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

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

**Grantee Name: YUROK TRIBE** 

**Report Name:** DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 2

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# **Mandatory Grant Application SF-424**

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

* 1.a. Type of Submission:  Plan		* 1.b. Frequency:  • Annual		* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request?  Explanation:  2. Date Received:  3. Applicant Identifier:  4a. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) MPW4FLVA9JJ5		* 1.d. Version:  © Initial  C Resubmission  C Revision  Update  State Use Only:  5. Date Received By State:		
				eral Award Id	lentifier:	6. State Application Identifier:		
7. APPLICANT INI	FORMATION							
* a. Legal Name: Y	urok Tribe							
* b. Address:								
* Street 1:	190 Klamath	Boulevard	Stre	et 2:	P.O.Box 102	7		
* City:	KLAMATH		Cou	nty:				
* State:	CA		Prov	ince:				
* Country:	United States		* Zi <sub>]</sub> Code:	p / Postal	95548 -			
c. Organizational	l Unit:							
<b>Department Nan</b> Client Services	ne:		Division Name: Yurok Health and Human Services					
d. Name and contac Awards and on the	t information of U.S. Departmen	person to be contacted on matters ir t of Health and Human Services' LII	nvolving HEAP co	this applicatio ntact list webp	n: (person will page)	be listed on Notice of Funding		
* First Name: Springwind			* Last Name: Marshall					
Title: Administrative Mar	nager		Organizational Affiliation:					
* Telephone Number 7074821350	er:		Fax Number					
* Email: smarshall@yuroktri	ibe.nsn.us							
* 8. TYPE OF APP I: Indian/Native Ame		ernment (Federally Recognized)						
* a. Is the applica	nt a Tribal Con	sortium: O Yes O No						
* b. If yes please :	attach at least oi	ne the following documentation:						
		Catalog of Federal Dome Assistance Number:	stic		C	FDA Title:		
9. CFDA Numbers and	d Titles	93.568	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program					
10. DESCRIPTIVE Yurok Low Income		PLICANT'S PROJECT: ssistance Program						
11. AREAS AFFEC Humboldt, Del Nor								
12. CONGRESSION CA-01	NAL DISTRICT	S OF APPLICANT:						
13. FUNDING PER	IOD:							
<b>a. Start Date:</b> 10/01/2024					<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2025			
* 14. IS SUBMISSION	ON SUBJECT T	O REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EX	XECUTI	VE ORDER 1	2372 PROCES	SS?		
a. This submission	n was made ava	ilable to the State under Executive O	rder 123	72				

Process for review on: b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review. c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. \*15. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? NO
 NO If Yes, explain: 16. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) \*\*I Agree 🗹 \*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions. 17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official 17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) Springwind M. Marshall 17d. Email Address smarshall@yuroktribe.nsn.us 17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 12/05/2024 sign

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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						
Pro	gram Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C)						
1.1 (No	Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. te: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in plan.)	Dates of (	Operation				
		Start Date	End Date				
<b>&gt;</b>	Heating assistance	10/01/2024	09/30/2025				
	Cooling assistance						
	Summer crisis assistance						
	Winter crisis assistance						
>	Year-round crisis assistance	10/01/2024	09/30/2025				
	Weatherization assistance						
Pro	vide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary						
Esti	mated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16						
	Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: total of all percentages must add up to 100%.	Percentage ( % )	Prior year totals				
Н	leating assistance	94.00%	94.00%				
С	ooling assistance	0.00%	0.00%				
S	ummer crisis assistance	0.00%	6.00%				
Winter crisis assistance		0.00%	0.00%				
Y	ear-round crisis assistance	6.00%	0.00%				
V	Veatherization assistance	0.00%	0.00%				
_	arryover to the following federal fiscal year	0.00%	0.00%				
_	dministrative and planning costs	0.00%	0.00%				
	ervices to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	0.00%	0.00%				
_	sed to develop and implement leveraging activities	0.00%	0.00%				
TOT	AL	100.00%	100.00%				

Tribal grant recipients: direct-grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments of \$20,000 or less may use for planning and administration 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.

