## **DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)**

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# Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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7. APPLICANT IN								
* a. Legal Name: S	tate of Iowa							
* b. Address: * Street 1:	LUCASSTA	ATE OFFICE BUILDING	Stre	ot 2.	221 E 12th 9	Street, 2nd Floor		
* City:	DES MOINE		Cou		Polk			
* State:	IA			ince:	TOIK			
* Country:	United States			o / Postal	50319 -			
			Code:	:				
c. Organizationa			D: -	• • •				
Department Nar Iowa Department o		nan Services		Division Name: Community Action Agencies Subdivision / Unit				
d. Name and contac Awards and on the	et information of U.S. Departmen	f person to be contacted on m t of Health and Human Servi	atters involving ices' LIHEAP co	this application ntact list web	on: (person will page)	l be listed on Notice of Funding		
* First Name: Bill			* Last ]	* Last Name: Marquess				
<b>Title:</b> Liheap Program M	anager		Organi	Organizational Affiliation:				
* Telephone Numb 5154738575	er:		Fax Nu	Fax Number				
* Email: bill.marquess@hhs	.iowa.gov		4					
* 8. TYPE OF APP A: State Governmen								
* a. Is the applica	ant a Tribal Con	sortium: 🔿 Yes 💿 No						
* b. If yes please	attach at least o	ne the following documentation	on:					
		Catalog of Feder Assistance N			0	CFDA Title:		
9. CFDA Numbers an	d Titles	93.568		Low-Income	Home Energy A	Assistance Program		
10. DESCRIPTIVE FFY 2025 Model P		PLICANT'S PROJECT:						
<b>11. AREAS AFFEC</b> Statewide	CTED BY FUND	DING:						
3		IS OF APPLICANT:						
13. FUNDING PER	RIOD:		jlf					
a. Start Date: 10/01/2024			<b>b. End</b> 09/30/2					
* 14. IS SUBMISSI	ON SUBJECT T	TO REVIEW BY STATE UN	DER EXECUTI	VE ORDER 1	12372 PROCES	SS?		
a. This submissio	on was made ava	ilable to the State under Exec	cutive Order 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? O YES O NO						
If Yes, explain:						
complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assur-						
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain specific instructions.	this list, is contained in the announcement or agency					
17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official	17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)					
Erin Drinnin	17d. Email Address edrinni@dhs.state.ia.us					
17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	<b>17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)</b> 09/26/2024					

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES								
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 1 - Program Components								
required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant.Publi information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instruction	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.							
Section 1 Program Compone	nts							
Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C)								
1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)		Operation						
	Start Date	End Date						
Heating assistance	10/01/2024	04/30/2025						
Cooling assistance								
Summer crisis assistance	10/01/2024	09/30/2025						
Winter crisis assistance								
Vear-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								
We provide year-round crisis assistance, but the form didn't seem to recognize that in Section no crisis had been selected in 1:1. Added the summer and winter fields to allow submission to move		alidation error saying						
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:	Percentage (%)	Prior year totals						
The total of all percentages must add up to 100%.		-						
Heating assistance	56.00%	56.00%						
Cooling assistance	0.00%	0.00%						
Summer crisis assistance	4.00%	0.00%						
Winter crisis assistance								
Year-round crisis assistance	8.00%	8.00%						
Weatherization assistance Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	15.00% 4.00%	15.00% 8.00%						
Administrative and planning costs	4.00%	8.00%						
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	3.00%	3.00%						
Used to develop and implement leveraging activities	0.00%	0.00%						
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%						
Tribal grant recipients: direct-grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments of \$20,000 or less may use for planning and administration								

costs i	20% of the funds payable. Grant recipients that as ng and administration purposes up to 20% of the n excess of these limits must be paid from non-fed	first \$20,000 (or \$4,00			
1.3 T	ne funds reserved for winter crisis assistance th	at have not been exp	ended by March 15 wi	ll be reprogrammed t	0:
	Heating assistance		Cooling assistance		
	Weatherization assistance		the ECIP component	Remaining winter crisis nt that includes furnace along with pre-purcha	
1.4 D	orical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, o you consider households categorically eligible left column below? O Yes O No			at least one of the foll	owing categories of benefit
	answered "Yes" to question 1.4, you must cor	nplete the table belov	v and answer questions	1.5 and 1.6.	
		Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
FANF		O <sub>Yes</sub> O <sub>No</sub>	O Yes O No	O <sub>Yes</sub> O <sub>No</sub>	O <sub>Yes</sub> O <sub>No</sub>
SI		O Yes O No	O Yes O No	O Yes O No	C <sub>Yes</sub> C <sub>No</sub>
SNAP		O Yes O No	O Yes O No	O Yes O No	O Yes O No
	-tested Veterans Programs	O Yes O No	O Yes O No	O Yes O No	O Yes O No
			O Yes O No	VYes UNO	V Yes V No
1.4	a Provide your definition of categorical eligib	oility.			
1 5 D	) you automatically enroll households without	a dinaat annual annli	antion? O Voc. O No.		
	· · ·	a direct annual appli	cation: O res O No		
f Yes	, explain:				
f you .7b A	Do you allocate LIHEAP funds toward a nomin answered "Yes" to question 1.7a, you must pr Amount of Nominal Assistance: \$0.00 (requency of Assistance Once Per Year Once every five years Other - Describe:				
	Iow do you confirm that the household receivi	ng a nominal paymen	t has an energy cost or	need?	
Jeter	mination of Eligibility - Countable Income				
.8. I	determining a household's income eligibility	for LIHEAP, do you	use gross income or ne	t income?	
<	Gross Income				
	Net Income				
	Other - Describe				
.9. S	elect all the applicable forms of countable inco	me used to determine	a household's income	eligibility for LIHEA	Р
9. S	elect all the applicable forms of countable inco Wages	me used to determine	e a household's income	eligibility for LIHEA	Р
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	Wages	me used to determine	a household's income	eligibility for LIHEA	P

