

## DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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

**Grantee Name:** POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

**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> D2ZGT1LU6SE9	<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:** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

**\* b. Address:**

<b>* Street 1:</b>	58620 Sink Road	<b>Street 2:</b>	P.O. Box 180
<b>* City:</b>	DOWAGIAC	<b>County:</b>	Cass
<b>* State:</b>	MI	<b>Province:</b>	
<b>* Country:</b>	United States	<b>* Zip / Postal Code:</b>	49047 -

**c. Organizational Unit:**

<b>Department Name:</b> Social Services	<b>Division Name:</b> General 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> Mark	<b>* Last Name:</b> Pompey
<b>Title:</b> Director of Social Services	<b>Organizational Affiliation:</b> Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
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<b>* Email:</b> mark.pompey@pokagonband-nsn.gov	

**\* 8. TYPE OF APPLICANT:**

I: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (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:**

Pokagon Band LIHEAP

**11. AREAS AFFECTED BY FUNDING:**

Allegan, Berrien, Cass, VanBuren, Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Starke, Marshall, St. Joseph Kosciusko-Counties

**12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF APPLICANT:**


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**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

<b>Process for review on:</b>	
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.	
<b>*15. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?</b>	
<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
<b>If Yes, explain:</b>	
<b>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> <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.	
<b>17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official</b> Mark A. Pompey	<b>17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)</b>
	<b>17d. Email Address</b> mark.pompey@pokagonband-nsn.gov
<b>17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official</b> 	<b>17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)</b> 09/03/2024

## 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	11/04/2024	06/02/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance	05/01/2025	09/30/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Summer crisis assistance	11/04/2024	09/30/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter crisis assistance	11/04/2024	09/30/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Year-round crisis assistance	11/04/2024	09/30/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance		

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

The program only runs year-round crisis.  
The program does not run a weatherization program.

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	60.00%	60.00%
Cooling assistance	10.00%	10.00%
Summer crisis assistance	3.33%	10.00%
Winter crisis assistance	3.33%	0.00%
Year-round crisis assistance	3.34%	0.00%
Weatherization assistance	0.00%	0.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	5.00%	5.00%
Administrative and planning costs	10.00%	10.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	5.00%	5.00%
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.

**1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heating assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify:) Carryover-to top out at 10%

**Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(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 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	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SSI	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SNAP	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Means-tested Veterans Programs	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

1.4a. - Provide your definition of categorical eligibility.

**1.5 Do you automatically enroll households without a direct annual application?**  Yes  No

If Yes, explain:

**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?**

**SNAP Nominal Payments**

**1.7a Do you allocate LIHEAP funds toward a nominal payment for SNAP households?**  Yes  No

If you answered "Yes" to question 1.7a, you must provide a response to questions 1.7b, 1.7c, and 1.7d.

**1.7b Amount of Nominal Assistance:** \$0.00

**1.7c Frequency of Assistance**

- Once Per Year
- Once every five years
- Other - Describe:

**1.7d How do you confirm that the household receiving a nominal payment has an energy cost or need?**

**Determination of Eligibility - Countable Income**

**1.8. In determining a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP, do you use gross income or net income?**

- Gross Income
- Net Income
- Other - Describe

**1.9. Select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP**

- Wages
- Self - Employment Income
- Contract Income
- Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unemployment insurance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strike Pay		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Security Administration (SSA ) benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Including MediCare deduction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excluding MediCare deduction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI )		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Retirement / pension benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Assistance benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Loans that need to be repaid		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cash gifts		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Savings account balance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jury duty compensation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rental income		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income from work study programs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alimony		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Child support		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interest, dividends, or royalties		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissions		
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Funds received by household for the care of a foster child		
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other Per Captia payments
<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 checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
1.10a If yes, describe the type of online application (Select all boxes that apply)	
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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 <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 type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
If yes, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.  While speaking to the applicant on the phone an outreach worker will completed the application, print name on the signature line and sign- stating application taken over the phone. we will have the applicant text the bill in and any other required documents.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe Texting

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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	State Median Income	60.00%

**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: Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:**

**Renters?**  Yes  No

**If yes, describe:**

**Renters Living in subsidized housing?**  Yes  No

**If yes, describe:**

**Renters with utilities included in the rent?**  Yes  No

**If yes, describe:**

**Do you give priority in eligibility to:**

**Older Adults (60 years or older)?**  Yes  No

**If yes, describe:**

The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion. There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household. The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.

