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

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: California

Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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# **Mandatory Grant Application SF-424**

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* d. Address:									
* Street 1:	2389 GA	EWAY OA	AKS DR., STE.	100	Stre	et 2:			
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f. Name and co	ontact information	of person t	o be contacted	on matters in	volving t	this application	n:		
Prefix:	* First Name:			Middle Name					
Suffix:	Kathy Title:			Organization	Andry				
	LIHEAP Director			N/A					
* Telephone Number: 916-576-71 54	Fax Number 916-263-1406			* Email: kathy.andry@	Email: kathy.andry@csd.ca.gov				
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10. CFDA Num	bers and Titles		93.568			Low-Income	Home Energy A	Assistance Program	
	e Title of Applican		income househo	olds to manage	and meet	their immedia	te home heating	g and/or cooling needs.	
12. Areas Affe State of Calif	ected by Funding: ornia								
13. CONGRES	SSIONAL DISTRI	CTS OF:							
* a. Applicant 5					b. Program/Project: CA				
Attach an add	litional list of Prog	am/Projec	t Congressiona	al Districts if n	eeded.				
14. FUNDING	14. FUNDING PERIOD:					15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:			

<b>a. Start Date:</b> 10/01/2021	<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2022		* a. Federal (\$): \$0	<b>b. Match (\$):</b> \$0			
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT T	TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EX	XECUTIVE	ORDER 12372 PROCESS?				
a. This submission was made av	ailable to the State under the Executi	ve Order 123	372				
Process for Review on :							
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12	372 but has not been selected by State	e for review.					
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.							
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?  C YES  NO							
Explanation:							
complete and accurate to the best o	rtify (1) to the statements contained in f my knowledge. I also provide the re my false, fictitious, or fraudulent state tion 1001)	quired assur	ances** and agree to comply with an	y resulting terms if I			
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## **Section 1 - Program Components**

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

Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Washington, DC 20201

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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 in years in which the grantee is not permitted to file an abbreviated plan. 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)

(No	Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program.  e: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in plan.)	Dates of Operation		
		Start Date	End Date	
>	Heating assistance	10/01/2021	09/30/2022	
<b>&gt;</b>	Cooling assistance	10/01/2021	09/30/2022	
>	Crisis assistance	10/01/2021	09/30/2022	
~	Weatherization assistance	10/01/2021	09/30/2022	

### Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

The 2022 Contract Term runs from November 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2023. The program's dates of operation are October 1st, 2021 to September 30th, 2022. These dates were chosen because the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services required CSD to align the dates of operation with the federal fiscal year for reporting purposes. However, 2022 funds will be available through June 30, 2023. Local Service Providers are expected to expend funds by December 2022.

 $Estimated\ Funding\ Allocation,\ 2604(C),\ 2605(k)(1),\ 2605(b)(9),\ 2605(b)(16)\ -\ Assurances\ 9\ and\ 1605(b)(16)\ -\ Assurances\ 9\$ 

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 ( % )
Heating assistance	20.00%
Cooling assistance	6.00%
Crisis assistance	34.00%
Weatherization assistance	15.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	10.00%
Administrative and planning costs	10.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	5.00%
Used to develop and implement leveraging activities	0.00%
TOTAL	100.00%

Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C)

