

## DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

**Program Name:** Low Income Home Energy Assistance

**Grantee Name:** MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe Of Alabama

**Report Name:** DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

**Report Period:** 10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025

**Report Status:** Submission Accepted by CO

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## Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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

<b>* 1.a. Type of Submission:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Plan	<b>* 1.b. Frequency:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Annual	<b>* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request?</b>  <b>Explanation:</b>	<b>* 1.d. Version:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Initial <input type="radio"/> Resubmission <input type="radio"/> Revision <input type="radio"/> Update
		<b>2. Date Received:</b>	<b>State Use Only:</b>
		<b>3. Applicant Identifier:</b>	
		<b>4a. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)</b> HASBGKKZWE55	<b>5. Date Received By State:</b>
		<b>4b. Federal Award Identifier:</b>	<b>6. State Application Identifier:</b>

**7. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**\* a. Legal Name:** Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama

**\* b. Address:**

<b>* Street 1:</b>	2950 Coffee County Road 377	<b>Street 2:</b>	
<b>* City:</b>	ELBA	<b>County:</b>	
<b>* State:</b>	AL	<b>Province:</b>	
<b>* Country:</b>	United States	<b>* Zip / Postal Code:</b>	36323 -

**c. Organizational Unit:**

<b>Department Name:</b> Social Services	<b>Division Name:</b> Energy Assistance
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**d. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: (person will be listed on Notice of Funding Awards and on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' LIHEAP contact list webpage)**

<b>* First Name:</b> Nancy	<b>* Last Name:</b> Carnley
<b>Title:</b> Authorized Repesentative	<b>Organizational Affiliation:</b> MaChis Lower Creek Indian Trib
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**\* 8. TYPE OF APPLICANT:**

J: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized)

**\* a. Is the applicant a Tribal Consortium:**  Yes  No

**\* b. If yes please attach at least one the following documentation:**

	<b>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b>	<b>CFDA Title:</b>
<b>9. CFDA Numbers and Titles</b>	93.568	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

**10. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:**

Low Income Energy Assitance Program

**11. AREAS AFFECTED BY FUNDING:**

Coffee Crenshaw Covington Geneva Houston Dale Pike

**12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF APPLICANT:**


AL01 AL02

**13. FUNDING PERIOD:**

<b>a. Start Date:</b> 10/01/2024	<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2025
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**\* 14. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?**

a. This submission was made available to the State under Executive Order 12372

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? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
If Yes, explain:	
16. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) <b>**I Agree</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Nancy Carnley	17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)
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17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 	17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 08/28/2024

## Section 1 - Program Components

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### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 1 - Program Components

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

## Section 1 Program Components

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.)		Dates of Operation	
		Start Date	End Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heating assistance	10/01/2024	03/15/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance	06/01/2025	09/30/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer crisis assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter crisis assistance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Year-round crisis assistance	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance	10/01/2024	09/30/2025

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16

1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to 100%.	Percentage ( % )	Prior year totals
Heating assistance	35.00%	30.00%
Cooling assistance	35.00%	35.00%
Summer crisis assistance	0.00%	20.00%
Winter crisis assistance	0.00%	0.00%
Year-round crisis assistance	10.00%	0.00%
Weatherization assistance	15.00%	10.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	0.00%	0.00%
Administrative and planning costs	5.00%	5.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	0.00%	0.00%
Used to develop and implement leveraging activities	0.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Tribal grant recipients: direct-grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments of \$20,000 or less may use for planning and administration up to 20% of the funds payable. Grant recipients that are direct grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments over \$20,000 may use for planning and administration purposes up to 20% of the first \$20,000 (or \$4,000) plus 10% of the funds payable that exceeds \$20,000. Any administrative costs in excess of these limits must be paid from non-federal sources.

