

## TANF ACF-196R Narrative Excellence Resource Toolkit

This toolkit is designed for state TANF administrators, budget officers, and financial reporting staff responsible for completing ACF-196R narrative requirements. These resources complement the official <u>ACF-196R instructions</u> by providing practical tools and examples to improve narrative quality.

These **three standalone resources** are designed to help states effectively complete ACF-196R narrative requirements. Each resource can be used independently or as part of a comprehensive approach to improving expenditure narratives.

#### **RESOURCE 1**

#### **Narrative Excellence Guide (3 pages)**

- The importance of narrative descriptions of expenditures and estimation methods (ACF-196R Part II)
- · Common pitfalls to avoid
- · Requirements by category and quality assurance checklist

#### **RESOURCE 2**

#### Narrative Description Template Toolkit (1 page x 4)

- Four fill-in-the-blank templates for required narrative categories:
  - 1. Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law
  - 2. Non-Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law
  - 3. Other Expenditures (including Tribal TANF Programs and expenditures that don't fit other categories)
  - 4. Estimation Documentation Builder (Any estimated expenditure)

#### **Glossary of Acronyms**

- ACF Administration for Children and Families
- AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children (former program)
- COFA Compact of Free Association
- **FPL** Federal Poverty Level
- OFA Office of Family Assistance
- TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

#### **RESOURCE 3**

#### "Other" Category Deep Dive (2 pages)

- Decision tree for determining what expenditures states should report as "other"
- Special focus on proper classification and common misclassifications
- Example narrative description of an expenditure classified as "other"

#### Why Use These Resources?

- Improve initial narrative completion and reduce continuous communication between state TANF programs and OFA to address inadequate narrative descriptions
- Improve compliance with federal reporting requirements
- Improve and streamline narrative development processes for state TANF programs and partners
- Improve compliance and accuracy and reduce common misclassifications that trigger reviews



# **ACF-196R Narrative Excellence Guide**

#### Resource 1

The ACF-196R is the federal form that states use to report TANF expenditures quarterly to the Office of Family Assistance (OFA). Part II of this form requires detailed narrative descriptions for specific expenditure categories that need additional context to demonstrate alignment with TANF purposes.

#### **Why Detailed Narratives Matter**

The narrative sections of the ACF-196R form provide essential context for understanding state TANF expenditures and support OFA's oversight responsibilities. While numerical data shows what was spent, narratives explain how and why funds were used, ensuring transparency and accountability in TANF program administration.

#### **Resource Overview**

**Audience:** State TANF administrators and financial reporting staff

**Purpose:** Improve quality of financial narratives for program oversight

Why use it? Reduce OFA follow-up inquiries and expedite review process

What's included? Narrative requirements, common pitfalls, quality examples, narrative checklist

This guide will help you develop clear, comprehensive narratives that satisfy federal reporting requirements and effectively communicate your state's TANF activities.

#### 196R SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Part I (Financial Data): Submit quarterly 45 days after each quarter end
- Part II (Narratives): Submit annually to OFA by November 14th with Quarter 4 (Q4) reporting
- · Submit required narratives for each open grant year
- · Certify if no reportable information exists

#### **Narrative Requirements by Expenditure Category**

The ACF-196R form requires narratives for specific expenditure categories. Each type of narrative has distinct requirements and purposes.

Expenditure Category	When Narrative Required	Purpose
Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law	When reporting expenditures on Lines 7a-7c	Document how these expenditures align with your state's former AFDC or Emergency Assistance plans
Non-Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law	When reporting expenditures on Lines 8a-8c	Document how these expenditures align with your state's former AFDC or Emergency Assistance plans
Other	When reporting expenditures on Line 23	Describe benefits/services not captured in other categories
Estimation Methodologies	When reporting estimates (rather than exact expenditure amounts)	Explain why estimates were used and the estimation methods applied



#### **Well-crafted Narratives:**

- Clarify the purpose and target population of TANF expenditures in the given category
- (For "Other") Demonstrate alignment with TANF purposes
- Reduce follow-up inquiries from reviewers
- Create a record of program rationales and expenditure decisions
- Expedite the review process