×	Unemployment insurance						
>	Strike Pay						
>	Social Security Administration (SSA ) benefits						
	Including MediCare deduction						
<ul> <li></li> </ul>	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						
>	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.						
	Jury duty compensation						
<b>&gt;</b>	Rental income						
	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)						
<b>&gt;</b>	Income from work study programs						
<b>&gt;</b>	Alimony						
	Child support						
>	Interest, dividends, or royalties						
<b>&gt;</b>	Commissions						
<b>&gt;</b>	Legal settlements						
	Insurance payments made directly to the insured						
	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
	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 ု 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.
<ul> <li></li> </ul>	Online application that is also mobile friendly
	Other, please describe
Pleas	e include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:
	liheap-apply.iowa.hhs.gov (will go-live Oct 01, 2024)
1.10b	Can all program components be applied for online? 💽 Yes 💭 No
	explain which components can and cannot be applied for online.
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 🔿 Yes 💿 No
If yes	s, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.
1.13	How can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply:
Y	In-person
Y	Mail
Y	Email
Y	Portal application
>	Other, please describe
	By Text

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	LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 2 - Heating Assistance							
	Sectio	on 2 - F	Ieating Assistance					
Eligibility, 2605(	(b)(2) - Assurance 2							
2.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshold used for the	heating co	omponent:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold				
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%				
2.2 Do you have Heating Assistar	additional eligibility requirements for nce?	O Yes	• No					
2.3 Check the ap	ppropriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.					
Do you require a	an Assets test?	C Yes	💽 No					
If yes, describe:	Do you have additional/differing eligibility	ty policies	for:					
Renters?		C Yes	• No					
If yes, describe:								
Renters Li	iving in subsidized housing?	• Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
	If yes, describe: Subsidized households where primary heat is included in the rent are eligible for LIHEAP Regular Assistance if they have a secondary energy burden with a utility vendor.							
Renters wi	ith utilities included in the rent?	• Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
	ibsidized households where both heat and el he household's energy burden is already redu		e					
Do you give prio	ority in eligibility to:							
Older Adu	lts (60 years or older)?	🖸 Yes	O No					
If yes, describe: Households containing an elderly member are allowed to apply on October 1st, a month prior to the official start of our state LIHEAP Heating Assistance season on November 1st								
Individual	s with a disability?	🖸 Yes	O No					
If yes, describe: Households containing a disabled member are allowed to apply on October 1st, a month prior to the official start of our state LIHEAP Heating Assistance season on November 1st								
Young chi	ldren?	C Yes	• No					
If yes, describe:		105	110					
	ls with high energy burdens?	O Yes	• No					
If yes, describe:		• 1 es						
Other?		O Yes	Ωn.					
If yes, describe:		∿ res	NEF INU					

## Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above: **please note Iowa uses income amounts based in FPG which exceed 150% (up to 21 less than 60% SMI amounts. However, the OLDC report will not allow me to indicate 200% as 150%.	,	
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, etc.	e.g., benefit amounts, early application perio	ods,
Only households with elderly and/or disabled members, or households actively facing 1st. All others can apply starting November 1st.	g disconnection of service, can apply starting Oc	ctober
Also, Iowa's Regular Assistance Benefit Matrix structure awards additional benefit a disabled, and/or have young children.	amounts for households with members that are ele	lderly,
2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):		
Income		
Family (household) size		
W Home energy cost or need:		
<b>Fuel type</b>		
Climate/region		
Individual bill		
Dwelling type		
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)		
Energy need		
Other - Describe:		
See Benefit Matrix attachment for full description		
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)		
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. <i>Please note:</i> shown in the payment matrix.	: the maximum and minimum benefits must be	
Minimum Benefit \$80 Maxim	num Benefit \$800	
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?2 $igsin V$	Yes 💿 No	
If yes, describe.		
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clar	ification that could not be made	le in

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

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	Section	-		ance		
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	Section	on 3 - (	Cooling Assist	ance		
Eligibility, 2605(	(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2					
3.1 Designate Th	e income eligibility threshold used for th	e Cooling o	component:			
Add	Household size		Eligibilit	y Guideline	Eligibility Thresho	
1						0.00%
Cooling assistan		O Yes				
-	propriate boxes below and describe the	-				
Do you require a	an Assets test?	C Yes	[∪ No			
If yes, describe:						
	litional/differing eligibility policies for:		~			
Renters?		O Yes	O No			
If yes, describe:			_			
	ving in subsidized housing?	O Yes	ONo			
If yes, describe:		-	_			
1	ith utilities included in the rent?	C Yes	U No			
If yes, describe:						
	rity in eligibility to:		_			
	lts (60 years or older)?	C Yes	© No			
If yes, describe:						
	s with a disability?	C Yes	O No			
If yes, describe:		1 -	-			
Young chi	ldren?	O Yes	C <sub>No</sub>			
If yes, describe:						
Household	s with high energy burdens?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>			
If yes, describe:						
Other?		C Yes	O No			
If yes, describe:						
Explanations of	policies for each "yes" checked above:					
3.4 Describe how etc.	v you prioritize the provision of cooling a	ssistance to	vulnerable populati	ons, e.g., benefit amo	ounts, early application pe	eriods,
Determination o	Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)					
3.5 Check the va	riables you use to determine your benefi	t levels. (Cl	neck all that apply):			
Income						
Family (ho	usehold) size					
Home ener	gy cost or need:					
<b>F</b> ne	l type					
	nate/region					
Indi	ividual bill					

## Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

Dwelling type							
Energy burden (% of income spe	ent on home energy)						
Energy need							
Other - Describe:							
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 260	Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
<b>3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the f</b> <i>shown in the payment matrix.</i>	iscal year for which this plan	applies. Please note: the maximum and minin	mum benefits must be	e			
Minimum Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0				
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air con	ditioners) and/or other form	s 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	ASSISTA	NCE
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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN								
Section 4 - Crisis Assistance								
L	Section 4: CI	RISIS ASSISTANCE						
Eligibility - 2604	l(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)							
	e income eligibility threshold used for the crisis co	mponent						
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline		Eligibility	Threshold			
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines			150.00%			
4.2 Provide your	r LIHEAP program's definition for determining a	crisis.						
If you administe	r multiple crisis assistance programs (winter, sum	mer, and/or year-round), Include	all program de	efinitions.				
	ne Iowa LIHEAP Policy and Procedures Manual lists address the following crisis situations:	allowable year-round crisis measure	s within expend	liture limits.	Those allowable			
* ]	Repair/replacement of non-working heating units							
*	Temporary need for alternate shelter, blankets, electri	c portable space heaters						
* ]	Disconnected from utility service							
* ]	Disconnection from utility service imminent							
* ]	Emergency delivery of fuel when 30% or less remaining	ing						
* ]	If medically necessary, provide a window/portable air	conditioning unit or repair/replacen	nent of existing	central AC				
4.3 What constit	tutes a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>							
	hen a household is facing a crisis situation listed above t that has or will become non-operational upon loss o							
Crisis Requirem	nent, 2604(c)							
	many hours do you provide an intervention that w	ill resolve the energy crisis for elig	ible household	ls? 48Hours				
	many hours do you provide an intervention that w				tening			
situations? 18H					5			
Crisis Eligibility	7, 2605(c)(1)(A)		- W	-				
			Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-Round Crisis			
4.6 Do you have	additional eligibility requirements for Crisis Assis	stance?						
<b>4.7 Check the ap</b> 0	ppropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assista	ance provided						
Do you require a	an Assets test?							
Do you give prio	prity in eligibility to:		a)					
Older Adu	llts (60 years or older)?							
Individual	s with a disability?							
Young Ch	ildren?							
_	ls with high energy burdens?							
Other (Spe								
In Order to rece	vive crisis assistance:		- ii	• <u> </u>				
Must the h	nousehold have received a shut-off notice or have a	near empty tank?			✓			

Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?			>			
Must the household 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 household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?			>			
Other (Specify):						
Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:						
Renters?						
Renters living in subsidized housing?			>			
Renters with utilities included in the rent?			>			
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:						

- In a standard funding year (no emergency or supplemental federal funding) households must be at imminent threat of disconnection in order to receive a Service Continuity benefit payment and maintain their service connection. For deliverable fuel households, they must be at or below 30% of a full tank, but not yet at 0% or empty to receive an Emergency Delivery – Low Tank benefit payment. However, this additional criterion is specific to the Service Continuity and Emergency Delivery – Low Tank crisis assistance benefit categories only, not overall household LIHEAP eligibility.

- In a standard funding year (no emergency or supplemental federal funding) households must already be disconnected from their energy service to receive a Reconnection benefit payment and restore their service connection. For deliverable fuel households, they must be at 0% or empty to receive an Emergency Delivery – Empty Tank benefit payment. However, this additional criterion is specific to the Reconnection and Emergency Delivery – Empty Tank crisis assistance benefit categories only, not overall household LIHEAP eligibility.

- Subsidized households where primary heat is included in the rent are eligible for Crisis Assistance if they have a secondary energy burden with a utility vendor. Subsidized households where both heat and electric are included in the rent are ineligible because the household's energy burden is already reduced through the housing subsidy, and there is not an eligible account to address to ensure the crisis is resolved.

- Non-subsidized households where all energy utilities are included in the rent are not eligible for Crisis Assistance unless they can demonstrate a measurable primary or secondary energy burden.

4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?						
<b>~</b>	Separate component					
	Benefit Fast Track, no separate amount of crisis funds is issued. Rather benefits are issued to crisis customers within cris response time frames.					
	Other - Describe:					
4.9 If you ha	ve a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?					
<b>~</b>	Amount to resolve the crisis. \$5,200					
<b>~</b>	Other - Describe:					
	All allowable crisis measures have expenditure limits outlined in the Iowa LIHEAP Policy and Procedures Manual.					
	A combination of one or more of the following crisis components may be utilized to resolve a crisis situation.					
	<ul> <li>* Heating Unit Repair/Replacement</li> <li>* Shelter, Blankets, Electric Portable Space Heaters</li> <li>* Emergency Delivery (Low Tank and Empty Tank)</li> </ul>					
	* Reconnection					
	* Service Continuity					
	* Emergency Cooling					
	** Note that the benefit is the amount needed to resolve the crisis up to a potential maximum of \$5,200					
	<u> </u>					
Crisis Requi	rements, 2604(c)					

Iowa has 99 counties with at least one outreach office in each county. Outreach hours vary from agency to agency.