**Individuals with a disability?**  Yes  No

**If yes, describe:**

The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion. There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household. The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.

**Young children?**  Yes  No

**If yes, describe:**

The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion.



- There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household
- The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.

Households with high energy burdens?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

Other?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion.

- There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household
- The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.

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.

Please see above. In addition-benefit amount will stay consistent with the general population for consistency and transparency reasons. Applications are prioritized based on the identified population and the submission sequence.

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:

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	\$250	Maximum Benefit	\$550
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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.

In collaboration with other departments-furnace repair has been provided. Other funding opportunities are also looked at depending on the winter and the shortfall.

**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	State Median Income	60.00%

**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:

**Renters Living in subsidized housing?**  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

**Renters with utilities included in the rent?**  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

**Do you give priority in eligibility to:**

**Older Adults (60 years or older)?**  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion.

- There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household
- The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.

**Individuals with a disability?**  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion.

- There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household
- The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.

**Young children?**  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion.

- There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household
- The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.

**Households with high energy burdens?**  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

<b>Other?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
<b>If yes, describe:</b>			
<b>Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:</b>			
<p>The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household</li> <li>•The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.</li> </ul>			
<b>3.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of cooling assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.</b>			
<p>Please see above. In addition-benefit amount will stay consistent with the general population for consistency and transparency reasons. Applications are prioritized based on the identified population and the submission sequence.</p>			
<b>Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)</b>			
<b>3.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family (household) size			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home energy cost or need:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel type			
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate/region			
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual bill			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dwelling type			
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy need			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:			
<b>Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)</b>			
<b>3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. <i>Please note: the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.</i></b>			
Minimum Benefit	\$250	Maximum Benefit	\$350
<b>3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</b>			
<b>If yes, describe.</b>			
<p>In collaboration with other departments-furnace repair has been provided. Other funding opportunities are also looked at depending on the winter and the shortfall.</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 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	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.**

Eligibility for an energy-related crisis is based on the household's demonstration of immediate need for assistance with home heating fuel, electricity, or energy-related home repairs. Crisis means one of the following:

- Non-life-threatening crisis situations must be mitigated within 48 hours.
- An individual or household has received a past due or shut off notice on an energy bill for his or her household
- A residential fuel tank is estimated to contain not more than 20% of its heating fuel capacity.
- A stated need for household deliverable fuel or a non-traditional fuel source in which there is no meter or regular energy bill provided. (example: wood, corn, cherry pits, etc.)
- A statement from a licensed service provider indicating the homeowner's furnace is inoperable and in need of repair or replacement.

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

A household is considered to have a life-threatening crisis if the following criteria is met:

1. Life-threatening crisis must be mitigated within (18) hours.
2. There is a documented medical need and restoration of services is necessary.
  - Heating and/or electric service is currently disconnected or out of bulk fuel (empty tank)
  - The household has a statement from a licensed service provider indicating the homeowner's furnace is inoperable and in need of repair or replacement.
  - The household does not have any temporary housing alternatives while the emergency is being resolved.

**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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Do you require an Assets test?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify): Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice?-We receive a landlord statement instead.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>Elderly, disabled and young children are always going to the highest priority. At the time of request applications are going to be processed in order of those priorities.All situations will be assessed-disconnect notice, already disconnected, impacts ones health-with doctor note.</p> <p>Please see previous statements about priority requirements.</p>			
<b>Determination of Benefits</b>			
<b>4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Separate component		
<input 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"/>	Other - Describe:		
<b>4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount to resolve the crisis. \$0		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe: Crisis situation benefits are a flat maximum amount of \$300 for everyone.		
<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 Explain.			
<b>4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individuals with a disability the means to:</b>			
Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If No, explain.			
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If No, explain.			

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	\$300.00	maximum benefit
Summer Crisis	\$300.00	maximum benefit
Year-round Crisis	\$300.00	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**

As mentioned previously furnace repair, fans, a/c units have all been provided with in-kind funding. Collaboration with other programs is done to access other funding sources.

