DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES HAWAII **Report Name:** DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 1

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Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN SF - 424 - MANDATORY

| * 1.a. Type of Submission: Plan | | * 1.b. Frequency: • Annual | Explana 2. Date 3. Appli 4a. Unic F5SRLE | Consolidated Application//Funding Request? anation: Inter Received: Oplicant Identifier: Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) RLH4ZQGM4 Cederal Award Identifier: | | * 1.d. Version: © Initial © Resubmission © Revision © Update State Use Only: 5. Date Received By State: 6. State Application Identifier: |
|--|---|---|---|--|--------------|---|
| 7. APPLICANT INF | ORMATION | | ·II- | | | |
| * a. Legal Name: Sta | ate of Hawaii | | | | | |
| * b. Address: | | | -11 | | 1 | |
| * Street 1: | P.O. BOX 33 | | Stree | | | |
| * City: | HONOLULU | J | Cour | • | | |
| * State: | HI | | | ince: | | |
| * Country: | United States | | * Zi _I Code: | o / Postal | 95809 - 0339 | |
| c. Organizational | Unit: | | | | | |
| Department Nam Human Services | e: | | Division Name: Benefit, Employment, and Support Services | | | |
| | | person to be contacted on matters in t of Health and Human Services' LIF | | | | be listed on Notice of Funding |
| * First Name: Elisa | | | * Last Name: Furtado-Fisher | | | |
| Title: LIHEAP Coordinato | r | | Organizational Affiliation: Hawaii Dept. of Human Services | | | |
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| * 8. TYPE OF APPL A: State Government | ICANT: | | | | | |
| * a. Is the applican | nt a Tribal Con | sortium: O Yes O No | | | | |
| * b. If yes please a | ttach at least oi | ne the following documentation: | | | | |
| | | Catalog of Federal Domes Assistance Number: | | | C | FDA Title: |
| 9. CFDA Numbers and | Titles | 93.568 | Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program | | | |
| 10. DESCRIPTIVE 'Hawaii Home Energ | | PLICANT'S PROJECT: ogram (H-HEAP) | | | | |
| 11. AREAS AFFECT State of Hawaii | 11. AREAS AFFECTED BY FUNDING: | | | | | |
| 12. CONGRESSION 01 | 12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF APPLICANT: 01 | | | | | |
| 13. FUNDING PERI | OD: | | | | | |
| a. Start Date: 10/01/2024 | | | | b. End Date: 09/30/2025 | | |
| * 14. IS SUBMISSIO | 14. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS? | | | | | |
| a. This submission | was made avai | lable to the State under Executive O | rder 123' | 72 | | |

Process for review on: b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review. c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. *15. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? NO
 NO If Yes, explain: 16. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) **I Agree 🗹 ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions. 17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Elisa Furtado-Fisher 17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) 17d. Email Address EFurtado-Fischer@dhs.hawaii.gov 17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 09/13/2024 sign

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Section 1 - Program Components

THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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| | Section 1 Program Components | | | | | |
| Pro | gram Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C) | | | | | |
| (No | Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. te: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in plan.) | Dates of Operation | | | | |
| | | Start Date | End Date | | | |
| > | Heating assistance | 03/01/2025 | 09/30/2025 | | | |
| > | Cooling assistance | 03/01/2025 | 09/30/2025 | | | |
| | Summer crisis assistance | | | | | |
| | Winter crisis assistance | | | | | |
| > | Year-round crisis assistance | 10/01/2024 | 09/30/2025 | | | |
| \ | Weatherization assistance | 10/01/2024 | 09/30/2025 | | | |
| Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary | | | | | | |
| | LIHEAP Program Timeline | | | | | |
| | Late September – Distribute policy and forms to Community Action Agencies (CAA) for ne | w FFY | | | | |
| | October 1 - New LIHEAP year begins with year-round Weatherization and Crisis assistance. DLIR OCS and contracted to the CAA. LIHEAP Crisis assistance intake is done by CAA. | . Weatherization is over | seen by the Hawaii | | | |
| | February to March - Finalize training materials (presentations, handouts). CAA preparation by | begins including hiring s | seasonal staff. | | | |
| | April - Training for year-round staff of CAA that elect to do early outreach in May. CAA conhousing to schedule on-site application intake. | ntact resident managers | at Senior and Public | | | |
| May - Year-round CAA staff conduct early outreach for Heating and Cooling Assistance. Training done for seasonal staff hired by CAA to assist with Heating and Cooling application intake. | | | | | | |
| June 1-30 - LIHEAP applications accepted from the general public for Heating and Cooling Assistance. | | | | | | |
| Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16 | | | | | | |
| 1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to 100%. Prior year total | | | | | | |
| Н | eating assistance | 5.00% | 5.00% | | | |
| С | ooling assistance | 50.00% | 50.00% | | | |
| Summer crisis assistance 0.00% 15. Winter crisis assistance 0.00% 0.00% | | | | | | |
| 1 1X | inter crisis assistance | ■ () ()()()(/ | 0.00% | | | |

| Vacu nound anisis assist | | | | 1 1 | 5.00% |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| Year-round crisis assist | | | | | |
| Weatherization assistance | | | | 0.00% 10.00% | |
| Carryover to the follow | | | | | 0.00% 10.00% |
| Administrative and planning costs Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) | | | | | 0.00% 10.00% |
| Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) | | | | | 0.00% |
| Used to develop and implement leveraging activities | | | | | 0.00% |
| TOTAL | | | | | 00.00% |
| up to 20% of the funds pa planning and administrat costs in excess of these lin | nyable. Grant recipients the cion purposes up to 20% of hits must be paid from non | at are direct grant tribes, t f the first \$20,000 (or \$4,00 a-federal sources. | ribal organizations, or (0) plus 10% of the fund | territories with allotmer s payable that exceeds \$ | olanning and administration tts over \$20,000 may use for 20,000. Any administrative |
| | - | ce that have not been exp | | | |
| > | Heating assistance | ce | ~ | Cooling a | ssistance |
| | Weatherization a | ssistance | | Other (sp | ecify:) |
| 1.4 Do you consider hou in the left column below | seholds categorically eliq | | hold member receives | | owing categories of benefits |
| If you answered "Yes" | to question 1.4, you must | t complete the table below | v and answer question | s 1.5 and 1.6. | |
| | | Heating | Cooling | Crisis | Weatherization |
| TANF | | | | | |
| SSI | | ⊙ Yes ○ No | | | |
| SNAP | | | ⊙ Yes ○ No | | ⊙ Yes O No |
| Means-tested Veterans Pro | ograms | C Yes O No | C Yes O No | C Yes O No | C Yes O No |
| | • | out a direct annual appli | | | lered categorical recipients. |
| If Yes, explain: | - | | | | |
| when determining eligib Basic eligi income-eligible he issued according t | bility and benefit amount bility requirements are the ouseholds and categorical | es same for all households. ly eligible households. No us verified by the utility co | There is no differentiate difference is made in p | ion in maximum benefit ayment amounts. In cris | |
| SNAP Nominal Paymen | its | | | | |
| 1.7a Do you allocate LII | HEAP funds toward a no | ominal payment for SNA | P households? Tes | ⊙ No | |
| If you answered "Yes" | to question 1.7a, you mu | st provide a response to o | questions 1.7b, 1.7c, an | nd 1.7d. | |
| 1.7b Amount of Nomina | al Assistance: \$0.00 | | | | |
| 1.7c Frequency of Assist | tance | | | | |
| Once Per Year | | | | | |
| Once every five years | | | | | |
| Other - Describe: | | | | | |
| 1.7d How do you confirm | m that the household rec | eiving a nominal paymer | nt has an energy cost o | r need? | |
| Determination of Eligib | ility - Countable Income | : | | | |