# 4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individuals with a disability the means to:

Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?

💽 Yes 🔘 No

If No, explain.

Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?

• Yes O No If No, explain.

Agencies do not routinely provide transportation from an individual's home to the agency to complete an application, nor is it a state program requirement to do so. However, agency staff willingly conducts intake off-site which can include the local agency office, or the applicant's home or any preferred location in such situations to best accommodate the applicant.

Applications are also accepted online, via phone, email, and mail. Agencies are contractually required to make home visits when needed.

If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please explain alternative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disabled?

Benefit Levels,	2605(c)(1)(B)
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4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.

Winter Crisis\$0.00maximum benefitSummer Crisis\$0.00maximum benefit

Year-round Crisis \$5,200.00 maximum benefit

4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?

### € Yes C No If yes, Describe

Payment for obtaining temporary shelter, purchase of blankets and/or electric portable space heaters. There is no limit to the number of space heaters a household can receive, except the expenditure limit. The following are minimum requirements for electric portable space heaters:

Portable Space Heater Requirements (not wall-mounted) Wattage Output = 1500 Watts Power Source = Electric Safety Features = Auto Shutoff / overheat protection

4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?

• Yes O No

If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15.

4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.

	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis		
Heating system repair					
Heating system replacement					
Cooling system repair					
Cooling system replacement					
Wood stove purchase					
Pellet stove purchase					
Solar panel(s)					
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups					
Other (Specify):					
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with enforce a moratorium on shut offs?					

🖸 Yes 🔘 No

If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17.

4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.

State law provides that all households certified eligible for LIHEAP and/or the Weatherization Assistance Program are protected from disconnection of the household's natural gas and electric service from November 1 through April 1. This law applies to every regulated utility in the state.

4.18 If you experience a natural disaster, do you intend to utilize LIHEAP crisis funds to address disaster related crisis situations? • Yes ONo

If yes, describe

Depending on the availability of funding, and the nature of the disaster aligning with allowable program activities, Iowa would focus on disaster scenarios as best we could.

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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		MOI	(ASSISTANCE PROGRAM( DEL PLAN therization Assistance	LIHEAP)
	Sectio	on 5: WEATHE	RIZATION ASSISTANCE	
Eligibility, 260	5(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assur	rance 2		
5.1 Designate t	he income eligibility thresho	ld used for the Weatheri	zation component	
Add	Househo	ld Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.009
5.2 Do you ente No	er into an interagency agreer	nent to have another gov	vernment agency administer a WEATHERIZ	ATION component? O Yes
	e the agency and attach a coj	oy of the Internal Agree	ment or Contract.	
5.4 Is there a se	eparate monitoring protocol	for weatherization? 💽	Yes ONo	
WEATHED17	ATION Types of Bulas			
	ATION - Types of Rules t rules do you administer LI	HEAP weatherization? (	Check only one.)	
	under LIHEAP (not DOE) r			
	under DOE WAP (not LIHE			
- Mostry u		following DOE WAP ru	ule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (	Check all that apply):
	come Threshold			
	eatherization of entire multi- r will become eligible within		e is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in	2- & 4-unit buildings) are
We we tacilities).	eatherize shelters temporaril	y housing primarily low	income persons (excluding nursing homes, p	risons, and similar institutional
Ot	her - Describe:			
	n 60% SMI amounts. However		which exceed 150% (up to 200%) which is allow to allow me to indicate 200% FPG without cause	
Mostly u	nder DOE WAP rules, with	the following LIHEAP r	ule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ	(Check all that apply.)
Inc	come Threshold			
We	eatherization not subject to I	OOE WAP maximum sta	tewide average cost per dwelling unit.	
We	eatherization measures are n	ot subject to DOE Savin	gs to Investment Ration (SIR ) standards.	
Ot	her - Describe:			
0,00	5(b)(5) - Assurance 5 uire an assets test?	O Yes O No		
	e additional/differing eligibi			
Renters	v aduntonal/unitring engibi	O Yes O No		
	living in subsidized	O Yes O No		
Renters v rent?	with utilities included in the	O Yes O No		
5.8 Do you give	e priority in eligibility to:			
Older Ad	lults?	• Yes O No		

Individuals with a disability?	• Yes O No				
Young Children?	• Yes O No				
House holds with high energy burdens?	O Yes O No				
Other?	O Yes 💿 No				
If you selected "Yes" for any of the options below.	s in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, y	ou must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field			
Priority for receiving service is	sons, persons with disabilities, a	ighest energy usage (greatest potential for savings) with additional priority and/or young children. The priority system is consistently applied to all			
		s based on an estimate of annual client bill savings for heating, water heating, sehold members are elderly, disabled, or young children.			
A household's priority point to	tal will be increased by 5% for	each of the following situations:			
The household is occ	cupied by an elderly person				
The household is occ	cupied by a person with disabili	ties			
The household is occ	cupied by young children				
(A household's priority point to	otal could be increased by 15%	if each of the situations listed above exists.)			
Benefit Levels					
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP wea 5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$0	therization benefit/expenditur	e per household? Ves Vo No			
5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Unit					
5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amount?					
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)					
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measured					
Weatherization needs assessments/a	udits	Energy related roof repair			
Caulking and insulation		Major appliance repairs			
Storm windows		Major appliance replacement			
Furnace/heating system modificatio	ns/repairs	Windows/sliding glass doors			
Furnace replacement		Doors			
Cooling system modifications/repair	rs	Water Heater			
Water conservation measures		Cooling system replacement			
Roof top solar		Community solar projects			
Compact florescent light bulbs	Compact florescent light bulbs Other - Describe:				
If any of the above questions	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 ASS MODEL P Section 6 - C	PLAN
Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3)	- Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)
6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure available:	e that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance
Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of	f aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc.
Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcemen	nts.
Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the a	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 LIHEA programs.	AP assistance at application intake for other low-income
Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offic	ces to perform outreach to target groups.
Web Posting	
Email	
Texting	
Events	
Social Media	
Other (specify):	
Local agencies also develop and conduct outreach activ communities they serve.	vities individualized to the specific
If any of the above questions require further explan the fields provided, attach a document with said exp	