	1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:    We   Heating assistance   Cooling as										
<b>V</b>			> [	_	Other (specify:) CSD provides crisis assistance throughout the program year.						
~	weatheriza	therization assistance Other (specify:) CSD provides crisis assistance throughout the program year.									
Categ	gorical Eligibili	ty, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assu	rance 2, 2	2605(	c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(	(8A)	- Assurance 8				
1.4 D mn b	o you consider elow?  Yes	households categoricall No	y eligible	if on	e household mem	ber 1	receives one of the	follo	owing categories o	of be	nefits in the left colu
If you	answered "Ye	es" to question 1.4, you	must com	plete	the table below a	and a	nswer questions 1	.5 ar	nd 1.6.		
					Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
TANF				<u> </u>	Yes O No	<u> </u>	Yes O No		Yes O No	<u> </u>	Yes ONo
SSI					Yes O No	<u> </u>	C Yes C No		O Yes O No		Yes ONo
SNAP					Yes O No	┡	Yes O No		Yes O No	<u> </u>	Yes ONo
Means	-tested Veterans	Programs		О	Yes O No	О	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	0	Yes ONo
		Program Na	me		Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
_	(Specify) 1				C Yes C No		O Yes O No		C Yes C No		C Yes C No
<b>—</b>		cally enroll households	without a	dire	ct annual applica	tion	Yes O No				
If Yes	s, explain:										
		re there is no difference igibility and benefit am		eatm	ent of categorica	lly el	igible households	from	those not receivi	ng of	ther public assistance
CNIAI	P Nominal Payr	monto									
_		LIHEAP funds toward	a nomine	al nas	vment for SNAP l	house	aholds? O Ves	No			
		es" to question 1.7a, you									
		ninal Assistance: \$0.00			1						
1.7c I	requency of A	ssistance									
		Once Per Year									
		Once every five years									
		Other - Describe:									
1.7d ]	How do you cor	firm that the household	l receivin	g a n	ominal payment	has a	n energy cost or r	eed?	?		
Deter	mination of Eli	gibility - Countable Inc	ome								
1.8. I	n determining a Gross Income	n household's income eli	gibility fo	or LI	HEAP, do you us	e gro	oss income or net i	ncon	ne ?		
	Net Income										
		olicable forms of counta	ble incon	ne us	ed to determine a	hou	sehold's income el	igibi	lity for LIHEAP		
<b>&gt;</b>	Wages										
<	Self - Employment Income										
	Contract Income										
	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts										
<b>&gt;</b>	<ul> <li>✓ Unemployment insurance</li> </ul>										
<b>&gt;</b>	Strike Pay										
<b>&gt;</b>	Social Security Administration (SSA ) benefits										

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

	Other
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If a	ny 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 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE**

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Section 2 - Heating Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(	Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2						
2.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshold used for the	heating co	omponent:				
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold			
1 All Household Sizes			State Median Income	60.00%			
2.2 Do you have EATING ASSIT	additional eligibility requirements for H ANCE?	CYes	€ No				
2.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.				
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No				
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:						
Renters?		O Yes	<b>⊙</b> No				
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing?	O Yes	<b>⊙</b> No				
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	⊙ <sub>No</sub>				
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:	,					
Elderly?		Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Disabled?		• Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Young chil	dren?	Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Household	s with high energy burdens ?	⊙ Yes C No					
Other?		C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No				
emergenci A	es.	to house	viders assign points and priority may be given to eholds that include persons 60 years.				
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)  2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance tovulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.  Based on an assessment of each client, Local Service Providers assign points and priority may be given to households with life-threatening emergencies.  Additional points are provided to households that include persons 60 years or older, persons five years or younger, and disabled persons.							
2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):							
<b>✓</b> Income	✓ Income						
Family (household) size							
<b>✓</b> Home energy cost or need:							
Fuel type							
	nate/region						
	vidual bill						
	Dwelling type						

Energy burden (% of income	spent on home energy)						
Energy need							
✓ Other - Describe:							
CSD conducts an "Individual Utility Company Rate Survey" each year. In the survey, utility companies report their residential rates, by c ounty, for gas and electricity. CSD uses this information to establish average utility costs for each county. These costs are factored into the heating and cooling benefit formula to determine LIHEAP benefit levels.  CSD supports the recommendation of the WPO Workgroup to delay full implementation of the WPO policy until the next program year cycle or October 1, 2023, with the option for agencies to implement the WPO payment tables in 2022 at their discretion. CSD will modify the 2022 LIHEAP State Plan accordingly. Approval to delay full implementation of the WPO policy is contingent on the U.S. Department of Health and H uman Services (HHS) approval of the state plan.							
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2	2605(c)(1)(B)						
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the	e fiscal year for which this pla	n applies					
Minimum Benefit	\$247	Maximum Benefit	\$726				
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits? O Yes No							
If yes, describe.							
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.							

# **Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE**

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Section 3 - Cooling Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(	c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2						
3.1 Designate Th	e income eligibility threshold used for the	e Cooling o	component:				
Add	Household size	Eligibility Threshold					
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income	60.00%			
3.2 Do you have a OOLING ASSIT	additional eligibility requirements for C ANCE?	C Yes	€ No				
3.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.				
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	C Yes	⊙ No				
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:						
Renters?		C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No				
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing ?	O Yes	⊙ <sub>No</sub>				
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	⊙ <sub>No</sub>				
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:						
Elderly?		• Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Disabled?		<b>⊙</b> Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Young chil	dren?	Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Households	s with high energy burdens ?	<b>⊙</b> Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Other?		O Yes	Yes O No				
Explanations of p	policies for each "yes" checked above:	,					
emergenci A	es.	to house	viders assign points and priority may be given to eholds that include persons 60 years.	, and the second			
3.4 Describe how	you prioritize the provision of cooling as	sistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amounts	, early application periods, etc.			
Based on an assessment of each client, Local Service Providers assign points and priority may be given to households with life-threatening emergencies.							
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
3.5 Check the var	riables you use to determine your benefit	levels. (Cl	heck all that apply):				
<b>✓</b> Income							
Family (hou	usehold) size						
<b>✓</b> Home energy cost or need:							
Fuel type							
Climate/region							
	vidual bill						
	elling type						
	rgy burden (% of income spent on home	energy)					