<b>1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heating assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):	
<b>Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A) - Assurance 8</b>				
<b>1.4 Do you consider households categorically eligible if at least one household member receives at least one of the following categories of benefits in the left column below?</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No				
<b>If you answered "Yes" to question 1.4, you must complete the table below and answer questions 1.5 and 1.6.</b>				
	<b>Heating</b>	<b>Cooling</b>	<b>Crisis</b>	<b>Weatherization</b>
TANF	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SSI	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SNAP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Means-tested Veterans Programs	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>1.4a. - Provide your definition of categorical eligibility.</b>				
Each client completes an application, provides the documentation required to provide proof of income, if the client (household) is approved for TANF, SNAP (food stamps), SSI, they are automatically approved. The clients (household) that does not receive TANF, SNAP (food stamps), SSI, will be provided the same services once their application is complete and all information is verified. The tribe does not operate TANF, SSI, or SNAP, The client applies directly for LIHEAP assistance with the tribe.				
<b>1.5 Do you automatically enroll households without a direct annual application?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No				
<b>If Yes, explain:</b>				
N/A				
<b>1.6 How do you ensure there is no difference in the treatment of categorically eligible households from those not receiving other public assistance when determining eligibility and benefit amounts?</b>				
A client that is not categorically eligible will receive the same application and time frame as a client that is categorically eligible. Benefit levels are programmed into our eligibility matrix and they are based on income, household size, cost of energy.				
<b>SNAP Nominal Payments</b>				
<b>1.7a Do you allocate LIHEAP funds toward a nominal payment for SNAP households?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No				
<b>If you answered "Yes" to question 1.7a, you must provide a response to questions 1.7b, 1.7c, and 1.7d.</b>				
<b>1.7b Amount of Nominal Assistance:</b> \$0.00				
<b>1.7c Frequency of Assistance</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Once Per Year			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Once every five years			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:			
<b>1.7d How do you confirm that the household receiving a nominal payment has an energy cost or need?</b>				
N/A				
<b>Determination of Eligibility - Countable Income</b>				
<b>1.8. In determining a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP, do you use gross income or net income?</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gross Income			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Net Income			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe			
<b>1.9. Select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wages			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Self - Employment Income			

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract Income
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unemployment insurance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strike Pay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Security Administration (SSA ) benefits
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Including MediCare deduction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excluding MediCare deduction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI )
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Retirement / pension benefits
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Assistance benefits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Loans that need to be repaid
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash gifts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Savings account balance
<input type="checkbox"/>	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jury duty compensation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental income
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income from work study programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alimony
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest, dividends, or royalties
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal settlements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance payments made directly to the insured
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Administration (VA) benefits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Earned income of a child under the age of 18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdrawn without a penalty.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income tax refunds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA

<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds received by household for the care of a foster child
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<b>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.</b>	
1.10 Do you have an online application process <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
1.10a If yes, describe the type of online application (Select all boxes that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A PDF version of the application is available online and can be downloaded, filled out and mailed in for processing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A state-wide online application that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One or more locally available online applications that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Online application that is also mobile friendly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe
Please include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:	
1.10b Can all program components be applied for online? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
If no, explain which components can and cannot be applied for online.	
The application can be emailed, sent thru U.S. mail, home visit, or picked up inperson and per telephone interview	
1.11 Do you have a process for conducting and completing applications by phone <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
1.12 Do you or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
If yes, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.	
An appointment is made and a home visit is scheduled a portable hand held scanner is taken and scanned all documents and the information is printed upon returning to the tribal office.	
1.13 How can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-person
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Email
<input type="checkbox"/>	Portal application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe

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## Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 2 - Heating Assistance

### Section 2 - Heating Assistance

Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2

2.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the heating component:

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%

2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Heating Assistance?  Yes  No

2.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each.

Do you require an Assets test?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Renters Living in subsidized housing?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Renters with utilities included in the rent?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Individuals with a disability?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Young children?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Households with high energy burdens?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:



The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Other?

Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

See attached policies and procedures.

**Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)**

2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):



Income



Family (household) size



Home energy cost or need:



Fuel type



Climate/region



Individual bill



Dwelling type



Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)



Energy need



Other - Describe:

Home oxygen, home dialysis, diabetics requiring to keep inulin cool, asthmatic requiring nebulizer treatments which operates off of electricity

**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. Please note: the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.

Minimum Benefit	\$400	Maximum Benefit	\$750
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2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?  Yes  No

If yes, describe.

Blankets, winter jackets, gloves, socks, scarfs, beanies

**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 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 3 - Cooling Assistance

### Section 3 - Cooling Assistance

Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2

3.1 Designate The income eligibility threshold used for the Cooling component:

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%

3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Cooling assistance?  Yes  No

3.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each.

Do you require an Assets test?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Renters Living in subsidized housing?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Renters with utilities included in the rent?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Individuals with a disability?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Young children?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Households with high energy burdens?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The

application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Other?

Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

3.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of cooling assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.