#### **Anatomy of an Effective Narrative**

Every narrative should include:



Amounts: Specific expenditure amounts by service or benefit type



Description of Services or Benefits: Clear explanation of what was provided



**Target Population:** Who received services, e.g., family or individual, time period, estimated number served



**TANF Purpose Connection:** How expenditures relate to TANF purposes



Justification (for "Other" category): Why expenditure doesn't fit elsewhere

#### Weak vs. Strong Narrative Example

**Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law** 

Weak Example	Strong Example	Key Improvements
"Enhanced foster care payments for high-needs children under our former state plan."	Enhanced foster care payments (\$540,000) for 45 children in specialized therapeutic residential facilities that exceed federal TANF assistance definitions, authorized under Section 3.1 of our former AFDC Emergency Assistance Plan (effective September 1995). These enhanced payments cover specialized therapeutic services, clinical supervision, and intensive behavioral interventions not allowable under current TANF assistance parameters. The average monthly payment per child is \$1,000, representing costs beyond basic maintenance needs that exceed standard foster care assistance rates.	<ul> <li>✓ Includes specific expenditure amount</li> <li>✓ States number of recipients</li> <li>✓ References specific section of former state plan</li> <li>✓ Describes specialized services not covered by regular assistance</li> <li>✓ Provides context showing costs beyond basic needs</li> <li>✓ Demonstrates payments NOT consistent with current TANF assistance definitions</li> </ul>



## **Common Narrative Writing Pitfalls and Solutions**

#### Pitfall 1: Inadequate Detail

Pitfall Example	Solution
"Emergency assistance for families in need."	Specify the type of emergency assistance (for example, "emergency rental assistance and landlord mediation"), average benefit amount, number of recipients, and eligibility criteria.

#### **Pitfall 2: Missing Target Population Information**

Pitfall Example	Solution
"Services for at-risk youth."	Define "at-risk" with specific criteria (for example, "youth ages 14-18 from families below 185% FPL who have experienced academic failure or juvenile justice involvement"). Include the number served.

#### Pitfall 3: Unclear Connection to TANF Purposes (applies to "Other")

Pitfall Example	Solution
"Various family programs."	Explicitly state which TANF purpose(s) the expenditure addresses and how the activities support that purpose (for example, "These activities support TANF Purpose 2 by providing vocational training intended to reduce dependency on government benefits").

#### Pitfall 4: Insufficient Justification for "Other" Category

Pitfall Example	Solution
"This program is unique to our state."	Explain why the expenditure doesn't fit existing categories, referencing specific aspects of the service, program, or benefit that make it unsuitable for other categories (for example, "This integrated family stabilization program cannot be categorized elsewhere because it combines [specific services] that cannot be meaningfully separated by funding category").

#### Pitfall 5: Vague Descriptions of Prior Law Authority

Pitfall Example	Solution
"Authorized under our former Emergency Assistance program."	Cite the specific section of your state's former AFDC or Emergency Assistance plan that authorized the expenditure and describe how current activities align with that authority (for example, "Authorized under our state's former Emergency Assistance plan, Section 4.2.1, which permitted emergency housing assistance").



## **Narrative Quality Assurance Checklist**

Use this checklist before submitting your ACF-196R to ensure your narratives meet all requirements:

For Al	I Narratives:
	Included specific dollar amounts for each described service or benefit
	Identified and described target population, including number served
	(For "Other") Connected expenditures to specific TANF purposes
	Provided sufficient detail about services/benefits provided
	Used clear, specific language (avoided vague terms)
	Cross-checked narrative details against expenditure amounts
Fo	r Assistance/Non-Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law:
	Referenced specific section of former state AFDC or Emergency Assistance plan
	Explained how current activities align with former authorization
	Described specific assistance/services provided
Fo	r "Other" Category:
	Verified expenditure cannot be reported in another category
	Explained clearly why expenditure belongs in "Other"
	Provided comprehensive description of benefits/services
	Confirmed expenditure falls within one of the three permissible types (or obtained OFA approval)
Fo	r Estimation Methodologies:
	Explained why estimates are necessary, that is, why exact dollar amounts are not available
	Detailed step-by-step estimation methodology
	Identified data sources used



## **ACF-196R Template Toolkit**

#### Resource 2

#### **HOW TO USE THESE TEMPLATES**

Each template is designed as a standalone resource for specific expenditure categories. State TANF administrators and financial reporting staff can select and use each template that applies to their specific program expenditure.