1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:									
₩ THE TURBS	Heating assistance		ucu by March 15 W	п ве гергод	Cooling as				
	Weatl	Weatherization assistance				Other (specify:)			
							• .		
Categorical Eli	igibility, 2605(b)(2)(A)	- Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)	)(A), 2605(b)(8	8A) - Assurance 8					
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? • Yes No									
If you answere	If you answered "Yes" to question 1.4, you must complete the table below and answer questions 1.5 and 1.6.								
	Heating Cooling Crisis Weatherization								
TANF			O <sub>No</sub>	C Yes O No	<b>⊙</b> Yes		C Yes O No		
SSI			O No	C Yes O No	Yes		C Yes O No		
SNAP			C No	C Yes O No	• Yes		C Yes O No		
Means-tested Ve	terans Programs	Yes	O No	C Yes O No	Yes	C No	C Yes O No		
1.4a Provid	de your definition of c	ategorical eligibility.							
assistanc	ce from one of the abov					t one membe	er currently recieves		
		eholds without a direct ar	nnual applicat	tion? C Yes 💿 No	1				
If Yes, explain:	•								
16 How do you	ı encure there is no dit	forence in the treatment	of categorical	ly eligible housebols	ls from the	se not rocci	ving other public assistance		
	i ensure there is no dil ing eligibility and ben		or categorical	iy engidie nousenolo	15 11 UIII UNOS	se not recer	ving other public assistance		
F	Everyone is treated equa	ally and based on the progr	am's matrix cri	teria.					
SNAP Nominal	l Payments								
1.7a Do you all	ocate LIHEAP funds	toward a nominal payme	nt for SNAP h	ouseholds? CYes	<b>⊙</b> No				
		7a, you must provide a re							
1.7b Amount o	f Nominal Assistance:	\$0.00							
1.7c Frequency	of Assistance								
Once Per	r Year								
Once eve	ery five years								
Other - I	Describe:								
1.7d How do yo	ou confirm that the ho	usehold receiving a nomi	nal payment l	nas an energy cost o	r need?				
		_							
Determination	of Eligibility - Counta	ble Income							
1.8. In determi	ning a household's inc	ome eligibility for LIHE	AP, do you use	gross income or ne	t income?				
Gross Inc	come								
N									
Net Income									
Other - Describe									
1.9. Select all th	he applicable forms of	countable income used to	o determine a	household's income	eligibility f	or LIHEAI			
Wages									
Self - Em	nployment Income								
Contract	Income								
Payment	s from mortgage or Sc	les Contracts							
Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts									

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

	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)
I —	
	Other
If a	ny of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in
	fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.
	*
1.10	Do you have an online application process  Yes No
1.1	(0a If yes, describe the type of online application (Select all boxes that apply)
~	A PDF version of the application is available online and can be downloaded, filled out and mailed in for processing.
	A state-wide online application that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.
	One or more locally available online applications that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically
	for processing,
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A	Online application that is also mobile friendly
<u> </u>	
	Other, please describe
Pleas	se include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:
ļ	
1.10b	Can all program components be applied for online?  Yes  No
If no	, explain which components can and cannot be applied for online.
1.11	Do you have a process for conducting and completing applications by phone 💽 Yes 🔼 No
1.12	Do you or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply C Yes 💽 No
	s, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.
III ye.	s, prease provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.
1.13	How can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply:
V	In-person
*	in-person
	Mall
~	Mail Mail
~	Email
<u></u>	
	Portal application
>	Other, please describe
I _	Text message via work cell phone, and fax.
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## **Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE**

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**Section 2 - Heating Assistance** 