The minimum amount will be \$400.00, with the maximum amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$750.00. The application process is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

3.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):

- Income
- Family (household) size
- Home energy cost or need:
  - Fuel type
  - Climate/region
- Individual bill
- Dwelling type
- Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)
- Energy need
- Other - Describe:

health needs e.g. home dialysis, refrigeration of medications, home oxygen , respiratory treatments requiring electricity

Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. *Please note: the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.*

Minimum Benefit	\$400	Maximum Benefit	\$750
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3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits?  Yes  No

If yes, describe.

Fans, air conditioners

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

## Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 4 - Crisis Assistance

#### Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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

**4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component**

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%

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

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

Year round.

Emergency crisis is a relief following a natural or man-made disaster 1. Loss of income from the death of the wage earner, layoff, termination and/or theft with documentation from the local law enforcement agency.

2. Natural disaster such as fire, tornadoes, direct winds, hurricane, flood, snow, ice storms or other increment weather or disasters declared by the National Weather Service or the Governor of Alabama.

3. The heating or cooling system is not working, and the temperatures are above 80 degrees Fahrenheit or below 30 degrees Fahrenheit for 3 consecutive days.

4. The household must have received a shut-off notice and be within 48 hours of shutoff.

5. Deliverable fuel clients must be out of fuel or within two days of running out of fuel. Deliverable fuel customers with a shut-off notice would be considered an emergency.

6. Since electric is needed to operate most heating systems. An e-mail from an approved energy vendor is acceptable in lieu of a shut-off notice.

**4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?**

Life threatening emergencies such as being on life support (home ventilator) home oxygen, pap C/Bi-pap machine for sleep apnea, nebulizer machine where asthma is not controlled with handheld inhalers. Also, medication such as insulin or other lifesaving medication that requires refrigeration. A person that is on home dialysis, external tube feedings or intravenous feedings or fluids. The attending Physician, Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner must verify this.

**Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)**

**4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 48Hours**

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

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

	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-Round Crisis
<b>4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Crisis Assistance?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-Round Crisis
<b>Do you require an Assets test?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Do you give priority in eligibility to:</b>			
Older Adults (60 years or older)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Individuals with a disability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Young Children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Households with high energy burdens?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>In Order to receive crisis assistance:</b>			
Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:</b>			
Renters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renters living in subsidized housing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:</b>			
<p>If a household has a 48 shut off notice or is within 10% of depleting deliverable fuel and faces an event beyond their control resulting in the inability to pay household heating costs, the household will receive preferential treatment in their application process. The workers will work with the utility companies to make a commitment of payment to avoid a shut-off. The application will be processed immediately upon receiving and verifying documentation. The amount to resolve the crisis with a maximum payment of \$1,000.00. The household must have exhausted their regular heating payment.</p> <p>If a household has a 48 shut off notice and faces an event beyond their control resulting in the inability to pay household the cooling costs, the household will receive preferential treatment in their application process. The workers will work with the utility companies to make a commitment of payment to avoid a shut-off. The application will be processed immediately upon receiving and verifying documentation. The amount to resolve the crisis with a maximum payment of \$1,000.00. They must have exhausted their regular cooling payment.</p>			
<b>Determination of Benefits</b>			
<b>4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Separate component		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Benefit Fast Track, no separate amount of crisis funds is issued. Rather benefits are issued to crisis customers within crisis response time frames.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other - Describe:</b>  If a household has a 48 shut off notice or is within 10% of depleting deliverable fuel and faces an event beyond their control resulting in the inability to pay household heating costs, the household will receive preferential treatment in their application process. The workers will work with the utility companies to make a commitment of payment to avoid a shut-off. The application will be processed immediately upon receiving and verifying documentation. The amount to resolve the crisis with a maximum payment of \$1,000.00. The household must have exhausted their regular heating payment		
<b>4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount to resolve the crisis. \$1,000		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:		
<b>Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)</b>			
<b>4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?</b>			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <b>Explain.</b>  The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is centrally located at 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323. If a client is unable to come to the tribal office, the application can be taken per telephone or a home visit will be made.			
<b>4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individuals with a disability the means to:</b>			
<b>Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?</b>			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No  <b>If No, explain.</b>  The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is centrally located at 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323. If a client is unable to come to the tribal office, the application can be taken per telephone or a home visit will be made.			
<b>Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?</b>			

Yes  No

If No, explain.

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is centrally located at 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323. If a client is unable to come to the tribal office, the application can be taken per telephone or a home visit will be made.

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)**

4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.

Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit

Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit

Year-round Crisis \$1,000.00 maximum benefit

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

Yes  No If yes, Describe

winter jackets, golves, socks, beanie caps, blankets

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

Yes  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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Heating system replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooling system repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cooling system replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wood stove purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pellet stove purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar panel(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

4.18 If you experience a natural disaster, do you intend to utilize LIHEAP crisis funds to address disaster related crisis situations?  Yes  No

If yes, describe

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## Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 5 - Weatherization Assistance

#### Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2

5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the Weatherization component

Add	Household Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%

5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a WEATHERIZATION component?  Yes  No

5.3 If yes, name the agency and attach a copy of the Internal Agreement or Contract.

5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for weatherization?  Yes  No

#### WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules

5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIHEAP weatherization? (Check only one.)

Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules

Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules

Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply):

Income Threshold

Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days

Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).

Other - Describe:

Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.):

Income Threshold

Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit.

Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR ) standards.

Other - Describe:

Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5

5.6 Do you require an assets test?  Yes  No

5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for :

Renters	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Renters living in subsidized housing?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Individuals with a disability?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Young Children?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
House holds with high energy	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

burdens?	
Other?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<p>If you selected "Yes" for any of the options in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field below.</p> <p>See attached matrix. The landlords must maintain all property, includes public housing and Section 8 housing. Does not provided weatherization repairs or replacements that should be provided by the landlord.</p> <p>Please refer to the attached documents regarding landlords, tenants, and homeowners.</p> <p>The application process is a first come and serve for the elderly, disabled and families with children ages five and younger; except for the home bound and a home visit is scheduled. The tribe conducts a yearly tribal census to determine the needs of the tribal citizens. The payments will go to the household with the greatest needs. Points are based on the above matrix.</p> <p>The tribe believes that due to the immobility of people with disabilities and to the effects of the natural aging process, the temperature required to maintain a comfortable environment in these households is higher than that of other households. While the tribe is not required to take these factors in consideration, it does not appear to be expressly prohibited.</p> <p>Also, a mobile home is hard to regulate the temperature due to poor construction and insulation. The homes that were built prior to 1970 lacks the modern insulation and energy saving devices, and appliances. The tribe does the weatherization such as caulking, weatherstripping.</p>	
<b>Benefit Levels</b>	
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per household? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$7,500	
5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Unit (ACPU). <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amount? \$0	
<b>Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) &amp; (D)</b>	
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide ? (Check all categories that apply.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weatherization needs assessments/audits	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy related roof repair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caulking and insulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major appliance repairs
<input type="checkbox"/> Storm windows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major appliance replacement
<input type="checkbox"/> Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows/sliding glass doors
<input type="checkbox"/> Furnace replacement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doors
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooling system modifications/repairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Heater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water conservation measures	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooling system replacement
<input type="checkbox"/> Roof top solar	<input type="checkbox"/> Community solar projects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compact florescent light bulbs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<p><b>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.</b></p>	



**Section 6 - Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)**

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**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 that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance available:

Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc.

Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.

Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance.

Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients.

Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.

Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups.

Web Posting

Email

Texting

Events

Social Media

Other (specify):

Send notices out thru local school system, and churches regarding the LIHEAP Programs.

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Section 7 - Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

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Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

7.1 Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, WAP, etc.).

Joint application for multiple programs (indicate programs included)

Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included)

One - stop intake centers

Other - Describe:

The client is referred to the tribal food bank for food and if the client is on a special diet food is purchase for that specific client. Also, they are referred to the local colleges (Enterprise State Community College, Enterprise, Alabama, Wallace Community College, Dothan, Alabama, Lurlene B. Wallace Community College, Andalusia, Alabama for free GED. Alabama Intertribal Council for WIOA training which includes job experience and classroom training. The client is also assisted with obtaining an application for food stamps, CHIPS, ALLBABIES (Program for expecting Mothers who does not qualify for Medicaid). and Medicaid. School supplies are provided to school age children. Utilize Child Find for children that needs assistance prior to entering school e.g. occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy.