| 1.8. I | 1.8. In determining a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP, do you use gross income or net income? | | | | | |
|-------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| > | Gross Income | | | | | |
| | Net Income | | | | | |
| | Other - Describe | | | | | |
| 1.9. 8 | Select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP | | | | | |
| > | Wages | | | | | |
| > | Self - Employment Income | | | | | |
| > | Contract Income | | | | | |
| > | Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts | | | | | |
| > | Unemployment insurance | | | | | |
| > | Strike Pay | | | | | |
| > | Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits | | | | | |
| | ✓ Including MediCare deduction Excluding MediCare deduction | | | | | |
| > | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | | | | | |
| > | Retirement / pension benefits | | | | | |
| > | General Assistance benefits | | | | | |
| > | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits | | | | | |
| | Loans that need to be repaid | | | | | |
| > | Cash gifts | | | | | |
| | Savings account balance | | | | | |
| Y | One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc. | | | | | |
| Y | Jury duty compensation | | | | | |
| Y | Rental income | | | | | |
| > | Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA) | | | | | |
| | Income from work study programs | | | | | |
| > | Alimony | | | | | |
| Y | Child support | | | | | |
| Y | Interest, dividends, or royalties | | | | | |
| > | Commissions | | | | | |
| > | Legal settlements | | | | | |
| > | Insurance payments made directly to the insured | | | | | |

| L | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate | | | | |
| > | Veterans Administration (VA) benefits | | | | |
| > | Earned income of a child under the age of 18 | | | | |
| | Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdrawn without a penalty. | | | | |
| | Income tax refunds | | | | |
| > | Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA | | | | |
| > | Funds received by household for the care of a foster child | | | | |
| > | Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid | | | | |
| | Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.) | | | | |
| ~ | Other | | | | |
| | Adotion Assistance - counted | | | | |
| | WIC - not counted | | | | |
| | ny of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here. | | | | |
| 1.10 | Do you have an online application process © Yes O No | | | | |
| 1.1 | 0a If yes, describe the type of online application (Select all boxes that apply) | | | | |
| > | A PDF version of the application is available online and can be downloaded, filled out and mailed in for processing. | | | | |
| | A state-wide online application that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing. | | | | |
| > | One or more locally available online applications that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing. | | | | |
| | Online application that is also mobile friendly | | | | |
| | Other, please describe | | | | |
| Pleas | e include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available: | | | | |
| | Benefit, Employment & Support Services LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)LOW INCOME HOME WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP) (hawaii.gov) | | | | |
| 1.10b | Can all program components be applied for online? C Yes O No | | | | |
| If no. | explain which components can and cannot be applied for online. | | | | |
| | We do not have a means to submit an application online. Application must be printed or emailed for submission. | | | | |
| 1.11 | Do you have a process for conducting and completing applications by phone 💽 Yes 🖸 No | | | | |
| 1.12 Do you or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply C Yes . No | | | | | |
| If yes, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required. | | | | | |
| 1.13 | 1.13 How can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply: | | | | |
| > | In-person | | | | |
| ~ | Mail | | | | |
| ~ | Email | | | | |
| | Portal application | | | | |

| > | Other, please describe | |
|---|------------------------|--|
| | Drop-off | |
| | | |

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Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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Section 2 - Heating Assistance

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|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Eligibility, 2605(| b)(2) - Assurance 2 | | | |
| 2.1 Designate the | income eligibility threshold used for the l | heating co | mponent: | |
| Add | Household size | | Eligibility Guideline | Eligibility Threshold |
| 1 | 1 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 2 | 2 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 3 | 3 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 4 | 4 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 5 | 5 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 6 | 6 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 7 | 7 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 8 | 8 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 9 | 9 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 10 | 10 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 11 | 11 | | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 12 | 12 | | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 13 | 13 | | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 14 | 14 | | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 15 | 15 | | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 2.2 Do you have a Heating Assistan | additional eligibility requirements for ice? | CYes | ⊙ No | |
| 2.3 Check the ap | propriate boxes below and describe the po | olicies for | each. | |
| Do you require a | n Assets test? | C Yes | ⊙ No | |
| If yes, describe: 1 | Do you have additional/differing eligibility | policies f | or: | |
| Renters? | | O Yes | © No | |
| If yes, describe: | L. | | | |
| | ving in subsidized housing? | O Yes | € No | |
| If yes, describe: | 3 | 103 | 110 | |
| | th utilities included in the rent? | Cyes | ⊙ No | |
| If yes, describe: | | | | |
| Do you give prio | rity in eligibility to: | | | |
| Older Adu | lts (60 years or older)? | O Yes | ⊙ _{No} | |
| If yes, describe: | | | | |
| Individuals with a disability? | | | | |
| If yes, describe: | | | | |
| Young children? C Yes O No | | | | |
| If yes, describe: | | | | |
| Households with high energy burdens? | | | | |
| If yes, describe: | | | | |
| Other? C Yes O No | | | | |
| If yes describe | | - 20 | | |

| Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above: | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| D | | | | | |
| Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B) 2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, | | | | | |
| etc. | | | | | |
| Households in elderly and disabled buildings have an early application period. The CAA do outreach one month prior to the regular application period by going to public/subsidized housing buildings. The CAA provide assistance in the application process for the vulnerable and | | | | | |
| take applications onsite. | | | | | |
| 2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply): | | | | | |
| ✓ Income | | | | | |
| Family (household) size | | | | | |
| ✓ Home energy cost or need: | | | | | |
| Fuel type | | | | | |
| ✓ Climate/region | | | | | |
| Individual bill | | | | | |
| ✓ Dwelling type | | | | | |
| Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy) | | | | | |
| Energy need | | | | | |
| ✓ Other - Describe: | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Public/Subsidized Housing – The level of benefits for eligible households in public/subsidized housing will be a flat-rate, determined annually and based on their eligible household size: | | | | | |
| Household size 1-2 | | | | | |
| Household size 3-5 | | | | | |
| Household size 6 or more | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Photovoltaic Systems – The level of benefits for eligible households with photovoltaic systems generating less power than they are consuming will be a flat-rate, determined annually and based on their eligible household size: | | | | | |
| Household size 1-2 | | | | | |
| Household size 3-5 | | | | | |
| Household size 6 or more | | | | | |
| The level of benefits for eligible households not residing in public/subsidized housing or do not have photovoltaic systems shall be based on the total number of points assigned to the household in five categories. Points shall be assigned in the five categories as follows: | | | | | |
| Income level – percent of the applicant household's gross income is of maximum income limits established by the State for that size household. | | | | | |
| Percent of Max Income Limits Points | | | | | |
| 151% FPL and above 0 | | | | | |
| 101-150% FPL 1 | | | | | |
| 51-100% FPL 2 | | | | | |
| 0-50% FPL 3 | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 2) Household size – the number of eligible persons in the applicant household. | | | | | |
| Persons Points | | | | | |
| 1 to 2 1 | | | | | |
| 3 to 5 2 | | | | | |
| 6 or more 3 | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Region difference – the island of residence of the applicant household. | | | | | |
| * | | | | | |

| Region | <u>Points</u> | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Oahu | 1 | | |
| Hawaii, Maui, Lanai, Mol | okai, Kauai 2 | | |
| | | | |
| 4) Vulnerability – appli | cant household consisting of one or more | <u>Points</u> | |
| of the following types of in | ndividuals: a child age five and under, | 1 | |
| a disabled adult, or an adu | It age 60 and over. | | |
| | | | |
| 5) Energy burden 30% or | greater. <u>Points</u> | | |
| 1 | | | |
| Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance | 5, 2605(c)(1)(B) | | |
| 2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for shown in the payment matrix. | r the fiscal year for which this plan applies | s. Please note: the maximum and n | ninimum benefits must be |
| Minimum Benefit | \$280 | Maximum Benefit | \$1,400 |
| 2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blanke | ets, space heaters) and/or other forms of b | enefits?2 O Yes O No | |
| If yes, describe. | | | |
| | | | |

Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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Section 3 - Cooling Assistance

| | Se | ction 3 - (| Cooling Assistance | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Eligibility, 260 | 05(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2 | | | |
| 3.1 Designate | The income eligibility threshold used f | or the Cooling o | component: | |
| Add | Household size | | Eligibility Guideline | Eligibility Threshold |
| 1 | 1 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 2 | 2 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 3 | 3 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 4 | 4 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 5 | 5 | | State Median Income | 60.00% |
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| 14 | 14 | | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 15 | 15 | | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 3.2 Do you hav Cooling assists | ve additional eligibility requirements fo ance? | or Yes | € No | |
| 3.3 Check the | appropriate boxes below and describe | the policies for | each. | |
| Do you requir | re an Assets test? | C Yes | ⊙ No | |
| If yes, describ | e: | | | |
| Do you have a | dditional/differing eligibility policies f | or: | | |
| Renters | ? | C Yes | ⊙ No | |
| If yes, describe | e: | | | |
| Renters | Living in subsidized housing? | C Yes | ⊙ No | |
| If yes, describe | e: | | | |
| Renters | with utilities included in the rent? | C Yes | ⊙ No | |
| If yes, describe | e: | | | |
| Do you give pi | riority in eligibility to: | | | |
| Older A | dults (60 years or older)? | C Yes | ⊙ _{No} | |
| If yes, describe | | 100 | | |
| | uals with a disability? | C Yes | ⊙ No | |
| If yes, describe | <u> </u> | 103 | 10 | |
| | children? | C Yes | © No | |
| If yes, describe | | *_ res | === 1 1 U | |
| | olds with high energy burdens? | C Yes | © N. | |
| | | Yes | N2/ INO | |
| If yes, describe Other? | с. | Oyes | @ | |
| Other? | | ■ L J Yes | NT/ NO | |

| If yes, describe: | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | |
| - | Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above: | | | | | |
| etc. | Jescrib | e how you prioritize the provision of cooling assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, e | arly application periods, | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| l | | Households residing in elderly/disabled residences have an early application period. As part of outreach service | es the CAA go to the | | | |
| l | resid | lents to take their applications and provide personalized assistance. | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Dete | rminat | tion of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B) | | | | |
| 3.5 | Check t | the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply): | | | | |
| > | Incom | ne | | | | |
| V | | | | | | |
| 2 | | y (household) size | | | | |
| ~ | Home | energy cost or need: | | | | |
| | | Fuel type | | | | |
| | ~ | Climate/region | | | | |
| | | Individual bill | | | | |
| ⊢ | - | muividuai viii | | | | |
| ᆫ | ~ | Dwelling type | | | | |
| | ~ | Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy) | | | | |
| | ~ | Energy need | | | | |
| | V | Other - Describe: | | | | |
| ⊢ | | Oner - Describe. | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | annu | Public/Subsidized Housing – The level of benefits for eligible households in public/subsidized housing will be ually and based on their eligible household size: | a flat-rate, determined | | | |
| | | Household size 1-2 | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | Household size 3-5 | | | | |
| | | Household size 6 or more | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | Photovoltaic Systems – The level of benefits for eligible households with photovoltaic systems generating less | power than they are | | | |
| | cons | suming will be a flat-rate, determined annually and based on their eligible household size: | | | | |
| | | Household size 1-2 | | | | |
| | | Household size 3-5 | | | | |
| | | Household size 6 or more | | | | |
| | | The level of benefits for eligible households not residing in public/subsidized housing or do not have photovol | taio systems shall be based | | | |
| | on th | the total number of points assigned to the household in five categories. Points shall be assigned in the five categories. | • | | | |
| | | 1) Income level – percent of the applicant household's gross income is of maximum income limits establis | hed by the State for that size | | | |
| | hous | sehold. | · | | | |
| | | Percent of Max Income Limits Points | | | | |
| 151 | % FI | PL and above 0 | | | | |
| 131 | 70 11 | and above o | | | | |
| | | 101-150% FPL 1 | | | | |
| | | 51-100% FPL 2 | | | | |
| | | 0-50% FPL 3 | | | | |
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| | | 2) Household size – the number of eligible persons in the applicant household. | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | |
| 1 | | Persons Points | | | | |
| 1 | | 1 to 2 1 | | | | |
| 1 | | 3 to 5 2 | | | | |
| 1 | | 6 or more 3 | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | |
| 1 | | 3) Region difference – the island of residence of the applicant household. | | | | |

| Region_ | Points | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Oahu | 1 | | | | | |
| Hawaii, Maui, Lanai, Molol | xai, Kauai 2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| 4) Vulnerability – applic | ant household consisting of one or | r more <u>Points</u> | | | | |
| of the following types of inc | of the following types of individuals: a child age five and under, | | | | | |
| a disabled adult, or an adult | age 60 and over. | | | | | |
| 5) Energy burden 30% or g | 5) Energy burden 30% or greater. Points | | | | | |
| Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, | 2605(c)(1)(B) | | | | | |
| 3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for shown in the payment matrix. | the fiscal year for which this pla | an applies. Please note: the maximum and n | ninimum benefits must be | | | |
| Minimum Benefit | \$280 | Maximum Benefit | \$1,400 | | | |
| 3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? O Yes O No | | | | | | |
| If yes, describe. | | | | | | |
| If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in | | | | | | |

the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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Section 4 - Crisis Assistance

Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Eligibility - 2604(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)

4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component

| Add | Household size | Eligibility Guideline | Eligibility Threshold |
|-----|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 1 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 2 | 2 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 3 | 3 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 4 | 4 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 5 | 5 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 6 | 6 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 7 | 7 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 8 | 8 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 9 | 9 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 10 | 10 | State Median Income | 60.00% |
| 11 | 11 | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 12 | 12 | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 13 | 13 | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 14 | 14 | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |
| 15 | 15 | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 150.00% |

4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.

If you administer multiple crisis assistance programs (winter, summer, and/or year-round), Include all program definitions.

"Crisis" means utility power at the household's current residence has been or will be terminated within seven days from the date of application due to nonpayment of bill. Applications for crisis assistance are accepted year-round and households are served under the Energy Crisis Intervention (ECI) component. Service to a household in crisis must be restored within 48 hours of ECI approval, or within 18 hours when the household is in a life-threatening crisis leading to the endangerment of life. A life-threatening situation is where an eligible household contains at least one household member with an illness or medical condition that poses an immediate risk due to the loss of the energy source or has a medical condition requiring the use of an energy source to operate a medical device or store medication. Examples include but are not limited to life support, CPAP, nebulizer, and refrigerated medicines.

4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?

A life-threatening situation is where an eligible household contains at least one household member with an illness or medical condition that poses an immediate risk due to the loss of the energy source or has a medical condition requiring the use of an energy source to operate a medical device or store medication. Examples include but are not limited to life support, CPAP, nebulizer, and refrigerated medicines.

Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

- 4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 48Hours
- 4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households in life-threatening situations? 18Hours

Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)

| Crisis Engionicy, 2000(c)(1)(11) | | |
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| | Summer Crisis | Year-Round Crisis |
| 4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Crisis Assistance? | | > |
| | | |

4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided

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| Do you require an A | ssets test? | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Do you give priority | in eligibility to: | | | 15 | |
| Older Adults | (60 years or older)? | | | | |
| Individuals w | th a disability? | | | | |
| Young Childr | en? | | | | |
| Households w | ith high energy burdens? | | | | |
| Other (Specify | <i>i</i>): | | | | |
| In Order to receive | crisis assistance: | -11- | | Tr. | |
| Must the hous | ehold have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank? | | | > | |
| Must the hous | ehold have been shut off or have an empty tank? | | | > | |
| Must the hous | ehold have exhausted their regular heating benefit? | | | | |
| Must renters | with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice? | | | | |
| Must heating/ | cooling be medically necessary? | | | | |
| Must the hous | ehold have non-working heating or cooling equipment? | | | | |
| Other (Specify | i): | | | | |
| Do you have addition | nal/differing eligibility policies for: | ** | | 15 | |
| Renters? | | | | | |
| Renters living | in subsidized housing? | | | | |
| Renters with t | ntilities included in the rent? | | | > | |
| Explanations of poli | cies for each "yes" checked above: | · | | · | |
| 2. If the household submits a complete application with all required documents and verification, the application can be reviewed and processed via a desk review by an intake worker; 3. The household shall be interviewed when the application is incomplete or required verification is not submitted; 1. The interview can be telephonic to expedite processing time; 2. Missing documents and verification shall be requested via a Pending Notice stating the required documents and due date; 3. Failure to submit required items, conduct the interview, and/or provide pended items shall result in denial of application. 4. The household shall submit a termination notice from the utility company for their residence or verification they are past-due on their rent when rent includes utilities; 5. If service was terminated, submit the final termination bill; 6. The household shall submit a current electric bill with usage data; 7. The household shall submit a current electric bill with usage data; 8. The H-HEAP applicant/household must be paying the utility bill, have their rent include electric/gas, or have electric/gas costs prorated amongst units on a shared meter and owe a share. If the utility bill is paid by a third party not in the household, the household shall not be eligible; 9. Utility power would be restored in the current residence of the eligible household if payment under this section were to be issued; 10. The provider agency shall make arrangements with the utility company to restore service to the household not later than forty-eight hours after the household is determined eligible for ECI, and no later than eighteen hours when the household is in a life-threatening situation. The provider agency shall be responsible to determine whether the situation is life-threatening and notify the utility company of the situation; 11. Payment shall be based u | | | | | |
| agency may assist the household in determining this type of assistance being requested. Determination of Benefits | | | | | |
| 4.8 How do you han | dle crisis situations? | | | | |
| ~ | Separate component | | | | |
| | Benefit Fast Track, no separate amount of crisis funds is issued. Rather benef response time frames. | its are issued to | crisis customer | s within crisis | |
| > | Other - Describe: Determine crisis situations by the amount needed to resolve the crisis up to a maximum dollar amount. | | | | |