	Section 2 - Heating Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(	(b)(2) - Assurance 2							
2.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshold used for th	e heating c	omponent:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline		Eligibility Threshold			
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income		60.00%			
2.2 Do you have Heating Assistar	additional eligibility requirements for nce?	<b>⊙</b> No						
2.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the	policies for	each.					
Do you require a	an Assets test?	C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No					
If yes, describe:	Do you have additional/differing eligibil	lity policies	for:					
Renters?		C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No					
If yes, describe:		•						
Renters Li	iving in subsidized housing?	C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No					
If yes, describe:		*						
Renters wi	ith utilities included in the rent?	C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No					
If yes, describe:		-		,				
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:							
Older Adu	llts (60 years or older)?	Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
the first 3 within our years of a energy ne	ne Yurok LIHEAP program prioritizes the weeks, we prioritize their application and r priority groups of Yurok elders, individuge or younger. The program also uses this ed and benefit through our LIHEAP matrix y secure assistance.	process then als with disa vulnerable s	n before those who do not fall abilities, and homes with children 5 status as a varible to determine					
Individual	s with a disability?	• Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
first 3 wee our priorit of age or need and	ne Yurok LIHEAP program prioritizes the eks, we prioritize their application and proty groups of Yurok elders, individuals with younger. The program also uses this vulne benefit through our LIHEAP matrix. They y secure assistance.	cess them be n disabilities rable status	efore those who do not fall within , and homes with children 5 years as a varible to determine energy					
Young chi	ldren?	• Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
If yes, describe:								
younger r them befo disabilitie vulnerable	ne Yurok LIHEAP program prioritizes the esiding within them. For the first 3 weeks, ore those who do not fall within our priority, and homes with children 5 years of age estatus as a varible to determine energy not to score more points and therefore potential.	we prioritizy groups of or younger.	te their application and process Yurok elders, individuals with The program also uses this tit through our LIHEAP matrix.					
Household	s with high energy burdens?	C Yes	€ No					
If yes, describe:								
Other?		C Yes	€ No					
If yes, describe:								

Explanations of policies for each "yes" check	ked above:				
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assur	rance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)				
2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision	of heating assistance to vulne	erable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, e	early application periods		
etc.					
and younger by processing their application through our LIHEAP matrix. They able	ations first. The program also uses to score more points and therefore	e needs of Yurok elders, disabled, and families is this vulnerable status as a varible to determine potentially secure assistance. Our program pane account holds a minimal credit of \$300 cm.	ne energy need and benef also allows these priority		
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:					
<b>✓</b> Fuel type					
Climate/region					
Individual bill					
Dwelling type					
Energy burden (% of income sp	ent on home energy)				
Energy need					
Other - Describe:					
If wood assistance is requested,	the household will receive a set b	penefit amount.			
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 260	5(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	\$660		
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, sp	pace heaters) and/or other form	s of benefits?2 © Yes  No			
If yes, describe.					
If any of the above questions r	• 6 ()				

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

## **Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE**

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**Section 3 - Cooling Assistance** 

	Section 3 - Cooling Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(	Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2							
3.1 Designate Th	3.1 Designate The income eligibility threshold used for the Cooling component:							
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Thresho	old			
1					0.00%			
3.2 Do you have a Cooling assistant	additional eligibility requirements for ee?	CYes	C <sub>No</sub>					
3.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the	policies for	each.					
Do you require a	n Assets test?	C Yes	C No					
If yes, describe:								
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
If yes, describe:								
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing?	C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
If yes, describe:		-						
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
If yes, describe:		•						
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:							
Older Adu	lts (60 years or older)?	C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
If yes, describe:								
Individuals	s with a disability?	C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
If yes, describe:								
Young chil	dren?	Cyes	C <sub>No</sub>					
If yes, describe:								
Households	s with high energy burdens?	C Yes	CNo					
If yes, describe:								
Other?		O Yes	ONo					
If yes, describe:								
	policies for each "yes" checked above:							
	•	assistance t	o vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amo	unts, early application pe	eriods,			
Determination of	f Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605	5(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							
	nate/region							
	vidual bill							
Indi	viuual DIII							

Dwelling type						
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)						
Energy need						
Other - Describe:						
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 260	Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)					
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the f shown in the payment matrix.	iscal year for which this plar	a applies. Please note: the maximum and min	nimum benefits must l	be		
Minimum Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0			
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air cor	3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? C Yes O No					
If yes, describe.						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.						