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	Section 7: Coordination, 26	605(b)(4) - Assurance 4				
	scribe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated v/AP, etc.).	with other programs available to low-income households (TANF,				
×	Joint application for multiple programs (indicate programs included	I) LIHEAP, Weatherization, CSBG				
▼	Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included	d) varies by local agency				
▼	One - stop intake centers					
	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.						

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		MODEL			,	
	Se	ection 8 - Agen	cy Designatio	on		
		-				
	Section 8: Agency Designat recipients a	ion, 2605(b)(6) and the Commo		· •	state Grant	
8.1 Ho	w would you categorize the primary response	sibility of your State ag	ency?			
	Administration Agency		-			
	Commerce Agency					
	Commerce Agency					
	Community Services Agency					
	Energy/Environment Agency					
	Hansing Assume					
	Housing Agency					
	State Department of Welfare (administers	TANF, SNAP, and/or N	Medicaid)			
	Economic Development Agency					
			D ( (11 14 111	0 1 1	1	
~	Other - Describe: Iowa Dept of Human Rigl whole is a State Dept of Welfare Agency, how				s such, our agency as a	
	e current list of subrecipient name, main off			ber, county(s) served, Co	ngressional District, and	
UEIN	umber. Used for Near hotline and OCS Service	e Provider 1001 and cle	aringnouse.			
Altern	ate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assu	rance 15				
If you	selected "State Department of Welfare (adn	ninisters TANF, SNAP.	and/or Medicaid)'' in	question 8.1. you must co	omplete questions 8.2. 8.	
•	8.4, as applicable.			question ori, you must e	,	
8.2 Ho	w do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for heating assista	nce?			
8.3 Ho	w do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for cooling assistar	nce?>			
8.4 Ho	w do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for crisis assistance	e?			
8.5 LI	HEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization	
	ho determines client eligibility?	Community Action	Non-Applicable	Community Action	Community Action	
		Agencies		Agencies	Agencies	
	8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and community Action Agencies Community Action Agencies					
	ho processes benefit payments to bulk fuel	Community Action	Non-Applicable	Community Action		
	vendors? Agencies Agencies					
8.5d W measu	ho performs installation of weatherization res?				Local County Government	
	Community Action					

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			Ag	gencies	
	Include a current list of subrecipient(s) name, main office address (do not list P.O. Box), phone number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and UEI number.				
	of your LIHEAP components a lete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and, if		ninistered by a state agency,	you must	
8.6 Wha	t is your process for selecting local administerin	g agencies?			
tl	Community action agencies are given priorit the event that a Subgrantee is no longer able or willing the Grantee determines that a Subgrantee has defaul perate the program directly or to select an alternate	ing to administer the Low-Inco ted on the Contract to adminis	ome Home Energy Assistance Program in its ter the LIHEAP program, the Grantee reserv	s service area, or if ves the right to	
C s s	Selection of an alternate Subgrantee will be ork; and (3) geographical proximity to the service rantee in selecting an alternate Subgrantee. If no c olicit a non-contiguous local agency to serve the un erve an unserved area, the Grantee will solicit a pri f meeting all program requirements to serve the un efore a Subgrantee is designated.	area. Contiguous community ontiguous community action a userved area. If no contiguous vate, non-profit organization p	action agencies will be given primary consid gency is available to serve the unserved area or non-contiguous local administering agenc providing other related services in the unserv	leration by the a, the Grantee will cy is available to yed area and capable	
8.7 How	many local administering agencies do you use?	16			
8.8 Have OYes ONo	you changed any local administering agencies	in the last year?			
8.9 If so	why?				
	gency was in noncompliance with Grant recipion	ent requirements for LIHEA	Ρ.		
	gency is under criminal investigation				
	dded agency				
	gency closed				
	Other - describe				
8.10 If a subrecipient is no longer providing LIHEAP, are you aware of prior-year LIHEAP funds being mismanaged or misspent? O Yes					
8.10a If yes, please explain.					
8.10b If you are aware, were other federal programs impacted such as CSBG, SSBG, Head Start, TANF, and Department of Energy Weatherization funding, etc. O Yes O No					
8.10c If yes, please explain.					
	of the above questions require f			ot be made	