| 4.9 If you have a sepa | arate component, how do you | determine c | erisis assista | nce benefits? | | |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| > | Amount to resolve the crisis. | . \$750 | | | | |
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| Crisis Requirements | 2604(c) | | | | | |
| | | ssistance at | sites that ar | e geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served | | |
| • Yes O No I | | - | | V 80-V 81-1-1-1-1 | | |
| All CA | | | | e households. If needed, the CAA will provide service to the household | | |
| 4.11 Do you provide | individuals who are individua | ıls with a dis | sability the r | means to: | | |
| | ns for crisis benefits without le | eaving their | homes? | | | |
| € Yes € No | | | | | | |
| If No, explain. | | | | | | |
| | at which applications for crisi | is assistance | are accepte | ed? | | |
| C Yes O No | | | | | | |
| If No, explain. | | | | | | |
| Staffin | g and resources of the CAA are | limited. Not | all can prov | ide transportation for applicants. | | |
| If you answered "No disabled? | " to both options in question a | 4.11, please | explain alte | rnative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically | | |
| Benefit Levels, 2605(4.12 Indicate the max Winter Crisis Summer Crisis Year-round Crisis | \$0.00 maximum benefit \$0.00 maximum benefit | | tance offere | ed. | | |
| 4.13 Do you provide | in-kind (e.g. blankets, space h | eaters, fans |) and/or oth | er forms of benefits? | | |
| C Yes O No If y | ves, Describe | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| , i | for equipment repair or repla | cement usin | ng crisis fund | ds? | | |
| C Yes O No | | | | | | |
| If you answered "Ye | s'' to question 4.14, you must | complete qu | estion 4.15. | | | |
| 4.15 Check appropri | ate boxes below to indicate ty | pe(s) of assis | stance provi | ided. | | |
| | | Winter Crisis | Summer Crisis | Year-round Crisis | | |
| Heating system repair | ir | | | | | |
| Heating system repla | acement | | | | | |
| Cooling system repai | ir | | | | | |
| Cooling system repla | acement | | | | | |
| Wood stove purchase | e | | | | | |
| Pellet stove purchase | 2 | | | | | |
| Solar panel(s) | | | | | | |
| Utility poles / gas line | e hook-ups | | | | | |

| Other (Specify): | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you | u work with enforce a morat | torium on s | nut offs? | | | |
| ○ Yes No | | | | | | |
| If you responded "Yes" to question 4 | 4.16, you must respond to qu | estion 4.17. | , | | | |
| 4.17 Describe the terms of the morate | orium and any special dispe | nsation rec | eived by LIHE | AP clients duri | ng or after the | moratorium period. |
| | | | | | | |
| 4.18 If you experience a natural disas No | ster, do you intend to utilize | LIHEAP c | risis funds to a | ddress disaster | related crisis si | ituations? • Yes C |
| If yes, describe | | | | _ | - | |

An additional H-HEAP payment may be provided to eligible households who are in need because of a natural disaster.

- 1. Payment must be tied in some way to the household's energy assistance need or emergency.
- 2. Applicant's household income must be below annual income limits, or meet the categorical eligibility requirements.
 - 3. Activities that may be allowable uses of H-HEAP funds to deal with crisis situations:
- 1. Costs to temporarily shelter or house individuals in hotels, apartments or to other living situation in which homes have been destroyed or damaged, i.e., placing people in settings to preserve health and safety and to move them away from the crisis area.
- 2. Costs for transportation (such as cars, shuttles, buses) to move individuals away from the crisis area to shelters, when health and safety is endangered by loss of access to heating or cooling.
- 3. Utility reconnection costs.
- 4. Repair or replacement costs for furnaces and air conditioners.
- 5. Insulation repair.
- 6. Coats and blankets, as tangible benefits to keep individuals warm.
- 7. Crisis payments for utilities and utility deposits.
- 8. Purchase of fans, air conditioners and generators.
 - 5. Unallowable uses of H-HEAP funds that are not home energy related:
- 1. Payments for water/sewage
- 2. Mortgage or rent assistance unless it a necessary cost to shelter individuals from the crisis situation for a TEMPORARY period of time.
- 3. Utility assistance or households housing displaced victims UNLESS the household is already low income and qualified for H-HEAP assistance.
- 4. Ramps and wheelchairs.
- 5. School uniforms and school supplies.
- 6. Clothing (except coats)
- 7. Mattresses, cots, air beds and pillows.

Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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Section 5 - Weatherization Assistance

| | Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE | | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Eligibility, 2605(| c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assur | rance 2 | | | | |
| 5.1 Designate the | income eligibility thresho | ld used for the Weatheriz | zation component | | | |
| Add | Househo | old Size | Eligibility Guideline | Eligibility Threshold | | |
| 1 | All Household Sizes | | HHS Poverty Guidelines | 200.00% | | |
| 5.2 Do you enter No | into an interagency agreer | ment to have another gov | ernment agency administer a WEATHERIZ | ZATION component? • Yes | | |
| | the agency and attach a copces Weatherization Program | | nent or Contract. Department of Labor and I | ndustrial Relations, Office of | | |
| 5.4 Is there a sep | arate monitoring protocol | for weatherization? 💽 Y | es O No | | | |
| WEATHERIZA' | TION - Types of Rules | | | | | |
| | ules do you administer LI | HEAP weatherization? (| Check only one.) | | | |
| Entirely ur | nder LIHEAP (not DOE) r | ules | | | | |
| Entirely un | nder DOE WAP (not LIHE | EAP) rules | | | | |
| Mostly und | der LIHEAP rules with the | following DOE WAP ru | le(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ | (Check all that apply): | | |
| Inco | me Threshold | | | | | |
| | therization of entire multi- will become eligible within | | is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in | a 2- & 4-unit buildings) are | | |
| Weat | therize shelters temporaril | y housing primarily low i | income persons (excluding nursing homes, p | orisons, and similar institutional | | |
| Othe | r - Describe: | | | | | |
| ✓ Mostly und | der DOE WAP rules, with | the following LIHEAP ru | ıle(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ | (Check all that apply.) | | |
| ✓ Inco | me Threshold | | | | | |
| ✓ Weat | therization not subject to I | OOE WAP maximum stat | tewide average cost per dwelling unit. | | | |
| ✓ Weat | therization measures are n | ot subject to DOE Saving | gs to Investment Ration (SIR) standards. | | | |
| ✓ Othe | r - Describe: | | | | | |
| | Re-weatherization defined as any home or dwelling unit that was previously weatherized, and there is no funding limit. Re-weatherization shall be allowed. | | | | | |
| Stove replacement is allowed as a health and safety issue. | | | | | | |
| Eligibility, 2605(| b)(5) - Assurance 5 | | | | | |
| 5.6 Do you requi | re an assets test? | C Yes O No | | | | |
| 5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for : | | | | | | |
| Renters | | ⊙ Yes C No | | | | |
| Renters liv housing? | ing in subsidized | ⊙ Yes C No | | | | |
| Renters wi rent? | th utilities included in the | ⊙ Yes O No | | | | |
| 5.8 Do you give n | priority in eligibility to: | · | | | | |