To ensure adequate funding for all, the maximum for a crisis event is set at \$300. Amount of payment is not intended to eliminate the crisis; other funding streams should be utilized to meet the applicants needs. Collaboration with other programs is done to access other funding sources, this actually helps to create a wraparound approach and solidify cross checking measures.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Heating system replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooling system repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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.**

This is not a LIHEAP specific issue. This is more related to the relationship with certain vendors. If pledges are made on accounts a vendor may give a certain length of time before disconnect. In some situations it could be until payment is received. In others it could be 10 days.

**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**

The Band would reserve the right to allocate funds to households that meet the eligibilty requirements and have experienced a natural distater.

- Crisis Application/request
- Confirmation of disaster provided by Crisis Management Team-with Tribal Police
- Bill

**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 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			0.00%

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

5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:

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



burdens?	
Other?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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.	
Benefit Levels	
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per household? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$0	
5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Unit (ACPU). <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amount? \$0	
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)	
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 type="checkbox"/> Caulking and insulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Major appliance repairs
<input type="checkbox"/> Storm windows	<input type="checkbox"/> Major appliance replacement
<input type="checkbox"/> Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Windows/sliding glass doors
<input type="checkbox"/> Furnace replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> Doors
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooling system modifications/repairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Heater
<input type="checkbox"/> Water conservation measures	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooling system replacement
<input type="checkbox"/> Roof top solar	<input type="checkbox"/> Community solar projects
<input 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):

**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 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.).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint application for multiple programs (indicate programs included)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included) Emergency Services, Supplemental Heating, BIA Water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One - stop intake centers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:

The Department of Social Services within the Band conducts almost 100% of the programs for "low-income" households. So basically it is a one stop intake-for the programs the department is involved with. Referrals are made to other programs outside of the department. The Band is able to collaborate with the State TANF program to coordinate services. The department conducts cross-checks with State agencies and other tribal departments. The Tribe uses a data base system that identifies program participation for Social Services that helps coordinate services.

**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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:

**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?**

**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?**

<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>				
<b>8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?</b>				
<b>8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?</b>				
<b>8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?</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.**

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?

- Yes  
 No

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.  Yes  No

8.10c If yes, please explain.

**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 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.

Renters-Landlord could be paid if the recipients energy bill is part of the monthly rent.

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

Clients are notified at the time of application. If Applications are mailed, faxed or just dropped off-applicants are phoned, emailed and we have started to text. If no telephone number is provided applicants are mailed out the determination.

**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 Band completes an annual letter to our vendors. Also, payment amounts are based on participants bills. That process has already been completed prior to the Band's involvement. Bill amount is verified when intake staff make contact with the vendor. Bills in the Band's service area are comparable to those of non-eligible households based on a comparative review of like vendors.

**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 vendors used in the community are the same vendors utilized by both the State of Indiana and the State of Michigan, as well as all other charitable organizations throughout the area. Vendors are accustomed to working with the Band. The Band does complete an annual letter to the vendors.

**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.

**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 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 Pokagon Band has a full financial dept. Staff in social services processes the applications and submit a request for payment to the Department of Social Services. For those type of payments- before an actual payment goes out, social services staff are able to review and sign correct. As mentioned previously the department pays 98% of all transactions through an automated system, using a credit card. At the end of each month the department meets with the finance department to ensure accuracy by both the finance and social service department. This is a very nice check and balance.

Spreadsheets are utilized to track LIHEAP separate from other programs and is broke down into separate categories within LIHEAP- heating and cooling. Each category is assigned a separate account code for tracking of dollars spent to ensure that funds are spent within the grant cycle. Financial staff meet monthly with the finance department to review transactions.

Funds are tracked through a coding system/chart of accounts. Codes are assigned to specific funding streams. When award letters are received, a code is assigned to those funds.

They are identified by program/department/object, such as 22-8009-61230. That code example would be placed on a payment request by the Department of Social Services and submitted. The Department of Finance is then able to track that expense/payment process. Expense reports are run and validated for cost.

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

**Obligation**

Funds that are pledged to the vendor.

**Expenditures**

Payments made either by credit or invoiced for services.

**Expenditure timeframe**

The period in which the program has designated to expend the funds. This cycle is typically 1 year from the start of such program.

**Administrative costs**

Costs associated with running the program may include but are not limited to:  
supplies, postage, files, paper, salaries and fringe.

**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.**

The Auditor selection is governed by the Finance Board Ordinance.

