

VI. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND SCHEDULE

We estimate that the total cost of the initiative will be \$194,618 (*Table 2*). Not surprisingly, the majority of the costs (\$124,130) fall to the Census for planning, data processing, and data linkage. The costs to the USDA (\$43,554) are primarily for planning the initiative, writing proposals to access the restricted CPS and state administrative files, and summarizing the MOU. Finally, the smallest portion of the costs fall to the DCF (\$26,934) for providing the state administrative files and technical assistance on various tasks. We estimate the initial linkage could be completed in one year. Our cost estimates illustrate on-going access for only one year after the completion of the data linkage.

Table 2: Summary of Estimated Costs by Agency

Agency	Cost
Census	\$124,130
USDA	\$43,554
DCF	\$26,934
Total Task	\$194,618
Note: This table describes the costs of the tasks overseen by each agency. It makes no assumption about the funding source nor about whether the actual work will be conducted by agency staff or contractor.	

The most expensive tasks in developing this initiative involve establishing a framework for starting the data linkage (Task 5 and 6), and the technical aspects of linking the data (Task 9 and 10) (*Table 3*). These tasks address the major legal and technical implementation barriers summarized in Section IV.

Table 3. Summary of Estimated Costs by Task

Task	Duration of Activity	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost of Alternative
Task 1: Agency Negotiations	Month 1	\$11,119	NA
Task 2 Tabulations on Matching Elements	Month 2	\$3,862	NA
Task 3 Census Proposal Process	Months 3-4	\$6,227	NA
Task 4 Negotiate Access to State(s) Administrative Files	Months 4	\$8,006	NA
Task 5 Establish Memo of Understanding (MOU) to Access and Match the CPS and Florida FSP	Months 5-6	\$44,476	NA
Task 6 Develop Computer Space at Research Data Center (RDC)	Months 7-8	\$32,603	NA
Task 7 Extract and Transfer State FSP Administrative Data	Month 9	\$1,562	NA
Task 8 Extract and Gain Familiarity with the State Administrative Data Files at Data Access Center	Months 9-10	\$15,619	NA
Task 9 Deterministically Link State Administrative Files to CPS Files	Months 10-11	\$21,911	NA
Task 10 Assess the Reliability of the Match and Develop Final Files	Months 11-12	\$28,635	\$70,508
Task 11 Data Access	Months 13-24	\$20,599	\$3,000
Total		\$194,618	\$73,508

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