#### **Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE**

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# 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 Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold All Household Sizes State Median Income 60.00% 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. The household must have a shut off notice, near/empty tank, or near/be out of wood. 4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis? If there is a medical condition that requires heating or an electronic source. A shut off notice is not required when alife-threatening crisis exists 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 Summer Year-Round Crisis Crisis Crisis 4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Crisis Assistance? V 4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided Do you require an Assets test? Do you give priority in eligibility to: Older Adults (60 years or older)? V Individuals with a disability? V Young Children? V Households with high energy burdens? Other (Specify): In Order to receive crisis assistance: Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank? ~ Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank? Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit? Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice? Must heating/cooling be medically necessary? Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment? Other (Specify):

Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:								
Renters?								
Renters living in subsidized housing?								
Renters with utilities included in the rent?								
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked ab	bove:							
Determination of Benefits								
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?								
Separate component								
Benefit Fast Track, no sepa response time frames.	rate amoun	t of crisis fur	nds is issued. Rather benefi	ts are issued	to crisis custor	ners within crisis		
Other - Describe:								
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you	determine	risis assistar	nce benefits?					
Amount to resolve the crisis	<b>s.</b> \$0							
Other - Describe:								
"								
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)	<u> </u>					- 10		
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis a	ssistance at	sites that are	geographically accessible	to all houser	nolds in the are	a to be served?		
<b>⊙</b> Yes <b>○</b> No <b>Explain.</b>								
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individua	als with a dis	sahility the r	neans to:					
Submit applications for crisis benefits without le			realis to.					
⊙ Yes ○ No								
If No, explain.								
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisi	is assistance	are accepted	d?					
€ Yes C No								
If No, explain.								
If you answered "No" to both options in question disabled?	4.11, please	explain alter	native means of intake to t	hose who ar	e homebound o	or physically		
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)								
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of	of crisis assis	tance offere	ч					
Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit		tance oner.	ш.					
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit								
Year-round Crisis \$660.00 maximum benef	fit							
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space h	neaters, fans	) and/or othe	er forms of benefits?					
C Yes O No If yes, Describe								
	1		- 2					
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or repla	icement usin	g crisis tuna	ls?					
Yes No  If you answered "Ves" to question 4.14, you must	complete at	rection 4.15						
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15.								
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate ty	1	1						
	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis					
Heating system repair								
Heating system replacement								
Cooling system repair								
Cooling system replacement	Cooling system replacement							

Wood stove purchase				
Pellet stove purchase				
Solar panel(s)				
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups				
Other (Specify):				
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with ea	nforce a moi	ratorium on	shut offs?	
C Yes No				
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	respond to	question 4.1	7.	
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and an	y special dis	pensation re	eceived by LIHE	AP clients during or after the moratorium period.
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<b>4.18</b> If you experience a natural disaster, do you in ${ m No}$	tend to utili	ze LIHEAP	crisis funds to a	ddress disaster related crisis situations? O Yes .
If yes, describe				
If any of the above questions requithe fields provided, attach a docum		-		larification that could not be made in

## **Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**

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## **Section 5 - Weatherization Assistance**

Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE								
Eligibility, 2605(c	Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2							
5.1 Designate the	income eligibility thresho	ld used for the Weather	ization component					
Add	Househo	old Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold				
1				0.00%				
5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a WEATHERIZATION component? © Yes O								
5.3 If yes, name th	ne agency and attach a co	py of the Internal Agree	ment or Contract.					
5.4 Is there a sepa	rate monitoring protocol	for weatherization? 🗖	Yes ONo					
WEATHERIZAT	TION - Types of Rules							
	ules do you administer LI	HEAP weatherization?	(Check only one.)					
	der LIHEAP (not DOE) r		(					
Entirely un	der DOE WAP (not LIHE	EAP) rules						
Mostly und	er LIHEAP rules with the	following DOE WAP r	ule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules of	differ (Check all that apply):				
Incom	ne Threshold							
	herization of entire multi- vill become eligible within		e is permitted if at least 66% of units (5	50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are				
Weatl care facilities).	herize shelters temporaril	y housing primarily low	income persons (excluding nursing hor	mes, prisons, and similar institutional				
Other	- Describe:							
Mostly und	er DOE WAP rules, with	the following LIHEAP 1	rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules	differ (Check all that apply.)				
Incom	ne Threshold							
Weatl	herization not subject to I	OOE WAP maximum sta	atewide average cost per dwelling unit.					
Weatl	herization measures are n	ot subject to DOE Savir	ngs to Investment Ration (SIR ) standar	rds.				
Other	- Describe:							
Eligibility, 2605(b	o)(5) - Assurance 5							
5.6 Do you requir	e an assets test?	C Yes C No						
5.7 Do you have a	dditional/differing eligibi	lity policies for :						
Renters		C Yes C No						
Renters living housing?	ng in subsidized	C Yes C No						
Renters with rent?	h utilities included in the	C Yes C No						
5.8 Do you give p	5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:							
Older Adult	ts?	C Yes C No						
Individuals	with a disability?	O Yes O No						
Young Chil	dren?	C Yes C No						
House holds with high energy $C_{Yes}$ $C_{No}$								