| Older Adults? | C Yes O No | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Individuals with a disability? | C Yes ⊙ No | | | | | |
| Young Children? | C Yes O No | C Yes ⊙ No | | | | |
| House holds with high energy burdens? | C Yes O No | | | | | |
| Other? | O Yes O No | | | | | |
| below. Landlord's permission is requ | If you selected "Yes" for any of the options in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field below. Landlord's permission is required to do weatherization and obtained via the landlord's signature on the Landlord Agreement Form before proceeding to do any steps in weatherization. | | | | | |
| Benefit Levels | | | | | | |
| 5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP we | eatherization benefit/expenditur | re per household? O Yes O No | | | | |
| 5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$0 | | | | | | |
| 5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Uni | t (ACPU). Tes O No | | | | | |
| 5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amount? | \$8,497 | | | | | |
| Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D) |) | | | | | |
| 5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization meas | ures do you provide ? (Check a | ll categories that apply.) | | | | |
| Weatherization needs assessments | s/audits | Energy related roof repair | | | | |
| Caulking and insulation | | Major appliance repairs | | | | |
| Storm windows | | Major appliance replacement | | | | |
| Furnace/heating system modificat | ions/repairs | ☑ Windows/sliding glass doors | | | | |
| Furnace replacement | Furnace replacement Doors | | | | | |
| ✓ Cooling system modifications/repairs ✓ Water Heater | | | | | | |
| ✓ Water conservation measures | | | | | | |
| Roof top solar | | Community solar projects | | | | |
| Compact florescent light bulbs | | Other - Describe: Solar for Water Heaters | | | | |
| If any of the above question | s require further expl | anation or clarification that could not be made in | | | | |

the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 6 - Outreach

| Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A) |
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| 6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance available: |
| Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc. |
| Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements. |
| ✓ Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance. |
| Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients. |
| Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs. |
| Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups. |
| Web Posting |
| Email Email |
| Texting |
| Events |
| Social Media |
| Other (specify): |
| Send and provide H-HEAP flyers to all who are interested parties, non-profit organizations, elderly and disabled individuals and agencies servicing the vulnerable population. |
| 2. Provide H-HEAP flyers to electric company for distribution to customers. |
| 3. Request that the Utility Companies encourage their customers who are expressing difficulty paying their bills to apply for H-HEAP. |
| 4. Provide H-HEAP flyers to electric company for distribution to customers. |
| 5. Request that the Utility Companies encourage their customers who are expressing difficulty paying their bills to apply for H-HEAP. |
| 6. Utility companies include H-HEAP reminders about H-HEAP by printing information on a monthly newsletter that is included with monthly bills, for two months. If space available on the bill they will print H-HEAP information regarding application period directly on the bill. |
| 7. Gas Company provided with posters to put in their offices for the gas customers. |
| 8. Utility companies will provide H-HEAP applications in their bill collection offices. |
| Utility companies provide literature, freebies and personnel to assist CAA in their efforts in promoting H-HEAP benefits and performance measures. |
| 10. Local CAA, as part of their outreach efforts, provide public service announcements via their agency website, radio and newspapers. |
| 11. H-HEAP coordinator participates in interagency work groups, provides informational sessions to interested agencies and groups, and works with the electric company in a community work group. |
| 12. In remote areas, contracted community agencies will go door to door to speak with homebound residents |

| If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here. | | | | |
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Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

| | cribe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, AP, etc.). |
|-------------|---|
| | Joint application for multiple programs (indicate programs included) |
| > | Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included) TANF, SNAP, other programs offered by CAA |
| > | One - stop intake centers |
| > | Other - Describe: |
| | |

Grantee coordinates H-HEAP with the SNAP, TANF, and Weatherization programs. These programs are encouraged to inform, educate and refer their customers to H-HEAP. Grantee also works with the P.U.C. in coordinating their programs with H-HEAP, including Hawaii Energy and their efforts to curb consumption. CAA refer and coordinate with other existing federal, state, and local low-income home energy related programs to share data when not prohibited by law for H-HEAP. Grantee works with the utility companies to coordinate programs that the utility company can establish to assist H-HEAP households.

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) **MODEL PLAN Section 8 - Agency Designation**

Section 9. Agency Designation 2605(b)(6) Assurance 6 (Described for state Crant

| 3 | recipients and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) |
|----------------------|---|
| 8.1 How v | would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency? |
| A | dministration Agency |
| | Commerce Agency |
| | Community Services Agency |
| E | nergy/Environment Agency |
| Н | lousing Agency |
| Si | tate Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid) |
| E | conomic Development Agency |
| vi co | Other - Describe: H-HEAP coordinator is administratively attached to the Department of Human Services, Benefit Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD) that is responsible for the State's welfare program. H-HEAP's policies and procedures are developed by the H-HEAP coordinator but the intake of applications and eligibility determination is completed by community agencies on each island. Payments are made by the State H-HEAP coordinator. |
| | current list of subrecipient name, main office address (do not list P.O. Box), phone number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and ther. Used for Near hotline and OCS Service Provider Tool and clearinghouse. |
| Alternate | e Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15 |
| | lected "State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8. 4, as applicable. |
| 8.2 How o | do you provide alternate outreach and intake for heating assistance? |
| ho co ho ma | Contracted Community Action Agencies provide information about the energy assistance program including basic eligibility rules, assist oplicants in completing the application, copy all required verifications and documentation, and make provisions for applicants who are omebound to receive the same services by utilizing home visits. Community agencies will make arrangements with senior centers and ommunity centers to intake applications on site as well as at Senior/Disabled Housing rental sites. Community agencies also go door to door in ousing complexes to inform households of H-HEAP. Aloha United Way, a non-profit organization provides a hotline/referral service. Volunteers anage a hotline which has a data base filled with helping agencies. A person seeking assistance with heating/cooling needs can call "211" and ey will search for local agencies who can as sist. H-HEAP information is available for search on their data base. |
| 8.3 How o | do you provide alternate outreach and intake for cooling assistance?> |

Contracted Community Action Agencies provide information about the energy assistance program including basic eligibility rules, assist applicants in completing the application, copy all required verifications and documentation, and make provisions for applicants who are homebound to receive the same services by utilizing home visits. Community agencies will make arrangements with senior centers and community centers to intake applications on site as well as at Senior/Disabled Housing rental sites. Community agencies also go door to door in housing complexes to inform households of H-HEAP. Aloha United Way, a non-profit organization provides a hotline/referral service. Volunteers manage a hotline which has a data base filled with helping agencies. A person seeking assistance with heating/cooling needs can call "211" and they will search for local agencies who can as sist. H-HEAP information is available for search on their data base.

| 8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and in | take for crisis assistanc | e? | | | | |
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| 8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration. | Heating | Cooling | Crisis | Weatherization | | |
| 8.5a Who determines client eligibility? | Community Action Agencies | Community Action Agencies | Community Action Agencies | Community Action Agencies | | |
| 8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors? | State Administration Agency | State Administration Agency | State Administration Agency | | | |
| 8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors? | Non-Applicable | Non-Applicable | Non-Applicable | | | |
| 8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures? | | | | Other | | |
| If any of your LIHEAP componen complete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, an | | | d by a state agen | ncy, you must | | |
| H-HEAP has an exemption from the HAP funds, the Governor shall assure that specider any low income energy assistance or weat undertake a timely and effective energy crisis only four such community action agencies, HCC ouncil (H CEOC) for Hawaii Island, Kauai I Molokai, and Lanai. These are the agencies th | ial consideration be give herization program unde intervention program an onolulu Community Acti Economic Opportunity (I at meet the conditions an | n only to local non-profit r the Economic Opportur d the ability to carry out t on Program (HCAP) for KEO) on Kauai, and Mau | agencies which 1) were r nity Act of 1964, and 2) h the program in the local c Oahu, Hawaii County Ec i Economic Opportunity | eceiving federal funds un ave the capacity to ommunity. There are the onomic Opportunity (MEO) for Maui, | | |
| 8.8 Have you changed any local administering age Yes No | ncies in the last year? | | | | | |
| 8.9 If so, why? | | | | | | |
| Agency was in noncompliance with Grant | recipient requirements | for LIHEAP - | | | | |
| Agency is under criminal investigation | | | | | | |
| Added agency | | | | | | |
| Agency closed | | | | | | |
| Other - describe | | | | | | |
| 8.10 If a subrecipient is no longer providing LIHE No | EAP, are you aware of p | orior-year LIHEAP fun | ds being mismanaged or | misspent? O Yes | | |
| 8.10a If yes, please explain. | | | | | | |
| 8.10b If you are aware, were other federal progr | rams impacted such as | CSBG, SSBG, Head Sta | rt, TANF, and Departm | nent of Energy | | |

Weatherization funding, etc. © Yes © No

8.10c If yes, please explain.