#### **TEMPLATES**

Each template below is available for download as a Word document.

### **Resource Overview**

**Audience:** State TANF administrators and financial reporting staff

**Purpose:** Provide fill-in-the-blank templates for required narrative

categories

Why use it? Streamline narrative development and ensure all required elements are included

What's included? Select the template that matches your expenditure category and complete the bracketed sections

- Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law (Lines 7a-7c)
   Template 1
- 2. Non-Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law (Lines 8a-8c) Template 2
- 3. Other Expenditures (Line 23 includes Tribal TANF Programs and unique programs)
  Template 3
- 4. Estimation Documentation Builder (Any estimated expenditure)
  Template 4



#### <u>Instructions for the completion of the ACF-196R Form (p. 14):</u>

Narratives are required for expenditures for categories of Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law, Non-Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law, and Other. Descriptions for these expenditure categories should include information regarding the target population (including estimated size, if available), and the types and amounts of benefits provided. Attachments can be added to the report, as needed.

#### **Template 1: Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law**

#### **USE FOR EXPENDITURES REPORTED ON LINES 7a-7c**

concise. For reference, a complete narrative using this

template is typically 150-250 words.

Narrative Guidance	Template
KEY COMPONENTS  ✓ Reference to specific section of former state plan  ✓ Description of services/benefits provided	[NAME OF PROGRAM/SERVICE] (\$[AMOUNT] expended) provided [TYPE OF ASSISTANCE] to approximately [NUMBER] [RECIPIENTS (children, families, individuals)] during FY [YEAR].
<ul> <li>✓ Target population and number served</li> <li>✓ Expenditure amounts</li> <li>✓ Connection to current program operations</li> </ul>	This assistance is authorized under our state's former [AFDC/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE] plan, Section [NUMBER], which authorized [DESCRIPTION OF
<ul><li>GUIDING QUESTIONS</li><li>What specific section of your former state plan authorizes this activity?</li></ul>	AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY FROM FORMER PLAN]. The current expenditures align with this prior authorization because [EXPLANATION OF HOW CURRENT ACTIVITIES RELATE TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION].
<ul> <li>What specific benefits or services were provided?</li> <li>Who received these benefits? (describe demographics, income levels, and eligibility criteria)</li> </ul>	Specific assistance provided includes: • [SPECIFIC BENEFIT #1] (Average monthly amount: \$[AMOUNT] per [recipient/family])
What was the total expenditure and average benefit amount?	• [SPECIFIC BENEFIT #2] (Average amount: \$[AMOUNT] per [recipient/family])
<ul> <li>How do current activities align with prior authorization?</li> <li>WORD COUNT GUIDANCE</li> </ul>	[SPECIFIC BENEFIT #3] (Average amount: \$[AMOUNT] per [recipient/family])
While there are no word count requirements, narratives should provide adequate detail while remaining clear and concise. For reference, a complete parrative using this	Eligibility for this assistance is limited to [ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA], consistent with our former state plan

requirements.



Narrative Guidance

template is typically 200-250 words.