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**Section 8 - Agency Designation,, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6**

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Section 8 - Agency Designation**

**Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state Grant recipients and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)**

**8.1 How would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Administration Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commerce Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Services Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy/Environment Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe: N/A

**Include current list of subrecipient name, main office address (do not list P.O. Box), phone number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and UEI number. Used for Near hotline and OCS Service Provider Tool and clearinghouse.**

**Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15**

**If you selected "State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable.**

**8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for heating assistance?**

N/A Tribal Government

**8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for cooling assistance?>**

N/A Tribal Government

**8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for crisis assistance?**

N/A Tribal Government

<b>8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration.</b>	<b>Heating</b>	<b>Cooling</b>	<b>Crisis</b>	<b>Weatherization</b>
<b>8.5a Who determines client eligibility?</b>	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government
<b>8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?</b>	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	
<b>8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?</b>	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	

8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?				Tribal Government
<p><b>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.</b></p>				
<p>If any of your LIHEAP components are not centrally-administered by a state agency, you must complete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and, if applicable, 8.9.</p>				
<p>8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?</p> <p>N/A Tribal</p>				
<p>8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? 0</p>				
<p>8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>				
<p>8.9 If so, why?</p>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency was in noncompliance with Grant recipient requirements for LIHEAP -			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency is under criminal investigation			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Added agency			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency closed			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other - describe			
<p>N/A Tribal Government</p>				
<p>8.10 If a subrecipient is no longer providing LIHEAP, are you aware of prior-year LIHEAP funds being mismanaged or misspent? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>				
<p>8.10a If yes, please explain.</p> <p>N/A Tribal Government</p>				
<p>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. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>				
<p>8.10c If yes, please explain.</p> <p>N/A Tribal Government</p>				
<p><b>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.</b></p>				

Section 9 - Energy Suppliers,, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

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**Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7**

9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?

Heating  Yes  No

Cooling  Yes  No

Crisis  Yes  No

Are there exceptions?  Yes  No

If yes, Describe.

9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?

A letter or email is sent to the client with the following information date of payment, amount paid, check number and classification (heating, cooling, weatherization, or crisis).

9.3 How do you 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?

The household is contacted 30-45 days to verify the payment amount was made to the client's account. All household that receive services are contacted to see if their payment was applied. It is documented in the file

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?

Each client is required to complete an application and provide required documentation. A client that is receiving TANF, SSI, Food Stamps are automatically qualified for assistance. The tribe does not operate a TANF, SNAP program due to the fact we are not federally recognized It is also in our vendor agreement that a household cannot be discriminated due to being a LIHEAP Client.

SEE ATTACHED VENDOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?

Yes  No

If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.

Verify that the company is registered to do business with Alabama Secretary of State and Alabama Propane Gas Association.

Attach a copy of the template statewide vendor agreement or a policy that indicates local agreements must adhere to statewide policies and assurances.

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

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

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

The client completes the application, provides a roll card, view the social security card for non-tribal household members and a copy of the Alabama Driver's License. The application is verified for accuracy and completeness. The income is calculated to make sure that is in the 150% poverty guidelines. Other Low-income home energy assistance providers contacted to make sure there are not duplication of services thru clients, spouses, social workers, family members, and others. The energy vendor is contacted for correct amount owed. Then the check is prepared and mailed to the vendor. The client is notified of amount, check number and date of payment. Then 30-45 days the client is contacted to determine if the energy bill was credited. SEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURE ATTACHMENT.10.1 – Please enhance your response to address the following areas: 1. Tracking of awards to ensure that funds are expended within the allowable contractual period. The request is only done after receiving a complete application and the information is verified no duplication of services, the amount on the bill is the correct amount. A draw down is then done thru payroll management system (PMS). Then the LIHEAP Account is monitored for deposit and once that amount is verified in the assigned bank account A check is written. Then the check number, amount and date are written on the bill a copy of the bill with information has 2 copies made. A copy with the account number marked thru is mailed to the client. The date of the following is documented on the application is approved, date of request if more than one approved application notation is made in notes. The date the check was written and mailed. The checks are often delivered to the local energy provider. The check is mailed within 3 days of receiving the funds. 2. Tracking of obligations of funds Obligation of federal funds means that a project sponsor received a federal commitment for reimbursement on a project. It is a critical milestone in the development of a project. Although helpful, the dollar amount, fund type, and date of obligation provide an incomplete picture. If a project was obligated, it does not necessarily mean that the project was initiated or completed in that year or that the obligation amount indicates the total cost of that project. Each phase of work with federal funds requires a separate obligation before an agency can begin federally reimbursable work for that phase. After an obligation takes place, the local agency may proceed with that phase. Local agencies proceed with a phase within six months of obligation. The schedule in which a phase gets completed depends on multiple factors, including the magnitude of the project, the type of phase, and any delays that arise. Initial receives a letter of award which specifies the amount of award, dates of service, contact information for the agency and Payment Management System. Then the tribal citizens are notified of the award, services provided dates to apply, this information is placed on social media, emails, letters through U.S. Mail, and telephone calls in person. Applications are distributed to the tribal citizens through emails and US mail. Also, the applications are obtained at the appointment. The application is processed and if approved a draw down is made for the specific amount needed. Monitor the bank account online for deposit verify the amount and account the money was transferred to. Document the date amount and category the money went in e. g. Heating, Cooling, Winter crisis, Cooling crisis and weatherization. Write the check and document the information regarding the check information to the client. Monitor the account for funding to be obligated Winter is from October 1 thru March 15, Winter crisis is from October 1 thru March 15 of each year. The cooling is from June 1 to September 30 of each year. The year-round crisis is from October 1 thru September 30. Monitors make sure that all the payments are in the correct category. Complete the reports Household report, Carry over and Allotment report. Quarterly reports regarding the amounts spent and the number of clients served. 3. Tracking of vendor refunds If a client dies, moves the energy provider is contacted to obtain if the client or the family is scheduled to receive a fund. If fund has not been given to the family the refund is requested to be remitted to the Ma-Chis Tribe LIHEAP, if refund has been given to the client or family the family is required to reimburse the Tribe. 4. Separation of funding line items by component (heating, crisis, cooling, weatherization, etc.) and by federal fiscal year. The accounts are divided into the following categories per the assigned fiscal year Heating October 1 thru March 15. Heating crisis is from October 1 thru March 15, Cooling is June to September 30, year-round crisis is from October 1 thru September 30. The client completes the application, provides a roll card, view the social security card for non-tribal household members and a copy of the Alabama Driver's License. The application is verified for accuracy and completeness. The income is calculated to make sure that is in the 150% poverty guidelines. Other Low-income home energy assistance providers contacted to make sure there are not duplication of services thru clients, spouses, social workers, family members, and others. The energy vendor is contacted for correct amount owed. Then the check is prepared and mailed to the vendor. The client is notified of amount, check number and date of payment. Then

