projects	ND Adjutant General	100.0	All Program Costs	Prior Month's Actual	N/A
15.437	Minerals Leasing Act	State Treasurer's Office	100.0	Program Benefits Non- Payroll	Automatic Payment Distribution	N/A
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction	Department of Transportation	100.0	All Program Costs	Average Clearance	1 Day
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Department of Public Instruction	4.0	Direct Administrative Costs (Non-Payroll)	Fixed Interval Drawdowns	N/A
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Department of Public Instruction	4.0	Payroll	Actual Allocation	N/A
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Department of Public Instruction	2.0	Indirect Costs	Actual Allocation	N/A
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Department of Public Instruction	90.0	Program Costs	Average Clearance	2 Days
84.027	Special Education -- Grants to States	Department of Public Instruction	5.0	Payroll	Actual Allocation	N/A
	Special Education -- Grants to States	Department of Public Instruction	4.0	Direct Administrative Costs (Non-Payroll)	Fixed Interval Drawdowns	N/A
	Special Education -- Grants to States	Department of Public Instruction	1.0	Indirect Costs	Actual Allocation	N/A
	Special Education -- Grants to States	Department of Public Instruction	90.0	Program Costs	Average Clearance	0 Days
84.425	Education Stabilization Fund	Department of Public Instruction	0.5	Direct Administrative Costs (Non-Payroll)	Fixed Interval Drawdowns	N/A
	Education Stabilization Fund	Department of Public Instruction	99.5	Program Costs	Average Clearance	1 Day

93.323	Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	Department of Health and Human Services	100.0	All Program Costs	Weekly Reimbursable Funding	N/A
93.423	1332 State Innovation Waivers	Insurance Commissioner	100.0	All Program Costs	Actual Clearance, ZBA - Same Day Payment	N/A
93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Department of Health and Human Services	100.0	All Program Costs	Weekly Reimbursable Funding	N/A
93.568	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	Department of Health and Human Services	100.0	All Program Costs	Weekly Reimbursable Funding	N/A
93.575	Child Care and Development Block Grant	Department of Health and Human Services	100.0	All Program Costs	Weekly Reimbursable Funding	N/A
93.767	Children's Health Insurance Program	Department of Health and Human Services	100.0	All Program Costs	Weekly Reimbursable Funding	N/A
93.778	Medical Assistance Program	Department of Health and Human Services	100.0	All Program Costs	Weekly Reimbursable Funding	N/A
97.036	Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	ND Adjutant General	0.3	Direct Administrative Costs (Non-Payroll)	Fixed Interval Drawdowns	N/A
	Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	ND Adjutant General	1.0	Payroll	Actual Allocation	N/A
	Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	ND Adjutant General	98.7	All Program Benefits - Non-payroll (Grants)	Composite Clearance	1 Day

**Certification**

I hereby certify that an authorized State official has certified at least every five years that the "Rounded Days of Clearance" listed in Exhibit 2 of this Treasury-State Agreement:

1. Have been prepared in accordance with the standards provided in 31 CFR 205.20;
2. Accurately represent the flow of Federal funds under the Federal assistance programs to which they apply;
3. Reflect seasonal or other periodic variations in the clearance activities; and,
4. Are auditable.

Date: 7/2/2024

Printed Name: Crystal Hoggarth

Certifying Signature:   
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