

We are not requesting additional funds, and there is not a deficit in the Department of Human Services FY2002 budget. Due to a reduction in general fund dollars for DHS in the current fiscal year, we will be unable to maximize 2002 TANF federal grant funds. Any federal funds in 2003 will be reduced to compensate for this shortage.

We are committed to serving the people of Mississippi, and want to make the most of every available dollar from the federal government to meet this commitment.