burdens?		
Other?	O Yes O No	
If you selected "Yes" for any of the obelow.	pptions in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8,	you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field
Benefit Levels		
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEA	P weatherization benefit/expenditu	rre per household? O Yes O No
5.9a If yes, what is the maximum?	\$0	
5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per	Unit (ACPU). O Yes O No	
5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amou	unt? \$0	
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) &	k (D)	
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization n	neasures do you provide ? (Check	all categories that apply.)
Weatherization needs assessm	nents/audits	Energy related roof repair
Caulking and insulation		Major appliance repairs
Storm windows		Major appliance replacement
Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs		Windows/sliding glass doors
Furnace replacement Doors		
Cooling system modifications/repairs Water Heater		
Water conservation measures Cooling system replacement		
Roof top solar Community solar projects		Community solar projects
Compact florescent light bulb	s	Other - Describe:
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# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 6 - Outreach

Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)
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.
<b>₩</b> Web Posting
<b>☑</b> Email
Texting Texting
<b>Events</b>
Social Media
Other (specify):  Postcards are mailed out to all Yurok Tribal households residing within the Yurok Tribal service areas. Staff also provide information to the Yurok Health and Human Sercices Advisory Committee meetings, tribal council, and other tribal meetings upon request, on a yearly basis.

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# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 7 - Coordination

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

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

Yurok LIHEAP staff facilitate multiple low-incomep rograms and can assess if the applicant will benefit from other programs offered by the Yurok Tribe or other agencies. An effort to prevent undesired overlap and to ensure eligible households know about and recieve the maximum services and benefits available under all programs listed in this section under the law. Yurok LIHEAP will work in coordination with other received client referrals from other tribal and state programs. Yurok LIHEAP staff will also meet with other administration of other tribal programs to share about the LIHEAP program, to collaborate, maximize resources, and provide ease of services. Yurok LIHEAP intake will be shared jointly with Yurok Health and Human Services emergency assistance program. The intake from LIHEAP will be combined with other programs that are similar for the ease of procedures for clients. To increase efficiency and meet the needs of tribal programs, sharing of records will occcur when not prohibited by law.

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

recipients and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)					
8.1 Ho	w would you categorize the primary respons	ibility of your State a	gency?		
	Administration Agency				
	Commerce Agency				
	Community Services Agency				
	Energy/Environment Agency				
	Housing Agency				
	State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)				
	Economic Development Agency				
Other - Describe:					
	e current list of subrecipient name, main offi umber. Used for Near hotline and OCS Servic			number, county(s) served	l, Congressional District, and
If you	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?					
8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for cooling assistance?>					
8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for crisis assistance?					
8.5 LII	HEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a W	ho determines client eligibility?				
electri	8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?				
8.5c wl vendor	no processes benefit payments to bulk fuels?				
8.5d W measu	/ho performs installation of weatherization res?				

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.
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.
8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?
8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use?
8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?  O Yes
$C_{N_0}$
8.9 If so, why?
Agency was in noncompliance with Grant recipient requirements for LIHEAP -
Agency is under criminal investigation
Added agency
Agency closed
Other - describe
8.10 If a subrecipient is no longer providing LIHEAP, are you aware of prior-year LIHEAP funds being mismanaged or misspent?  Yes No
8.10a If yes, please explain.
8.10b If you are aware, were other federal programs impacted such as CSBG, SSBG, Head Start, TANF, and Department of Energy Weatherization funding, etc. O Yes O No
8.10c If yes, please explain.
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# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 9 - Energy Suppliers