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Section 9: Energy Suppl	liers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7				
9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?					
Heating O Yes O No					
Cooling O Yes • No					
Crisis © Yes O No					
Are there exceptions?  Yes O No					
If yes, Describe. Eligible households who pay an undesignated portion of secondary (electric) provider.	their rent toward energy costs will receive assistance sent directly to their				
Direct payments to eligible households must be approved	by the state office in all circumstances with the exception of the following:				
- When both primary and secondary utilities households, and only regarding LIHEAP Regular Assistance).	are included in the rent and the account is in the landlord's name (non-subsidized				
Agreement, or a vendor is not able to service the tank because it the vendor will not make a delivery or a fill, etc.), they are requir	- When a CAA is unable to locate a vendor for a deliverable fuel LIHEAP customer (e.g., vendor will not sign a General Vendor Agreement, or a vendor is not able to service the tank because it belongs to a different vendor, the household has a small tank (e.g., 20 gallon) and the vendor will not make a delivery or a fill, etc.), they are required to offer a choice of either a direct pay to the LIHEAP customer or payment to a secondary vendor, and the deliverable fuel LIHEAP customer chooses a direct pay.*				
- If unable to establish another source of heat, the funds for which the household is eligible are to be made as a direct payment. Direct payment is made with the hope that the LIHEAP customer is able to find an alternate source of fuel or perhaps another place to stay, until they can pay the bill and be reconnected.					
- The assistance award for households whose primary source of heat is wood/coal/corn will be forwarded to the household's electric supplier if a suitable wood/coal/corn vendor is not available. If no electric supplier exists, a direct payment to the LIHEAP customer may be made. *					
* The CAA must have verified documentation for any di	rect payments.				
9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?					
	time the application is approved. Depending on the way the application was n if indicated, this can be as a system notification, an email, or by regular mail. Il receive the payment.				
9.3 How do you assure that the home energy supplier will charge the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment? This is included as a provision in our vendor agreements	e eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the and monitored for compliance.				
9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under	this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP				
assistance? This is included as a provision in our vendor agreements					
This is included as a provision in our vendor agreements	and monitored for compliance.				
9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors takin households? O Yes O No	ng appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible				
If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take. Attach a copy of the template statewide vendor agreement or a poli assurances.	cy that indicates local agreements must adhere to statewide policies and				
If any of the above questions require further e the fields provided, attach a document with sa	xplanation or clarification that could not be made in id explanation here.				

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### Section 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10) - Assurance 10

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### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN 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?

The Contractor must adhere to all applicable state and federal guidelines, laws, regulations, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. CAAs will be monitored by state personnel on a regular basis to ensure regulation compliance. On-site visits and/or remote reviews of selected CAAs and their outreach offices will be conducted throughout the program year. Monthly reporting requirements will help provide information necessary to determine whether or not CAAs are in compliance with program and fiscal regulations. The state will prepare/obtain financial and compliance audits of the Energy Assistance Program annually pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984. The audits will be conducted in accordance with the Comptroller General's standards for audit of governmental organizations and programs, by an organization or person independent of agencies administering LIHEAP activities. The audits will be made public on a timely basis. The Auditor of State will submit the audits to the legislature and Department of Health and Human Services within 30 days after completion.

#### 10.1a Provide your definitions of the following:

#### Obligation

The State of Iowa does not have a uniform definition for the term "obligation". However, the State is bound by the definition of obligation, as per OMB Circular No. A-11(2018) Section 20 - Terms and Concepts, which states, "Obligation means a binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately or in the future. Budgetary resources must be available before obligations can be incurred legally.

#### Expenditures

Expenditures are considered actual cash payments made to fulfill the outlays resulting from Obligations

#### Expenditure timeframe

Expenditure timeframe defines the actual period of time in which cash payments, or expenditures, can be made to fulfill outlays resulting from Obligations

#### Administrative costs

Administrative costs are the actual allowable costs Obligated and Expended in the course of administering the LIHEAP program at both the state and local level

Audit Process

10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A - 133?

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

As a state agency, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services is audited by the Iowa State Auditor's office. There is no other option or selection process.

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 🗹					
Finding	Туре	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken	
1					
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					
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.
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:
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:
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
Every community action agency is monitored annually for programmatic and/or fiscal compliance. On-site evaluation visits and/or desk
reviews will specifically monitor:
* Outreach efforts, including hours available for clients to apply and protection of client confidentiality
* Coordination with other human service agencies
* The opportunity for a client to complete an application within ten (10) days of initial contact
* Time elapsed between application date and payment made to vendor on behalf of client (agencies shall strive to keep elapsed time at fourteen (14) days or less)
* Proper verification of household income, correct eligibility determination, and accurate award calculation
* Determination of eligibility at time of application with client letter and appeal and hearing procedure provided to applicants at that time
* Upload to the data exchange server, where applicable, client application/approval/denial information for both primary and secondary vendors on a weekly basis
* Weekly updates, where applicable, to the Grantee a composite listing of all applied/approved/denied and paid applications, including all client characteristics, once a week from November through April 30th
* Correct and timely payments of assistance for households as provided in the State Plan
* Signed vendor agreements with all vendors receiving LIHEAP funds
* Appeal and hearing procedures
* Administrative and associated program budget and costs
* Accounting systems regarding collection of financial information reported to the Grantee and documentation of monthly financial reports and funding requests
* Other provisions covered in the Contract as deemed necessary and appropriate by Grantee
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews. Attach a risk assessment if subrecipients are utilized.
Site Visits:
Eight of the 16 Community Action Agencies will receive on-site monitoring each year, while the other eight will receive desk reviews. This schedule will rotate each year so that every two years all agencies will have received both an on-site monitoring and a desk review.
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**10.8.** How often is each local agency monitored? *Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed.* Annually

10.9. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans? 0

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 11 - Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, , 2605(b)(12) - Assurance 12, 2605(c)(2)