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**Template** 

#### **Template 2: Non-Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law**

#### **USE FOR EXPENDITURES REPORTED ON LINES 8a-8c**

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<ul> <li>KEY COMPONENTS</li> <li>✓ Description of services/benefits provided</li> <li>✓ Target population and number served</li> <li>✓ Expenditure amounts</li> </ul>	[NAME OF PROGRAM/SERVICE] (\$[AMOUNT] expended) provided [TYPE OF SERVICE] to approximately [NUMBER] [RECIPIENTS (children, families, individuals)] during FY [YEAR].
<ul> <li>✓ Reference to specific section of former state plan</li> <li>✓ Alignment with current program operations</li> <li>✓ Explanation of why services are non-assistance</li> </ul>	This service is authorized under our state's former [AFDC/ EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE] plan, Section [NUMBER], which authorized [DESCRIPTION OF AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY FROM FORMER PLAN]. The current expenditures align with this prior authorization because
<ul> <li>GUIDING QUESTIONS</li> <li>What specific section of your former state plan authorizes this activity?</li> </ul>	[EXPLANATION OF HOW CURRENT ACTIVITIES RELATE TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION].
<ul> <li>What specific benefits or services were provided?</li> <li>Who received these benefits? (describe demographics and eligibility)</li> </ul>	These expenditures are properly categorized as non- assistance because [EXPLANATION OF WHY THESE ARE SERVICES RATHER THAN ONGOING BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE].
<ul> <li>What was the total expenditure and average benefit amount?</li> <li>Why are these expenditures considered non-assistance</li> </ul>	Specific services provided include:  • [SPECIFIC SERVICE #1] serving [NUMBER] recipients at a cost of \$[AMOUNT]
<ul><li>rather than assistance?</li><li>How do current activities align with prior authorization?</li></ul>	[SPECIFIC SERVICE #2] serving [NUMBER] recipients at a cost of \$[AMOUNT]
WORD COUNT GUIDANCE While there are no word count requirements, narratives	[SPECIFIC SERVICE #3] serving [NUMBER] recipients at a cost of \$[AMOUNT]
should provide adequate detail while remaining clear and concise. For reference, a complete narrative using this	Eligibility for these services is limited to [ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA], consistent with our former state plan

requirements.



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#### **Template 3: Other Expenditures**

## USE FOR STATE TRANSFERS TO TRIBAL TANF PROGRAMS AND "OTHER" CATEGORY EXPENDITURES THAT DON'T FIT ANY OTHER 196R CATEGORY

#### **Narrative Guidance Template KEY COMPONENTS** For Transfers to Tribal TANF Programs: [PROGRAM NAME] (\$[AMOUNT] expended) provided Program name and description funding to the [TRIBE NAME(S)] Tribal TANF program Detailed explanation of why it doesn't fit other categories during FY [YEAR]. This expenditure represents Target population and number served [DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING ARRANGEMENT — e.g., "supplemental funding to support the Tribe's operation of Expenditure amounts and breakdown its own TANF program" or "contracted services provided to Connection to TANF purposes Tribal members through an agreement with the State TANF For Transfers to Tribal TANF Programs: What is the agency"]. This supports TANF purpose(s) [LIST PURPOSE funding arrangement? NUMBERS] by [BRIEF EXPLANATION]. For All Other Expenditures: What specific services are For All Other Expenditures: provided and what are eligibility requirements? [PROGRAM NAME] (\$[AMOUNT] expended) provided [BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM] to approximately **GUIDING QUESTIONS** [NUMBER] [RECIPIENTS] during FY [YEAR]. Why doesn't this expenditure fit in any other category? What makes this program unique compared to others? This program does not fit into any other expenditure category on the ACF-196R for the following specific How does this program support TANF purposes? reasons: What specific population does this program serve? (If relevant) It combines elements of [CATEGORY 1] and [CATEGORY 2] in a way that cannot be meaningfully What specific services or benefits are provided? separated WORD COUNT GUIDANCE (If relevant) It provides [DESCRIBE UNIQUE ASPECT While there are no word count requirements, narratives OF PROGRAM] that is not captured in other categories should provide adequate detail while remaining clear and [ANY OTHER REASONS WHY IT DOESN'T FIT concise. For reference, a complete narrative using this template is typically 300-350 words. **ELSEWHERE**] The program serves [DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF TARGET POPULATION] and requires participants to meet the following eligibility criteria: [ELIGIBILITY CRITERION #1] Specific services/benefits provided include: [SERVICE/BENEFIT #1] (\$[AMOUNT]) This program supports TANF purpose(s) [LIST PURPOSE NUMBERS1 by [EXPLANATION OF HOW PROGRAM

SUPPORTS TANF PURPOSESI.