Section 9 - Energy Suppliers			
Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7			
9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?			
Heating • Yes O No			
Cooling C Yes C No			
Crisis  Yes  No			
Are there exceptions? C Yes O No			
If yes, Describe.  All LIHEAP payments are always made directly to the energy supplier vendor. LIHEAP payments are not made directly to applicant.			
9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?  The LIHEAP program staff notifies clients by letter, telephone, text message, or in person.			
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 LIHEAP program makes a pledge to the vendor and works with our Fiscal department to issue a payment directly to the vendor. The program receives copies of the issued payment and bill. Part of the LIHEAP's internal controls for the program is to verify the rate with the vendor prior to processing the application.			
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?			
The LIHEAP program treats all applications fairly and within the program guideline matrix. If an applicant believes they have been treate adversely the LIHEAP program has a dispute/appeal process that can be submitted to the program manager, and as far as the director, for the investigation. A written response is sent to the applicant. Our local vendors signed an agreement stating that they agree not to discriminate agains eligible households receiving services. Agreements are udpated annually.			
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. 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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# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN

Section 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit

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

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

Yurok LIHEAP staff maintain a database that allows benefit records to be compared with the Fiscal's department payment database. Tracking is reviewed monthly to ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of funds.

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

#### Obligation

Funds the program made a commitment to spend for participant benefit within the current fiscal year of October 1- September 31.

#### Expenditures

Funds the programs program actually spent for participant benefit amounts with the current proram fiscal year.

#### Expenditure timeframe

As defined by the ACF notice of award.

#### Administrative costs

Administrative costs fall within the Yurok Tribe's indirect cost definition, but indirect costs are not applied to LIHEAP funds for it is considered an emergency assistance program.

#### **Audit Process**

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

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

Yurok Fiscal department staff submits a Request for Proposal (RFP) and they select an auditor based on that score criteria.

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	monitoring	General ledger was not reconciled timely	Yes	procedure/policy changes
2	financial	It was noted that the case balance was less than the unearned grant revenue balance.	Yes	procedure/policy changes
3	monitoring	It was noted that a physical inventory was not available to be reviewed.	Yes	procedure/policy changes
4	reporting	It was noted that the project & expenditure report was not submitted on time.	Yes	procedure/policy changes
5	monitoring	The fiscal department did not have a proper review and approval process for bank reconciliations.	Yes	training changes

#### 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:
A database is kept to monitor program activities and eligibility. A matrix is used to determine eligibility and beefit level. Each payment request must be signed by the intake staff personnel and YHHS or CSD Director, or CSD Operations Manager. Then each application must have proof of heating, crisis bill, copy of income for every adult in the household, release of information, and tribal ID verificatin for all household members.
Local Administering Agencies/District Offices:
On - site evaluation
Annual program review
Monitoring through central database
Desk reviews
Client File Testing/Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
N/A
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
N/A
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews. Attach a risk assessment if subrecipients are utilized.
Site Visits:
N/A
Desk Reviews:
N/A
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored? Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed.
10.9. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans?
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**Section 11 - Timely and Meaningful Public Participation** 

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 developmen Note: Tribes do not need to hold a public hearing but must ensure p		at apply.		
▼ Tribal Council meeting(s)				
Public Hearing(s)				
✓ Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment	t			
Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comm	nent			
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:				
		civices social incula plantation during and ,		
The draft plan is posted on the Yurok Tribeal website month of August 2024. Tribal members will be notified by po the plan update. The LIHEAP program also receives and cons Tribe Health and Human Services Advisory Committee members are the plan update. The Liheap program also receives and cons Tribe Health and Human Services Advisory Committee members are the plan update. Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of the plan update is a service of the plan update.	siders input from Yurok Tribal council in bers, and the community prior to public	members, Yurok Tribe leadership, Yurok		
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# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 12 - Fair Hearings

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

- 12.1 How many fair hearings did the Grant recipient have in the prior federal Fiscal Year? 0
- 12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed?  $\,0\,$
- 12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last federal Fiscal Year as a result of fair hearings?

none

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

The Yurok LIHEAP program staff will provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for assistance under the plan are denied or are not acted upon with reasonable promptness. Tribal members will have an opportunity to explain; 1) The program did not act upon the application quickly enough; or 2.) the application for assistance was unfairly denied.