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Section 11: Timely and Meaningf	Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)					
<b>11.1</b> How did you obtain input from the public in the develop <i>Note: Tribes do not need to hold a public hearing but must ensu</i>		at apply.				
Tribal Council meeting(s)						
Public Hearing(s)						
Draft Plan posted to website and available for comm	nent					
Hard copy of plan is available for public view and c	omment					
Comments from applicants are recorded	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:						
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only						
11.2 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?						
	Date	Event Description				
1 08	/29/2024	Virtual Public Hearing				
<b>11.3.</b> How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 1						
11.4 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).						
1 verbal comment from a Community Action Agency LIHEAP Coordinator requesting that "By Text" be added to the state plan in section 1.13 as a means by which households can submit documentation.						
11.5 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of public participation and solicitation of input?						
Updated Section 1.13 to include "By Text" as an approved method for household document submission						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made ir						

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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?

NA

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

An applicant may initiate an appeal if the completed application was denied, not acted upon timely, or incorrect facts or improper procedures were used to determine eligibility, assistance amounts, or services. The applicant has 30 calendar days from the date of the approval or denial letter to appeal that decision by mailing or delivering the request for appeal to the local Community Action Agency (CAA) at which the application was made. If the CAA neither approves nor denies the application within 30 calendar days of receipt of a complete application, the applicant may treat the failure to act as a denial. The applicant then has 30 additional calendar days to appeal. To appeal, the applicant (claimant) must submit a written appeal to the CAA at which they applied, and include the action the applicant would like taken, and any other information which might affect the decision. Those claimants unable to read or write shall have the CAA assist them in reading, writing, or understanding appeals, hearings, and their associated procedures. The CAA will act on the claimant's request and notify the claimant of the result in writing within seven calendar days of the date an appeal was requested (postmark date if sent in mail). If the claimant does not agree with the decision reached, the claimant may write the CAA within 14 calendar days of the decision (postmark date if sent in mail) and request that a state hearing be held with the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services, Community Action Agencies Sub-division's, LIHEAP Program Manager. The claimant must explain in writing why the agency's decision is being appealed and include any information which might affect the decision. The CAA will forward all information about the request for a hearing to the state LIHEAP office and a hearing will be scheduled within 14 calendar days of receipt of the appeal and request for a hearing. The claimant will receive written notice of a state scheduled hearing from the division. The notice will include the date, time, and place of the hearing. State hearings may be held in person, virtually or by telephone at a mutually convenient time. During the hearing, all information will be reviewed, and a decision will be rendered by the state LIHEAP office within 7 calendar days. The client may appeal the decision of the state LIHEAP office to the Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals (DIA). The client must submit a written appeal to the CAA Unit within 7 calendar days (postmark date if sent in mail) of receiving the division's decision. The division will follow the appeal procedures outlined in 481 - Chapter 10 of the Iowa Administrative Code.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Each applicant is provided with a copy of the appeal procedure at the time the application is approved or denied. It is also posted at every intake site and on the state website.

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 13 - Reduction of home energy needs,2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16

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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) - Assurat	nce 16				
13.1 Describe how you use LIHEAP funds to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home thereby the need for energy assistance?	e energy needs and				
Examples include:					
Conservation Education; Printing and furnishing information about how to reduce energy usage (e.g., v brochures, etc.)	workshops, handouts,				
How to obtain energy efficiency services (e.g., referrals)					
One-on-one energy education					
Conservation Education materials are required to be distributed to all households applying for LIHEAP, inclu	iding crisis applications.				
Low-Cost Energy Efficiency Measures Examples include: plastic, heating unit filters, energy kits, etc.					
Vendor Advocacy Helping the client effectively communicate with the vendor to maintain service, etc.					
Needs Assessment and Referral Reviewing the client's case record and identifying the most appropriate re	eferrals				
Financial Counseling Working with the client to improve financial management skills and proactively manage en	ergy bills				
Case Management – Short Term Developing information and materials about services available to LIHEAP clien understanding of a client's needs and offering counseling during LIHEAP intake	its Developing an				
Case Management – Long Term Developing a curriculum and training materials for service delivery Working wit education and/or financial counseling over an extended time period	th clients on energy				
13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?					
These funds are allocated as a unique line item. Subgrantee budgets are monitored carefully for activities that cou assurance.	ıld be captured under this				
13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous federal Fiscal Year.					
While not easily quantifiable, households receiving assistance or measures through conservation education and lo will experience usage reduction. Other measures provided allowed them to get or retain utility service, or manage their measures provided allowed them to get or retain utility service.					
13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous federal Fiscal Year.					
NA					
13.5 How many households received these services? 83353					
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 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program					
Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)					
	14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?				
14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining records.					
	NA				
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**

The Iowa Utilities Commission conducts customer bi-annual service training which includes LIHEAP processes for the upcoming year

15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention? • Yes

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 16 - Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN 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.

Iowa collects the four required LIHEAP performance measures listed below. The data is used to monitor where additional outreach needs to be done across the state to avert more disconnections and ensure homes maintain much-needed service. The data also helps us monitor vendor activity and program compliance.

- · Restoration of service
- Imminent disconnection of service averted
- · Fuel delivered to empty tank
- Fuel delivered to tank with 30% or less remaining

Assurance 16 Services/Actions

LIHEAP customer services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs, and thereby reduce their need for energy assistance, shall be provided. Services may include conservation education, referrals to other programs, needs assessment, budget counseling, vendor negotiations, energy assessment, energy plans, and low-cost energy efficiency measures.