30-45 days the client is contacted to determine if the energy bill was credited. INTAKE PROCESS 1. Timelines – The approval process is allowed 10 days from the time of application completion. Timeline begins at the time of full completion. 2. Process – At the time of application, the applicant is notified of the decision prior to leaving, including the amount of funds qualified to be paid on their behalf. The decision to pay is since all information documentation has been verified. 3. Location – Applications are accepted at the MA-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Office, 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323. 4. Time 9am-4Pm Monday-Friday. If the applicant is homebound, an appointment is scheduled to contact this household. Also, appointments are made on weekends to accommodate the elderly, disabled or ones that have transportation issues. 5. Priority is given to elderly, disabled, veterans and families with young children, below the age of five 6. Determining Income eligibility – a. What is countable income – wages (gross income), self-employment, unemployment, SSA, SSI, retirement/pension, how is it calculated – the monthly incomes are used to determine the annual rate for the household. b. The household must be at 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. 7. Renters – if utilities are included in your monthly rent paid, the landlord must sign an agreement with the Tribe. The household must have a valid utility bill. 8. Service area is within the following Alabama counties: Coffee, Crenshaw, Covington, Geneva, Houston, Henry, Barbour, Dale, Pike, Bullock, and Montgomery. 9. All files/applications are kept confidential. 10. No client shall be treated adversely. 11. Complete the LIHEPA /General Assistance Application 12. Required Documents – a. A form of ids – such as driver's license, State ID, tribal ID card or tribal enrollment verification. All household members age 18 and older must present ID. All household members who are tribal citizens must present tribal identification. b. Must present Social Security Card for all household members. The social security card is not kept nor is a copy of the card. c. Income verification for all household members. d. Current utility bill. 13. Benefit Matrix – an updated matrix is submitted with the annual application and is used when determining benefit Determination of Eligibility The Tribe does consider households categorically eligible if one household member receives one or more of TANF, SSI, SNAP, or Means-tested Veterans Programs. Each year they need to reapply for LIHEAP, they are not automatically renewed. if the applicant or household member still meets the criteria for the categorically programs. How the Tribe ensures there is no difference in treatment of categorically eligible households from those not receiving other public assistance when determining eligibility & benefit amounts. The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will use their existing payment matrix which takes into consideration household income, household size, and energy cost. They also need to be within the service area. Highest benefits will go to the households with the lowest income and the largest family size. Households may also be made eligible where one or more individuals receive TANF, Food Stamps / SNAP, SSI, or certain means-tested veteran's program payments. Their benefit level will be as shown

on the income by household size matrix but if their household is over income (and yet they are still categorically eligible), they would still receive

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

**Obligation**

An obligation is when funds are encumbered (i.e., through a purchase order or use for the program

**Expenditures**

Expenditures- Is when a check is cut for payment for the service agreed to in the purchase order but for the actual cost.