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#### **Template 4: Estimation Documentation Builder**

#### USE WHEN REPORTING ESTIMATED (RATHER THAN ACTUAL) EXPENDITURES

Narrative Guidance	Template
<ul> <li>KEY COMPONENTS</li> <li>✓ Explanation of why estimates are necessary</li> <li>✓ Step-by-step description of estimation methodology</li> <li>✓ Data sources used</li> </ul>	For [EXPENDITURE CATEGORY], we used estimated rather than actual expenditures because [EXPLANATION OF WHY ACTUAL DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE/FEASIBLE TO USE].
<ul> <li>GUIDING QUESTIONS</li> <li>Why is it not feasible to report actual expenditure data?</li> <li>What specific steps did you take to develop the</li> </ul>	The estimation methodology consisted of the following steps (not limited to 3):  1. [STEP 1 – Data Collection step (e.g., Used TANF data to identify eligible population (X number of individuals)]
<ul><li>estimate?</li><li>What data sources informed your calculations?</li><li>How does the estimate compare to prior periods or</li></ul>	2. [STEP 2 – Calculation/Analysis step (e.g., Analyzed a sample of 250 service invoices to determine average monthly cost)]
similar programs?  WORD COUNT GUIDANCE  While there are no word count requirements, narratives should provide adequate detail while remaining clear and	3. [STEP 3- Allocation/Adjustment step (e.g., Applied 75% allocation factor to account for employed versus unemployed families, then adjusted upward by 8% to account for cost-of-living increases)]
concise. For reference, a complete narrative using this template is typically 200-250 words.	This methodology relied on the following data sources (not limited to 3):  • [DATA SOURCE 1]
	• [DATA SOURCE 2]
	• [DATA SOURCE 3]
	Based on this methodology, we estimate total expenditures of \$[AMOUNT] for this category.



# "Other" Category Deep Dive

#### Resource 3

The "Other" category should only be used for expenditures that cannot be reported in another line item. Expenditures reported in the "Other" category must meet one of the four purposes of TANF. OFA regularly follows up on "Other" category expenditures to ensure proper classification.

#### **Permissible Types of "Other" Expenditures:**

- 1. Tribal TANF Programs
- 2. Expenditures for Compact of Free Association (COFA) States
- 3. Expenditures That Don't Fit Other Categories (Requires strong justification)
  - Programs combining multiple categories that cannot be meaningfully separated
  - Services with unique aspects not captured in Lines 6-22

#### **Resource Overview**

Audience: State TANF administrators

and financial reporting staff

Purpose: Understand proper use of "Other" category and avoid misclassifications

Why use it? Prevent OFA followup inquiries and ensure compliant categorization

What's included? Decision tree, permissible types, common misclassifications, strong example

#### **KEY PRINCIPLE:**



Only in very rare and narrow circumstances should programs be categorized as "Other." Most expenditures belong in established categories (Lines 6-22). If you're not sure which category an expenditure fits in, contact your OFA Regional Office before submission to determine appropriate categorization.

#### Decision Tree: Does Your Expenditure Belong in "Other"

Review your expenditure

Step 1: Can this expenditure fit into Lines 6-22? (see categories reference to the right)







Continue to Step 2

No **▼** 

Step 2: Does this fall within the 3 permissible "Other" types?