Please see Appeals Process below:

- 1. The client must file a written appeal within 10 days of receiving a letter of denial.
- 2. The denial will go to the YHHS/CSD Operations Manager, and they will review the denial and make a decision within 5 days of receiving the client's written appeal.
- 3. If the YHHS/CSD Operations Manager upholds the initial intake, the client has 10 days after receiving the written decision to file another writen appeal to the YHHS/CSD Director.
  - 4. The YHHS/CSD Director has 10 days to review and issue a final written decision.

#### 12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

All clients are advised of their rights to appeal denials and late processing. An instruction sheet is included on the application iteself that describes the applicant's right to appeal and the appeal process. The appeal process is also included within the denial letter.

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

Section 13: Reduction of home energy needs, 2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16
13.1 Describe how you use LIHEAP funds to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby the need for energy assistance?
N/A
13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?
N/A
13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous federal Fiscal Year.
N/A
13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous federal Fiscal Year.
N/A
13.5 How many households received these services? N/A
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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? C Yes O No 14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining 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: What is the type of resource or benefit ? What is the source(s) of the Resource How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?

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resource?

# **Section 15 - Training**

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# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN Section 15 - Training

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:			
<b>✓</b> Policies communicated through vendor agreements			
Policies are outlined in a vendor manual			

	Other, describe:
15.2 l ② Y ○ N	pes your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?
	y of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in ields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

## 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.

N/A

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

Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)								
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms								
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:								
7.2. Identification Documentation Requirements								
<u>-</u>								
i. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household nembers.								
Called Africa When 9								
Collected from Whom?  Type of Identification Collected								
Applicant Only All Adults in Household All Household Members								
Required Required Required								
ohotocopied and retained								
Requested Requested Requested								
Social Security Number (Without Required Required Required								
ictual Card)								
Requested Requested  Requested								
Required Required Required								
Government-issued identification and an arrangement of the state of th								
i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)  Requested  Requested  Requested								
Requested Requested 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								

benefit	s? 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							
<b>&gt;</b>	Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card							
<b>&gt;</b>	Other - Describe:							
	Non Tribal household men	mbers will be reques	sted to show proof	of government ID	or social security car	d as proof.		
	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	
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17.4. I	ncome Verification					N.		
What	methods does your agency utiliz	e to verify househo	ld income? Select	all that apply.				
>	Require documentation of inco	me for all adult ho	usehold members					
	✓ Pay stubs							
	Social Security award letters							
	<b>✓</b> Bank statements							
	<b>✓</b> Tax statements							
	Zero-income statements	š						
	Unemployment Insuran	ce letters						
	Other - Describe:							
	Unemployment income, P	assport to services.						
	Computer data matches:							
	Income information ma	tched against state	computer system	(e.g., SNAP, TAN	F)			
	Proof of unemployment	benefits verified w	ith state Departm	ent of Labor				
	Social Security income v	verified with SSA						
	Utilize state directory of	f new hires						
	Other - Describe:							
b. Desc	ribe any exceptions to the above	e policies.						
	lentification Verification be what methods are used to ver	rify the authenticity	v of identification	documents provid	led by clients or bo	usehold members	Select all that	
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	Verify SSNs with Social Securi	ty Administration						
	Match SSNs with death record	s from Social Secu	rity Administratio	n or state agency				
	Match SSNs with state eligibility	ty/case managemen	nt system (e.g., SN	AP, TANF)				
	Match with state Department of	of Labor system						
	Match with state and/or federa	l corrections syster	n					
	Match with state child support system							
	Verification using private softv	ware (e.g., The Wor	k Number)					
<b>&gt;</b>	In-person certification by staff (for tribal Grant recipients only)							
>	Match SSN/Tribal ID number	with tribal databas	e or enrollment re	ecords (for tribal (	Grant recipients on	lly)		
	Other - Describe:							

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

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

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

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

#### Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements** 

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

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

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

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

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

190 Klamath Boulevard  * Address Line 1						
Address Line 2						
Address Line 3						
Klamath  * City	CA * State	95548 * Zip Code				

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

Alternate II. (Grant recipients Who Are Individuals)

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

[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]

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

### Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### (8) provide assurances that,

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

## (9) provide that--

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

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

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

# **Plan Attachments**

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