- Conservation Education
- Printing and furnishing information about how to reduce energy usage (e.g., workshops, handouts, brochures, etc.)
- How to obtain energy efficiency services (e.g., referrals)
- · One-on-one energy education
- · Conservation Education materials are required to be distributed to ALL households applying
  - Low-Cost Energy Efficiency Measures
  - Examples include: plastic, heating unit filters, energy kits, etc.

Vendor Advocacy

- Helping the client effectively communicate with the vendor to maintain service, etc.
- Needs Assessment and Referral
- Reviewing the client's case record and identifying the most appropriate referrals
- Financial Counseling
- · Working with the client to improve financial management skills and proactively manage energy bills
- Case Management Short Term
- · Developing information and materials about services available to LIHEAP clients
- Developing an understanding of a client's needs and offering counseling during LIHEAP intake
- Case Management Long Term
- Developing a curriculum and training materials for service delivery
  - Working with clients on energy education and/or financial counseling over an extended period of time

In FFY25 Iowa intends to continue to meet as many customer needs as we can with allotted funding and ease the eligibility and intake process on households and local agencies with the launch of a new, statewide data management system for LIHEAP and Weatherization.

If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 17 - Program Integrity							
Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)							
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms		ases of suspected waste, fraud, and al	suce Select all that apply				
		ases of suspected waste, if and, and all	Juse. Select all that apply.				
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Dedicated Fraud Repor	-	maining office					
	agency/district office or Grant	-					
	or General or Attorney Genera		d wasta and abuse				
Other - Describe:	in place for local agencies/distr	ict offices and vendors to report frau	d, waste, and aduse				
b. Describe strategies in place for a	dvertising the above-reference	d resources. Select all that apply					
Printed outreach mater	ials						
Posted in local administ	tering agencies offices.						
Addressed on LIHEAP	application						
Website							
Other - Describe:							
17.2. Identification Documentation	Requirements						
a. Indicate which of the following f members.	forms of identification are requi	ired or requested to be collected from	a LIHEAP applicants or their household				
	Collected from Whom?						
Type of Identification Collected	Applicant Only	All Adults in Household	All Household Members				
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained	Required	Required	Required				
	Requested	Requested	Requested				
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	Required	Required	Required				
	Requested	Requested	Requested				
Government-issued identification card	Required	Required	Required				
(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	Requested	Requested	Requested				
17.3. Citizenship/Legal Residency What are your procedures for ens		J.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens	who are eligible to receive LIHEAP				

benefits? Select all that apply.								
Clients sign an attestation of c	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 through the SAVE system								
Tribal members are verified t	hrough Tribal enro	ollment records/T	ribal ID card					
Other - Describe:	-							
All eligible household members, regardless of age, provide documentation of social security number, primarily using their social security card, or an I-94 card for foreign nationals.								
Household members may through the Iowa Department of T					ty card, both of wh	ich are obtained		
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 Social Security card is requested, but if not available the number will be accepted with supporting documentation or verbally when provided with government issued ID card.	<b>&gt;</b>		V		V			
17.4. Income Verification								
What methods does your agency utilize to verify household 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 Insurance letters								
Other - Describe:								
Computer data matches:								
Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)								
Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor								
Social Security income v	verified with SSA							
Utilize state directory of new hires								
Other - Describe:								
b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.								
If any household member is a temporary foreign national not authorized for employment, verification of a social security number may be waived. However, they must present their I-94 card, or other acceptable documentation as outlined in the Iowa LIHEAP Policy and Procedures Manual. Any household containing an ineligible member may apply as long as the ineligible member is not counted as a member, however, the ineligible member's income must be counted and documented for household eligibility determination. Ineligible member is defined as a foreign national unable to submit required documents. We continue to have a procedure that allows for the waiver of the social security requirement for some U.S. citizen family members, in extenuating circumstances and on a case by case basis (e.g., custody issues, adoption, newborn, foster care, etc.).								
17.5 Identification Verification								
Describe what methods are used to ver	rify the authenticity	y of identification	documents provid	led by clients or ho	usehold members.	Select all that		
apply	ty Administratio-							
Verify SSNs with Social Securit	y Auministration							

Match SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency
Match SSNs with state eligibility/case management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)
Match with state Department of Labor system
Match with state and/or federal corrections system
Match with state child support system
Verification using private software (e.g., The Work Number)
In-person certification by staff (for tribal Grant recipients only)
Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal Grant recipients only)
Other - Describe:
All eligible household members, regardless of age, provide documentation of social security number, primarily using their social security card, or an I-94 card for foreign nationals.
Household members may present a current Iowa Driver's License or Photo ID in lieu of a Social Security card, both of which are obtained through the Iowa Department of Transportation and are issued only to persons lawfully in the United States.
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:
Privacy and confidentiality must be maintained as per the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services policy, stated in Iowa Code, Chapter 22, which is also included in the contract between the grantee and subgrantee.
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:
Vendors are also verified through the System for Award Management (sam.gov) website.
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
Balances
Payment history

Account is properly credited with benefit
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
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:
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)
<b>V</b> 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?
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.)

321 East 12th Street  * Address Line 1						
Address Line 2						
Address Line 3	1					
Des Moines <u>* City</u>	IA <u>* State</u>	<sup>50319</sup> * 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.						
[55 FR 21690, 21702, May	25, 1990]					
By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.						

Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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 \$10,000 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.

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

Assurances
(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;
(1) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs

(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.				