**Expenditure timeframe**

The time from receiving the client's application , processing requesting funds from PMS and processing the check.

**Administrative costs**

The cost of copying paper, stamps, envelopes and printer ink.

**Audit Process**

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

Yes  No

**10.2a - if yes, describe your auditor 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	Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1		N/A		

**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:

The initially reviews are done with completion of the application and every six months. The applications are reviewed of accuracy, completeness the client account was credited. Other agencies are provided a list of clients that the tribe serves. The staff reviews all applications for completeness. March- April the heating, crisis, weatherization is reviewed. Then September and October cooling , crisis and weatherization is reviewed.

**Local Administering Agencies/District Offices:**

- On - site evaluation
- Annual program review
- Monitoring through central database
- Desk reviews

<input type="checkbox"/> Client File Testing/Sampling
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
<p>The initially reviews are done with completion of the application and every six months. The applications are reviewed of accuracy, completeness the client account was credited. Other agencies are provided a list of clients that the tribe serves. The staff reviews all applications for completeness. March- April the heating, crisis, weatherization is reviewed. Then September and October cooling , crisis and weatherization is reviewed</p>
<b>10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.</b>
<p>The initially reviews are done with completion of the application and every six months. The applications are reviewed of accuracy, completeness the client account was credited. Other agencies are provided a list of clients that the tribe serves. The staff reviews all applications for completeness. March- April the heating, crisis, weatherization is reviewed. Then September and October cooling , crisis and weatherization is reviewed</p>
<b>10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews. Attach a risk assessment if subrecipients are utilized.</b>
<p>Site Visits:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
<p>Desk Reviews:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
<b>10.8. How often is each local agency monitored? Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed.</b>
<b>10.9. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans?</b>
<b>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.</b>



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

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**Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)**

**11.1 How did you obtain input from the public in the development of your LIHEAP plan? Select all that apply.**  
*Note: Tribes do not need to hold a public hearing but must ensure participation through other means.*

- Tribal Council meeting(s)
- Public Hearing(s)
- Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment
- Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment
- Comments from applicants are recorded
- Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised
- Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)
- Comments are solicited during outreach activities
- Other - Describe:

Zoom meeting held due to the extreme heat. The area has been under numerous heat warning and heat advisories. The draft was emailed to all tribal citizens and stakeholders for comments. Also a hard copy was available for review during buisness hours or by appointment after hours.

**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	07/20/2024	General Tribal meeting see attached minutes, Tribal Office 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323
2	08/11/2024	Tribal Council meetingsee attached minutes, Tribal Office 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323

**11.3. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)?** 4

**11.4 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).**

Budgeting class for the ones that constanlty getting cutoff notices.Use bank statements or Income tax filing for the previous year, if someone does not havbe proof of income.Increase in funding

**11.5 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of public participation and solicitation of input?**

eliminate the verification with bank statements and IRS filings unless no income is reported.

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

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

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

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

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

N/A

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

**DENIAL**

The reasons for denial are as follows:

1. Failure to complete the application or supply requested information
2. Falsify documentation.
3. Not a Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Citizen
4. Over income
5. Obtain energy assistance from another agency

**APPEAL PROCESS**

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama provides for a fair hearing to any household that is denied assistance, if the application is not denied or approved within the established timelines, or if the benefits are less than the household believes it should be.

Clients are informed of their rights when they sign the application.

The applicant has the right to file an appeal for a hearing before the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee consists of a 3-person panel that hears all complaints. If not satisfied with the Ethics Committee decision may appeal to Chief James Wright of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, if not satisfied with Chief James Wright's decision, and then you may file a complaint with the entire Tribal Council of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Council and Chief. This must be done in writing through the United States Registered mail within 14 business days of being denied.

The address for the appeal is as follows: Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323. This appeal may be for being denied, and/or delayed processing. Processing can only begin once all required information received, and verifications have been completed.

Review - Describe your fair hearing procedures for households

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Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are not acted on in a timely manner.

#### APPEAL PROCESS

At the time of the application a copy of the procedure is given to the client.