Use appropriate "Other" template



DONE

No 🖠 Contact OFA Regional Program Specialist BEFORE submission for quidance on proper categorization

#### **Categories Reference (Lines 6-22)**

#### **BASIC NEEDS**

- · Line 6: Basic Assistance
- · Line 15: Non-Recurrent Short-Term Benefits

#### **WORK & EMPLOYMENT**

- · Line 9: Work, Education, and **Training**
- · Line 10: Work Supports (transportation, uniforms)

#### **CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

- · Line 11: Early Care and Education
- Line 16: Supportive Services
- · Line 17: Services for Children and Youth
- · Line 20: Child Welfare
- · Line 21: Home Visiting Programs

#### **FINANCIAL & TAX SUPPORT**

- · Line 12: Financial Education and Asset Development
- · Line 13: Refundable Earned Income Tax Credits
- Line 14: Non-EITC Refundable State Tax Credits

#### **FAMILY FORMATION**

- Line 18: Prevention of Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancies
- · Line 19: Fatherhood and Two-Parent Family Formation

#### **PRIOR LAW & MANAGEMENT**

- Lines 7-8: Expenditures Authorized Under Prior Law
- · Line 22: Program Management



#### **NEED HELP WITH STEP 2?**

Use Template 3 in the Template Toolkit. It provides detailed guidance for "Other" category expenditures.



#### **RED FLAGS OF MISCLASSIFICATION**

Your expenditure likely belongs elsewhere if your narrative:

- ► Describes services that fit another category
- ► Uses vague language like "various activities" or "miscellaneous services"
- ► Lists multiple services that could be separated
- Lacks strong justification for why the expenditure doesn't fit in a specific category

#### **Common Misclassifications in "Other"**

Misclassified Example	Proper Category	Explanation
"Textbook reimbursement - payments for textbook rental fees for families with income less than 185% of the poverty level"	Non-Recurrent Short-Term Benefits (Line 15)	Textbook reimbursements are considered a one-time assistance rather than ongoing basic needs, which belongs in Non-Recurrent Short-term Benefits.
"Costs of child protective social workers and eligibility determination staff"	Additional Child Welfare Services (Line 20c) or Program Management (Line 22)	Staff costs related to assessment and service provision should be categorized as program management. If specific to the child welfare system, can be categorized as additional child welfare services.
"Faith-based activities, life skills, and developmentally disabled community services"	Services for Children and Youth (Line 17) and/or Supportive Services (Line 16)	Depending on services provided, these generally fit established categories. Separate into distinct categories when possible.
"Early Childhood Development, Pre-K"	Child Care (Line 11a) or Pre- Kindergarten/Head Start (Line 11b)	Programs for early childhood development and Pre-K belong in Early Care and Education category. Use Child Care (11a) for primarily custodial care while parents work, or Pre-Kindergarten/Head Start (11b) for educational programs with structured curriculum focused on school readiness.
"Training to engage fathers, reduce youth incarceration, and increase employment"	Fatherhood and Two-Parent Family Programs (Line 19) and/or Services for Children and Youth (Line 17)	Fatherhood or youth services programs have dedicated categories. Separate into distinct categories when possible.



#### Strong "Other" Category Justification – Hypothetical Program Example

Strong Example	Key Features
Expenditures (\$2,750,000) for the Family Stability Innovation Program, which serves approximately 450 families (1,350 individuals) at risk of housing instability and family separation.  Services include:  • Emergency rental assistance (one-time payments of \$1,800 per family)  • Case management with financial coaching (weekly sessions for 6 months)  • Family mediation services (average 3 sessions per family)  The program aligns with TANF Purpose 1 (providing assistance to needy families so children may be cared for in their homes) and Purpose 4 (encouraging formation of two-parent families). Eligibility is limited to families below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level with at least one child under 18.  This expenditure is appropriately classified as "Other" because it integrates elements of several categories (Non-Recurrent Short Term Benefits, Supportive Services, and Family Formation) in a unified model that cannot be meaningfully separated for reporting purposes.	<ul> <li>✓ Specifies exact amount spent</li> <li>✓ Identifies precise number of recipients</li> <li>✓ Describes specific services provided</li> <li>✓ Connects to explicit TANF purposes</li> <li>✓ Clearly explains why it belongs in "Other" category</li> <li>✓ Provides eligibility criteria</li> </ul>

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