Section 8.01 Annual Audit Standards. The Band shall maintain such books and records with respect to its operations and assets as are customarily applicable legal requirement. The Band shall cause annual audits of the Band Government in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles, Auditing Standards, and as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

**Section 8.02 Auditor Requirements.** The Tribal Council shall select an independent public accounting firm that meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) The firm must be a member in good standing of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Governmental Audit Quality Center,
- (b) The firm must be licensed and in good standing with the Board of Accountancy of the state of the firm's domicile,
- (c) All CPA's in the firm must be in good standing of the AICPA and the applicable Board of Accountancy,
- (d) No partner, principal, or other owner of the firm shall be the subject of any unresolved disciplinary actions such as suspensions, mandated external review, or similar actions by the AICPA or any Board of Accountancy of any state in the United States or its territories,
- (e) The firm must be experienced in the accounting and auditing for Indian Governments and their Hospitality Enterprises; such expertise shall be demonstrated by the firm serving as external audit firm for at least 7 other tribal government/enterprises that they are considered by the Band,
- (f) The firm must be recognized by the Band's lenders as a quality firm with a good reputation, to facilitate the Band's financing goals,
- (g) The firm must be recognized as a major regional or national firm, with at least 10 Partners, and 800 or more professional staff,
- (h) The Partner or equivalent that is to be in charge of providing services to the Band must have at least 10 years recent experience in serving other similarly sized Indian Governments. Additionally, the majority of the professional staff assigned to the Band will also have current, recent experience in serving other similarly sized Indian Governments, and
- (i) The firm shall carry professional liability insurance commensurate with the size of the Band.

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 or deficiency identified in 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				

**10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies**

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

- Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133
- Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit (other than A-133)
- Local agencies/district offices' A-133 or other independent audits are reviewed by Grant recipient as part of compliance process.
- Grant recipient conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices
- Local agencies and district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133

Compliance Monitoring



10.5. Describe your monitoring process for compliance at each level below. Check all that apply.

Grant recipients have a policy in place for appropriate separation of duties and internal controls.

Internal program review

Departmental oversight

Secondary review of invoices and payments

Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:

Local Administering Agencies/District Offices:

On - site evaluation

Annual program review

Monitoring through central database

Desk reviews

Client File Testing/Sampling

Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:

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?

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

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

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**Section 11: Timely and 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:

Webform-no comments received for 2024

**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		

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

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

For the 2024 public comment session, we received no comments.

Comments we have heard through out the years:

- Guidelines are too low
- Payment amount is not enough
- Should be outside the service area
- Program should start sooner in the fall
- Split payment is a great idea

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

Nothing to note this current cycle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

N/A

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

Denied applicants have the right to a meeting with the Band's Social Services Director for an expedited resolution. The meeting would include a review of the information that was submitted to make the initial determination.

We ask that appeals are submitted in writing and the denial letter is attached.

Part II

This actually has never been an issue. Our application has a 10 days disclaimer on it. Within that time period if all documentation has been submitted-staff have 10 days to act on that application.

That has never been an issue because applications are completed within just a few hours when submitted.

As stated on the application--

6. I understand that a decision will be made concerning my application within 10 working days of receiving all required documentation.

7. I understand that I have the right to appeal any decision made on this application at any time. appeal process-Administrative Appeal--

• Any applicant or recipient denied benefits or who feels their application was not acted on appropriately, has the right to appeal and request a hearing to review such matters.

1. The applicant or recipient must file a written request for an appeal/hearing with the Department of Social Services.

2. The applicant or recipient must include in the written statement why they believe in action towards their case was in error and copies of supporting documents that support the explanation.

3. The review will be completed by the Director of Social Services. The Director's decision will be final.

4. A decision on the appeal/hearing will be provided within 30 days of the filing of the appeal/request for hearing.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

At the time of application. This is also a standard practice with all programs within the tribe.

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

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

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

The department will provide educational materials to participants both during the LIHEAP season and before. Materials will be provided from all the local vendors that addresses items such as, window plastic use, turning off lights, limiting the amount of water usage, etc.

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

We utilize a spreadsheet that has the amount (%) identified. We do this for the carryover, admin, crisis, etc.

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

So our main focus is to try and help households recognize and understand how they can reduce high energy cost. Since 2020 we have done less in person activities. This is still true in 2024.

We seen more engagement with these items when you actually have the person in front of you.