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12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

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

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Section 13 - Reduction of Home Energy Needs**

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

13.1 Describe how you use LIHEAP funds to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby the need for energy assistance?

Provide free literature regarding energy saving techniques.

13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?

In kind

13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous federal Fiscal Year.

The energy saving was provided to 300 people with 200 being at or below poverty. This service is provided as part of tribal meeting, emails which includes various health topics, safety issues such as food, medication recalls, reducing the cost of energy burdens

13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous federal Fiscal Year.

Energy saving light bulbs were distributed to 10 families.

13.5 How many households received these services? 10

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**Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A**

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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?

Yes  No

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

N/A

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?
1	N/A	N/A	N/A

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## Section 15 - Training

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### Section 15: Training

15.1 Describe the training you provide for each of the following groups:

**a. Grant recipient Staff:**

Formal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or formal training conference

How often?

Annually

Biannually

As needed

Other, describe:

Employees are provided with policy manual

Other, describe:

**b. Local Agencies:**

Formal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or formal training conference

How often?

Annually

Biannually

As needed

Other, describe:

On-site training

How often?

Annually

Biannually

As needed

Other, describe:

Employees are provided with policy manual

Other, describe:

**c. Vendors**

Formal training conference

How often?

Annually

Biannually

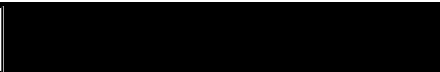
As needed

Other, describe:

Policies communicated through vendor agreements

Policies are outlined in a vendor manual

Other, describe:



15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?

- Yes
- No

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**Section 16 - Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b)**

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Section 16 - Performance Goals and Measures**

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

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

Not required for Tribes.

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**Section 17 - Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)**

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Section 17 - Program Integrity**

**Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)**

**17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms**

a. Describe all mechanisms available to the public for reporting cases of suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that apply.

- Online Fraud Reporting
- Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline
- Report directly to local agency/district office or Grant recipient office
- Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General
- Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse
- Other - Describe:

b. Describe strategies in place for advertising the above-referenced resources. Select all that apply

- Printed outreach materials
- Posted in local administering agencies offices.
- Addressed on LIHEAP application
- Website
- Other - Describe:

**17.2. Identification Documentation Requirements**

a. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household members.

Type of Identification Collected	Collected from Whom?					
		Applicant Only		All Adults in Household		All Household Members
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested

**17.3. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification**

What are your procedures for ensuring LIHEAP recipients are U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens who are eligible to receive LIHEAP

benefits? Select all that apply.

Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen

Client's submission of certain Social Security Administration cards is accepted as proof of U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen.

Non-Citizens must provide documentation of immigration status

Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport

Non-Citizens are verified through the SAVE system

Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card

Other - Describe:  
 LSocial Security cards are required to copy number the Social security card is not photo copied. Alabama Driver licensce and truibal roll cards are required

	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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**17.4. Income Verification**

What methods does your agency utilize to verify household income? Select all that apply.

Require documentation of income for all adult household members

Pay stubs

Social Security award letters

Bank statements

Tax statements

Zero-income statements

Unemployment Insurance letters

Other - Describe:  
 SNAP Award letter

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 verified with SSA

Utilize state directory of new hires

Other - Describe:

b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.

None

**17.5 Identification Verification**

Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply

Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration

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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality</b>
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee training on confidentiality for:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient employees
<input type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient employees
<input type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical files are stored in a secure location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic files are protected in a secure location.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>17.7. Verifying the Authenticity</b>
What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.
<input type="checkbox"/> All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:
<b>17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities</b>
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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicants must submit current utility bill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account ownership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consumption
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balances
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment history
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account is properly credited with benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<input type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:

<b>17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors</b>
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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list
<input type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery
<input type="checkbox"/> Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client
<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the grant recipient.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions</b>
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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refer to state Inspector General
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices or Grant recipient conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? up to 5 years
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>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.</b>

**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.

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

### 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 point 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.* )**

2950 County Road 377 <b>* Address Line 1</b>		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Elba <b>* City</b>	AL <b>* State</b>	36323 <b>* Zip Code</b>

**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

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

## Assurances

### 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;**

**(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 disbursement 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

PLAN ATTACHMENTS
The following documents must be attached to this application
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooling component benefit matrix, if applicable</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes, notes, or transcripts of public hearing(s).</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy Manual.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subrecipient Contract.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Model Plan Participation Notes for Tribes.</li></ul>