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| 9.1 Do you make | payments directly to home energy suppliers? |
|--|---|
| Heating | ⊙ Yes O No |
| Cooling | ⊙ Yes ○ No |
| Crisis | ⊙ Yes ○ No |
| Are there exce | otions? C Yes O No |
| If yes, Describe | |
| 9.2 How do you | notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? |
| the amoun | ergy Credit: at the time the State forwards the payment to the utility company, a notice of disposition is sent to inform the household of t sent to the utility company on their behalf. It also advises the household to confirm the payment was applied to their account by their next utility bill. |
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| applicant a | r Crisis: once the amount owed is confirmed with the utility company, a disposition notice with benefit amount is provided to the utility company is notified of the approval and amount. |
| 9.3 How do you a | |
| 9.3 How do you a actual cost of the Forenergy in systems for The utility informing | and the utility company is notified of the approval and amount. Assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the |
| 9.3 How do you a actual cost of the Fo energy in systems for The utility informing communit | and the utility company is notified of the approval and amount. It is sure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the home energy and the amount of the payment? It is all components, heating, cooling and crisis, Vendor Agreements established with five Public Utility Companies supplying residential Hawaii. Utility companies use standard accounting payment processing systems for subscriber accounts, assuring payment processing a subscriber accounts, and assuring payments are posted against utility expenses with available balances for the following month's bill companies must also make staff available to assist H-HEAP customers with balance inquiries. Notices are sent to eligible customers them of their benefits amount. If the benefit amount is different from the credited amount the name and phone number of the H-HEAP. |
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Section 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit

Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)

10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of funds?

Community Action Agencies electronically submit names of eligible households to the State Office. Prior to sending the files they will check for duplicate applicants and household members. These files are then merged into a State master file for additional checks to determine if duplicates exist. After all checks are completed a listing of all eligible customers are sent to the Department's Fiscal Office and the State's Department of Budget and Finance office for processing. This process is done monthly for all Crisis applicants and annually for all Heating and Cooling applicants. The Department of Human Services fiscal office follows standard accounting procedures for all federal programs, including H-HEAP, the office uses State accounting manuals of the Department of Accounting and General Services and the statewide Financial Accounting and Management Information System (FAMIS) Department accounting staff is not part of H-HEAP. They also track expenditures and cost allocations. The H-HEAP budget is monitored by the H-HEAP Coordinator and reviewed monthly during budget meetings with fiscal staff. H-HEAP is also subject to state single audits

10.1a Provide your definitions of the following:

Obligation

Working on formal definition for procedures manual. Obligation means to encumber or allocate funds for a designated purpose through a purchase order. Examples include obligating funds for contracts, benefit payments, postage, salaries, etc.

Funds must be obligated by September 30th of each year.

Expenditures

Working on a formal definition for procedures manual. Expenditures means spending of obligated funds for allowable program costs.

Expenditure timeframe

Obligated funds must be expended by December 31st of the year received, with the exception of funds carried over to the next program year, not to exceed 10% as prescribed by LIHEAP policy.

Administrative costs

Costs of administering the H-HEAP program including but not limited do salaries, contracts, etc. Not to exceed 10% of the annual LIHEAP grant.

Audit Process

10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A - 133? \cite{O} $_{Yes}$ \cite{O} $_{No}$

10.2a - if yes, describe your auditor selection process.

The State Auditor's Office reviews the submittals from CPA companies and decides which company will the do the audit for DHS (on a three-year cylce)

10.3. Describe any audit findings of the grant recipient (i.e. State/Tribe/Territory) rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the single audits, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews from the most recently audited fiscal year.

| No Findings 🗹 | |
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| Finding | Type | Type Brief Summary Resolved? | | Action Taken | |
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10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies

What types of annual audit requirements do you have in place for local administering agencies/district offices? Select all that apply.

| Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A- | 133 |
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Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit (other than A-133)

| Local agencies/district offices' A-133 or other independent audits are reviewed by Grant recipient as part of compliance process. |
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| Grant recipient conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices |
| Local agencies and district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133 |
| Compliance Monitoring |
| 10.5. Describe your monitoring process for compliance at each level below. Check all that apply. |
| Grant recipients have a policy in place for appropriate separation of duties and internal controls. |
| ☑ Internal program review |
| ✓ Departmental oversight |
| Secondary review of invoices and payments |
| Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe: |
| The H-HEAP office in Hawaii is administratively attached to the Department of Human Services (DHS).H-HEAP consists of one Program Specialist (responsible for the program, payments, and budget) and a part-time clerk. All functions of H-HEAP are the responsibility of the Program Specialist. Supervision and support services, i.e. fiscal management, IT support, and investigation are supported by DHS staff. H-HEAP has many checks and balances to avoid fraud in each stage of the H-HEAP process; there is no one person or agency that determines eligibility and pays benefits. Community Action agencies determine eligibility, which is submitted to the state for final review and payment generation. The eligible households are also matched against utility accounts to ensure correct accounts are being credited. Hawaii has many internal layers of checks and balances before final payment is made, Hawaii fiscal requirements have multiple layers to clear prior to generation of payments. |
| Local Administering Agencies/District Offices: |
| On - site evaluation |
| Annual program review |
| Monitoring through central database |
| Desk reviews |
| Client File Testing/Sampling |
| Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe: |
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| 10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol. |
| H-HEAP Coordinator will conduct unscheduled site visits to monitor application processing. The dates and islands are selected randomly during the month of applications for Energy Credits. H-HEAP Coordinator conducts desk reviews of random sampling of cases for all islands. Reviews of cases are discussed with the contract managers for corrective action. Review of case process are also discussed for corrective action. i. e. making site more secure for employees and cases, posting signs visibly so applicants can locate the site, having a workflow to insure checks and balances are adhered to. Denials which lead to requests for Administrative Hearing are sent to the H-HEAP Coordinator, who reviews the decision and writes the branch report for the hearing, validating that the denial was correct and citing appropriate H-HEAP policies and procedures. |
| 10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews. Attach a risk assessment if subrecipients are utilized. |
| Site Visits: All sites are monitored and reviewed. A special site visit may be scheduled if an agency is exhibiting problems, delays in submitting report s and data, or large influx of complaints and fair hearing requests. A special visit may also be scheduled to assist with evaluations and suggestions if an agency has a new manager. Unannounced site visits are scheduled by island on a rotation. The schedule may be amended, and sites re-visited if agency has experienced errors or problems. These visits are scheduled and conducted by the LIHEAP coordinator to ensure that they are |

unannounced. The number of cases reviewed is dependent on the number of applications each site processed.

Desk Reviews:

All sites are monitored and reviewed. It is a random sampling of cases, numbers are set by contract. Sampling will include approvals for EC and ECI, denials for EC and ECI, and all cases of employees applying for H-HEAP.

10.8. How often is each local agency monitored? Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed. Triannually

10.9. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans? None

| any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here. | | | | |
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Section 11 - Timely and Meaningful Public Participation

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| Section 11: Timely and Meaning | gful Public Participation, | 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2) |
| 11.1 How did you obtain input from the public in the develor. Note: Tribes do not need to hold a public hearing but must en | | l that apply. |
| Tribal Council meeting(s) | | |
| ✓ Public Hearing(s) | | |
| ✓ Draft Plan posted to website and available for con | nment | |
| ✓ Hard copy of plan is available for public view and | comment | |
| Comments from applicants are recorded | | |
| Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised | | |
| Stakeholder consultation meeting(s) | | |
| Comments are solicited during outreach activities | | |
| Other - Describe: | | |
| The State Plan was posted on the State of Hawa informed the public and interested parties to submit wri directly to all H-HEAP stakeholders (vendors/utility co changes are discussed and comments encouraged. | tten testimony. H-HEAP coordinator sent | personal emails and copies of the proposed plan |
| Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonw | realth of Puerto Rico Only | |
| 11.2 List the date and location(s) that you held public heari | ng(s) on the proposed use and distribut | ion of your LIHEAP funds? |
| | Date | Event Description |
| 1 | 09/25/2024 | Public Hearing and deadline for comments |
| 11.3. How many parties commented on your plan at the hea | aring(s)? TBD | |
| 11.4 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(| s). | |
| Support from Hawaiian Electric Company. | | |
| Questions on H-HEAP policies from Honolulu mailing approval disposition notices, income calculation | | |
| 11.5 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a | a result of public participation and solid | itation of input? |
| None, but will explore modifications to energy of | credit flat rate benefits for applicants. | |
| If any of the above questions require fur the fields provided, attach a document w | - | ation that could not be made in |

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 12 - Fair Hearings

Section 12: Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

12.1 How many fair hearings did the Grant recipient have in the prior federal Fiscal Year? 0

12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? $\,0\,$

12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last federal Fiscal Year as a result of fair hearings?