Success would simply be measured by housholds

- taking what is offered
- applying it to their specific situation
- seeing the benefits
- reporting the benefits
- ultimately reduction in applications

**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? 34**

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

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**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP)  
MODEL PLAN  
Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program**

**Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)**

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

Yes  No

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

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

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

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### 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:

Staff will continue to use the webinars being offered through the program. Staff will also continue to use items found within the LIHEAP Clearinghouse.

**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:

Cross-check training between Band and State agency

**c. Vendors**

Formal training conference

How often?

Annually

Biannually

<input type="checkbox"/>	As needed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, describe:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policies communicated through vendor agreements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policies are outlined in a vendor manual
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other, describe:  Communications with staff from Band program and vendor.

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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**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP)  
MODEL PLAN  
Section 16 - Performance Goals and Measures**

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

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

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

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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:

Each application has information about fraud. Each departments address, email and phone numbers are posted in the Tribal newsletter and website. The Band employees have an open door policy where Tribal Citizens are free to share. The Band holds monthly meetings or an Annual meeting for public comments.

The Band has an agreements with all counties within the Tribal service area for cross-checking applications. This information can be presented to Tribal Police for investigation or to the Fraud Department within the State system.

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:

Newsletter

**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 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
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

	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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:  
  
Crisis situations-items would be on file.  
  
Foster care children SS card is not required-requested (this could also include children involved in other placement situations-guardianships, etc)

	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	Note: someone in the identified household must be a Tribal Citizen of the Pokagon Band and a Tribal ID or proof of enrollment must be on file.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:  
  
Self-employed documentation-ledgers, tax returns, spreadsheets  
  
Employer letters  
  
Court orders  
  
Award letter-subsidies  
  
child support statement
- 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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
Computer matches with private employers and within the tribal structureschild supportbank statements
<b>b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.</b>
<b>17.5 Identification Verification</b>
Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply
<input type="checkbox"/> Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Match SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Match SSNs with state eligibility/case management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)
<input type="checkbox"/> Match with state Department of Labor system
<input type="checkbox"/> Match with state and/or federal corrections system
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Match with state child support system
<input type="checkbox"/> Verification using private software (e.g., The Work Number)
<input type="checkbox"/> In-person certification by staff (for tribal Grant recipients only)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
LIHEAP files are also colored coordinated to further ensure program integrity.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:
Vendors are researched to verify authenticity.
<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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant recipient attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process
Cases can also be referred to Tribal Police and to the Band's prosecutor.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? 1 full fiscal year
<input type="checkbox"/>	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:

Tribal employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated

**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.

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.* )**

58620 Sink Road, Cass County <b>* Address Line 1</b>		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Dowagiac <b>* City</b>	MI <b>* State</b>	49047 <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]

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Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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## Assurances

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

**(A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5);**

**(B) intervene in energy crisis situations;**

**(C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective energy-related home repair;and**

**(D)plan, develop, and administer the State's program under this title including leveraging programs, and the State agrees not to use such funds for any purposes other than those specified in this title;**

**(2) make payments under this title only with respect to--**

**(A) households in which one or more individuals are receiving--**

**(i)assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;**

**(ii) supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act;**

**(iii) food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or**

**(iv) payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978; or**

**(B) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of -**

**(i) an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or**

**(ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of the State median income;**

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

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

**(4) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs administered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income**

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

(5) provide, in a timely manner, that the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that the State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the households described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;

(6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the designation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any other provision of law on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that -

(A) the State shall, before giving such special consideration, determine that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by the State; and

(B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;

(7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedures to --

(A) notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf;

(B) assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment made by the State under this title;

(C) assure that the home energy supplier will provide assurances that any agreement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements; and

(D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local Grant recipients and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligible for benefits under this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the risks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals receiving financial assistance for home energy costs;



**(8) provide assurances that,**

**(A) the State will not exclude households described in clause (2)(B) of this subsection from receiving home energy assistance benefits under clause (2), and**

**(B) the State will treat owners and renters equitably under the program assisted under this title;**

**(9) provide that--**

**(A) the State may use for planning and administering the use of funds under this title an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the funds payable to such State under this title for a fiscal year; and**

**(B) the State will pay from non-Federal sources the remaining costs of planning and administering the program assisted under this title and will not use Federal funds for such remaining cost (except for the costs of the activities described in paragraph (16));**

**(10) provide that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be established as may be necessary to assure the proper 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.**



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## Plan Attachments

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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>
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