N/A

12.4 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are denied and/or not acted upon in a timely manner.

A household may request a hearing when:

- (1) Application for ECI or EC is denied;
- (2) Application is not acted upon with reasonable promptness.

The Department shall offer administrative hearings to all applicants of the program. The hearings are intended to give the households the opportunity to explain their situation.

An applicant or recipient may request an administrative hearing with the provider agency within ninety days of the date of their notice of decision for ECI or EC. The request must be in writing, utilizing form DHS 1461, Request for Administrative Hearing. The provider agency shall provide the applicant with the Administrative Hearing Request form. Once the DHS 1461 is received, the provider agency shall forward the request for Administrative hearing to the State H-HEAP Coordinator within 3 calendar days of receipt of the written request. The State H-HEAP Coordinator completes the Administrative hearing Branch Report with supporting documents and represents the State at the hearing. A CAA representative must be present at the hearing. An Administrative Hearing shall be held in a place reasonably convenient to the household. Once the report is submitted a hearing is scheduled. A hearings officer is appointed by the Appeals Office and the Director of Human Services. The hearing officer shall be designated by the Administrative Appeals Office and shall be an individual not involved in the determination. After the hearing, the officer will render a decision which is binding. If any party disagrees with the decision an appeal may be filed with the first circuit court of Hawaii.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are informed of their Administrative Hearing rights at the point of application. It is printed on the application and the applicant must sign the application stating that they understand their rights and responsibilities.

They are also informed of their Administrative Hearing rights on their notice of disposition.

They are also informed verbally when voicing disagreement with a decision.

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 13 - Reduction of Home Energy Needs

| Section 13: Reduction of home energy needs, 2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16 |
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| 13.1 Describe how you use LIHEAP funds to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby the need for energy assistance? |
| N/A |
| 13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities? |
| N/A |
| 13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous federal Fiscal Year. |
| N/A |
| 13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous federal Fiscal Year. |
| N/A |
| 13.5 How many households received these services? N/A |
| If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here. |

Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?

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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)

C Yes O No

14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining records.

14.3 For each type of resource and/or benefit to be leveraged in the upcoming year that will meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 96.87(d)(2)(iii), describe the following:

| Resource | What is the type of resource or benefit ? | What is the source(s) of the resource ? | How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP? | |
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Section 15 - Training

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| Section 15: Training |
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| 15.1 Describe the training you provide for each of the following groups: |
| a. Grant recipient Staff: |
| Formal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or formal training conference |
| How often? |
| Annually |
| Biannually |
| As needed |
| Other, describe: |
| Employees are provided with policy manual |
| Other, describe: |
| As there is no grantee staff aside from the H-HEAP Coordinator and a part-time clerk, all training is completed by the H-HEAP Coordinator. H-HEAP Coordinator attends webinars and conferences provided by OCS. Also attends NEADA and NEUAC conferences and meetings when able. Has access to tools such as LIHEAP Virtual Library and NEADA listserve to ask questions from peers. |
| b. Local Agencies: |
| Formal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or formal training conference |
| How often? |
| Annually |
| Biannually |
| As needed |
| Other, describe: |
| ✓ On-site training |
| How often? |
| Annually |
| Biannually |
| As needed |
| Other, describe: |
| Employees are provided with policy manual |
| Other, describe: |
| All employees are trained by the State LIHEAP Coordinator (Grantee). Each staff member is provided a handbook, containing policies, forms, samples, and a copy of the training slide show. The training is formal but can be held on-site or virtually. Training can be requested ondemand if the need arises. |
| c. Vendors |
| Formal training conference |
| How often? |
| Annually |
| Biannually |

| ✓ As needed |
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| Other, describe: |
| Policies communicated through vendor agreements |
| Policies are outlined in a vendor manual |
| Other, describe: The vendors are provided a MOA or a vendor agreement, outlining their role. They are all invited to attend, and they do attend the worker training. They are provided with a training presentation and handbook designed for their needs. Clarifications and guidelines are also provided to all vendors to maintain standard agreements. Quarterly meetings are held with Hawaiian Electric Company which provides electric service for three counties. |
| 15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention? Yes No |
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Section 16 - Performance Goals and Measures

Section 16: Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b) - Required for States Only

16.1 Describe your progress toward meeting the data collection and reporting requirements of the four required LIHEAP (Benefit Targeting Index, Burden Reduction Targeting Index, Restoration of Home Energy Service, and Prevention of Loss of Home Energy Service). Include timeframes and plans for meeting these requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.

Updating system to add changes to collect data for reporting requirements. Amended applications asking questions to capture needed data. Working with APPRISE to better understand data collection and reporting requirement needs to ensure accurate data is collected and reported. H-HEAP Coordinator is also working with Apprise to better understand data collection and calculation in order to complete required reports. This includes attending webinars and one-on-one phone calls with Apprise staff to understand the process.

If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 17 - Program Integrity

| Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10) | | | | | | |
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| 17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms | | | | | | |
| a. Describe all mechanisms available to the public for reporting cases of suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that apply. | | | | | | |
| Online Fraud Reportin | Online Fraud Reporting | | | | | |
| Dedicated Fraud Report | Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline | | | | | |
| Report directly to local | Report directly to local agency/district office or Grant recipient office | | | | | |
| Report to State Inspect | Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General | | | | | |
| Forms and procedures | Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse | | | | | |
| Other - Describe: | Other - Describe: | | | | | |
| b. Describe strategies in place for advertising the above-referenced resources. Select all that apply | | | | | | |
| Printed outreach mater | Printed outreach materials | | | | | |
| Posted in local adminis | Posted in local administering agencies offices. | | | | | |
| Addressed on LIHEAP | Addressed on LIHEAP application | | | | | |
| Website | | | | | | |
| Other - Describe: | | | | | | |
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| 17.2. Identification Documentation | 1 Requirements | | | | | |
| a. Indicate which of the following i members. | forms of identification are required or | r requested to be collected from LIHE | EAP applicants or their household | | | |
| Collected from Whom? | | | | | | |
| Type of Identification Collected | Applicant Only | All Adults in Household | All Household Members | | | |
| a 11a 1 a 11 | Required | Required | Required | | | |
| Social Security Card is photocopied and retained | | | | | | |
| | Requested | Requested | Requested | | | |
| | | | ✓ | | | |
| | Required | Required | Required | | | |
| Social Security Number (Without actual Card) | | | ✓ | | | |
| | Requested | Requested | Requested | | | |
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| | Required | Required | Required | | | |
| Government-issued identification card | | ▼ | | | | |
| (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.) | Requested | Requested | Requested | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| 17.3. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification | | | | | | |
| | | tizens or qualified non-citizens who a | are eligible to receive LIHEAP | | | |

| benefits | fits? Select all that apply. | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| > | Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen | | | | | | |
| | Client's submission of certain Social Security Administration cards is accepted as proof of U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen. | | | | | | |
| ~ | Non-Citizens must provide documentation of immigration status | | | | | | |
| | Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport | | | | | | |
| | Non-Citizens are verified thro | ough the SAVE syst | tem | | _ | | |
| | Tribal members are verified t | hrough Tribal enro | ollment records/T | ribal ID card | | | |
| ~ | Other - Describe: | | | | | | |
| | Match with State's eligibil | ity system for TAN | F and SNAP if app | licant is known to t | hat database. | | |
| | Other | Applicant Only Required | Applicant Only Requested | All Adults in Household Required | All Adults in Household Requested | All Household Members Required | All Household Members Requested |
| 1 | | | | Required | Requested | Required | Requesteu |
| 17.4. In | come Verification | | | | | | |
| | nethods does your agency utiliz | e to verify househo | ld income? Select | all that apply. | | | |
| ~ | Require documentation of inco | me for all adult ho | usehold members | | | | |
| | Pay stubs | | | | | | |
| | Social Security award letters | | | | | | |
| | ✓ Bank statements | | | | | | |
| | ✓ Tax statements | | | | | | |
| | ✓ Zero-income statements | | | | | | |
| | ✓ Unemployment Insuran | ce letters | | | | | |
| | ✓ Other - Describe: | | | | | | |
| | Bank statements only if su | bmitted by applican | it, or requested to v | erify deposits. | | | |
| i | Statement from person giv ncome. | ring or lending mone | ey, or from applica | nt explaining how | expenses are paid w | hen expenses excee | ed reported |
| ~ | Computer data matches: | | | | | | |
| | Income information ma | tched against state | computer system | (e.g., SNAP, TAN | F) | | |
| | Proof of unemployment | | | | - / | | |
| | Social Security income v | | in state 2 epartin | 24001 | | | |
| | Utilize state directory of | | | | | | |
| | Other - Describe: | | | | | | |
| (| All of the above can be ac only when CAA asks what HH re | | | | | | nely utilized; |
| b. Desci | ribe any exceptions to the above | e policies. | | | | | |
| 17.5 Id | entification Verification | | | | | | |
| Describ apply | oe what methods are used to ver | rify the authenticit | y of identification | documents provid | led by clients or ho | ousehold members | . Select all that |
| | Verify SSNs with Social Securi | ty Administration | | | | | |
| _ | Match SSNs with death record | s from Social Secur | rity Administratio | n or state agency | | | |
| ~ | Match SSNs with state eligibility/case management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF) | | | | | | |
| | Match with state Department of | of Labor system | | | | | |
| | Match with state and/or federal corrections system | | | | | | |
| | Match with state child support | system | | | | | |
| | Verification using private softv | vare (e.g., The Wor | k Number) | | | | |
| | In-person certification by staff | (for tribal Grant r | ecipients only) | | | | |

| Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal Grant recipients only) |
|--|
| Other - Describe: |
| |
| 17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality |
| Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply. |
| Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent |
| Grant recipient LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards |
| Employee training on confidentiality for: |
| Grant recipient employees |
| Local agencies/district offices |
| Employees must sign confidentiality agreement |
| Grant recipient employees |
| ✓ Local agencies/district offices |
| Physical files are stored in a secure location |
| Electronic files are protected in a secure location. |
| Other - Describe: |
| 17.7. Verifying the Authenticity |
| What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply. |
| All vendors must register with the State/Tribe. |
| All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form |
| ✓ Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household |
| Grant recipient and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors |
| Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above: |
| All utility companies are regulated by the State's Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and tariff law. As an orginazation regulated by the P. U.C., all companies must provide monthly and annual financial and reliability reports. |
| 17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities |
| What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply. |
| Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency |
| Applicants must submit current utility bill |
| Data exchange with utilities that verifies: |
| Account ownership |
| Consumption |
| |
| |
| |
| Account is properly credited with benefit |
| U Other - Describe: |
| Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities |
| Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level |
| Separation of duties between intake and payment approval |
| Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments |
| Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy |
| Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities |
| Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only |
| Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure |

| Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism |
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| Other - Describe: |
| 17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors |
| What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply. |
| Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list |
| Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors |
| Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery |
| Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor |
| Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only |
| Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client |
| Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors |
| Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the grant recipient. |
| Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism |
| Other - Describe: Hawaii does not have bulk vendors, natural gas or propane is delivered but is handled by the utility company. |
| 17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions |
| Describe the Grant recipients procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients, staff, or vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply. |
| Refer to state Inspector General |
| Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General |
| Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline) |
| Local agencies/district offices or Grant recipient conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public |
| Grant recipient attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process |
| Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? One year |
| Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated |
| Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP |
| Other - Describe: |
| If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here. |

Section 18: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.BrBbr.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or

voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later

determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility an Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
- **☑** By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645(a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central pint is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

- 1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the Grant recipient is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the Grant recipient knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- 3. For Grant recipients other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- 4. For Grant recipients who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for Grant recipients other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the Grant recipient does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the Grant recipient must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the Grant recipients drug-free workplace requirements.
- 6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
- 7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the Grant recipient shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
- 8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grant recipients attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a Grant recipient directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the Grant recipients payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the Grant recipient (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the Grant recipients payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grant recipients Other Than Individuals)
The Grant recipient certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:.

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Grant recipients workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The Grant recipients policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a

central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f)Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).
- (B) The Grant recipient may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (That this must be physical address. No PO Boxes allowed.)

| 1010 Richards St., Suite 512 * Address Line 1 | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| Address Line 2 | | |
| Address Line 3 | | |
| Honolulu * City | ні <u>* State</u> | 96813 * Zip Code |

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grant recipients Who Are Individuals)

- (a) The Grant recipient certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

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☑ By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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The submitter of this application certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Assurances

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(1) use the funds available under this title to--

- (A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5);
 - (B) intervene in energy crisis situations;
- (C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective energy-related home repair; and
- (D)plan, develop, and administer the State's program under this title including leveraging programs, and the State agrees not to use such funds for any purposes other than those specified in this title;
- (2) make payments under this title only with respect to--
 - (A) households in which one or more individuals are receiving--
 - (i)assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;
 - (ii) supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act;
 - (iii) food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or
 - (iv) payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978; or
 - (B) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of -
 - (i) an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or
 - (ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of the State median income;

(except that a State may not exclude a household from eligibility in a fiscal year solely on the basis of household income if such income is less than 110 percent of the poverty level for such State, but the State may give priority to those households with the highest home energy costs or needs in relation to household income.

- (3) conduct outreach activities designed to assure that eligible households, especially households with elderly individuals or disabled individuals, or both, and households with high home energy burdens, are made aware of the assistance available under this title, and any similar energy-related assistance available under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program) or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;
- (4) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs administered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income

energy-related programs under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program), under the supplemental security income program, under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, under title XX of the Social Security Act, under the low-income weatherization assistance program under title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;

- (5) provide, in a timely manner, that the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that the State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the households described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;
- (6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the designation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any other provision of law on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that -
 - (A) the State shall, before giving such special consideration, determine that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by the State; and
 - (B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;
- (7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedures to --
 - (A) notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf;
 - (B) assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment made by the State under this title;
 - (C) assure that the home energy supplier will provide assurances that any agreement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements; and
 - (D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local Grant recipients and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligible for benefits under this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the risks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals receiving financial assistance for home energy costs;

(8) provide assurances that,

- (A) the State will not exclude households described in clause (2)(B) of this subsection from receiving home energy assistance benefits under clause (2), and
- (B) the State will treat owners and renters equitably under the program assisted under this title;

(9) provide that--

- (A) the State may use for planning and administering the use of funds under this title an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the funds payable to such State under this title for a fiscal year; and
- (B) the State will pay from non-Federal sources the remaining costs of planning and administering the program assisted under this title and will not use Federal funds for such remaining cost (except for the costs of the activities described in paragraph (16));
- (10) provide that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be established as may be necessary to assure the proper disbursal of and accounting for Federal funds paid to the State under this title, including procedures for monitoring the assistance provided under this title, and provide that the State will comply with the provisions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the "Single Audit Act");
- (11) permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 2608;
- (12) provide for timely and meaningful public participation in the development of the plan described in subsection (c);
- (13) provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for assistance under the plan described in subsection (c) are denied or are not acted upon with reasonable promptness; and
- (14) cooperate with the Secretary with respect to data collecting and reporting under section 2610.
- (15) * beginning in fiscal year 1992, provide, in addition to such services as may be offered by State Departments of Public Welfare at the local level, outreach and intake functions for crisis situations and heating and cooling assistance that is administered by additional State and local governmental entities or community-based organizations (such as community action agencies, area agencies on aging and not-for-profit neighborhood-based organizations), and in States where such organizations do not administer functions as of September 30, 1991, preference in awarding grants or contracts for intake services shall be provided to those agencies that administer the low-income weatherization or energy crisis intervention programs.
- * This assurance is applicable only to States, and to territories whose annual regular LIHEAP allotments exceed \$200,000. Neither territories with annual allotments of \$200,000 or less nor Indian tribes/tribal organizations are subject to Assurance 15.
- (16) use up to 5 percent of such funds, at its option, to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and

thereby the need for energy assistance, including needs assessments, counseling, and assistance with energy vendors, and report to the Secretary concerning the impact of such activities on the number of households served, the level of direct benefits provided to those households, and the number of households that remain unserved.

By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is agreeing to the Assurances set out above.

Plan Attachments

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| The following documents must be attached to this application | |
| Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report. | |
| Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable | |
| Cooling component benefit matrix, if applicable | |
| Minutes, notes, or transcripts of public hearing(s). | |
| Policy Manual. | |
| Subrecipient Contract. | |
| Model Plan Participation Notes for Tribes. | |