Energy need							
Other - Describe:							
CSD conducts an "Individual Utility Company Rate Survey" each year. In the survey, utility companies report their residential rates, by c ounty, for gas and electricity. CSD uses this information to establish average utility costs for each county. These costs are factored into the heating and cooling benefit formula to determine LIHEAP benefit levels.							
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2	605(c)(1)(B)						
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for th	e fiscal year for which this pla	n applies					
Minimum Benefit	\$247	Maximum Benefit	\$726				
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? C Yes No							
If yes, describe.							
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.							

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

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

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

# Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE Eligibility - 2604(c), 2605(c)(1)(A) 4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold State Median Income 60.00% All Household Sizes 4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis. CSD uses the federal definition of a crisis (Low Income Energy Assistance Act § 2603 (3)): "weather-related and supply shortage emerge ncies and other household energy related emergencies." Crisis funds may only be used in accordance with the federal definition, including: 1. A natural disaster (whether or not officially declared), 2. A significant home energy supply shortage or disruption, 3. An official declaration of a significant increase in: 4. Home energy costs, 5. Home energy disconnections. 6. Enrollment in public benefit programs, or 7. Unemployment and layoffs, or 8. An official emergency declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, In those situations where there is not an official federal, state, or local declaration of emergency, an emergency may be deemed to exist by CSD where there is imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essentia 1 public services. 4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis? Life-Threatening: Applicant is without heating, cooling or utility service during extreme weather conditions, as determined by the local ad ministrative agency. This may include energy-related situations that pose a threat to the health and safety of one or more members of the househol 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 situation s? 18Hours Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A) 4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSIST ANCE? 4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each Do you require an Assets test? C Yes O No Do you give priority in eligibility to: Elderly? Yes ○ No Disabled? Young Children? • Yes O No Households with high energy burdens? Other? See explanation below In Order to receive crisis assistance: Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?

Yes 💽 No

Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?

Must the house	hold have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	C Yes ⊙ No				
Must renters w ed an eviction notice	ith heating costs included in their rent have receiv?	○ Yes				
Must heating/co	ooling be medically necessary?	C Yes ⊙ No				
Must the house ent?	hold have non-working heating or cooling equipm	C Yes <b>⊙</b> No				
nsufficient funds to est y a delinquent utility b l or propane, Insufficie ligible heating or cooli e, and/or Applicant has	of utility shutoff notice, Proof of energy termination, I tablish a new energy account, Insufficient funds to pa bill, Insufficient funds to pay for essential firewood, oi ent funds to pay the cost of repairing or replacing an eing appliance or for a new heating or cooling appliancs a medical condition that requires temperature or cli eating/cooling appliance is considered hazardous, no le	€ Yes C No				
Do you have addition	nal / differing eligibility policies for:					
Renters?		C Yes ⊙ No				
Renters living i	in subsidized housing?	C Yes ⊙ No				
Renters with ut	tilities included in the rent?	C Yes ⊙ No				
Explanations of polic	ies for each "yes" checked above:					
t of each applic with life-threat	cant, Local Service Providers prioritize by assigning potenting emergencies.	overty Level, Energy Burden, Vulnerable Population. Based on an assessmen pints for each of these categories though priority may be given to households				
Determination of Ber						
4.8 How do you hand	Separate component					
<u> </u>						
>	Fast Track					
	The Crisis Program is limited to five activities:  1. Fast Track (electric and gas) utility payments 2. Energy Crisis Intervention Program Wood, propane and oil (ECIP WPO) payments 3. Heating and cooling services (HCS) 4. Severe Weather Energy Assistance and Transportation Services (SWEATS) 5. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Program  Fast Track benefits are determined by the Local Service Providers, but payments to the utility companies are proce ssed centrally by CSD, where ECIP WPO assistance, HCS and SWEATS benefits are provided locally. Local Service Providers have the ability to increase the Fast Track base amount by adding a supplemental benefit. The total benefit amount cannot exceed the total amount of the entire utility bills (to include energy charges, reconnection fees, and other assessed utility fees/surcharges to alleviate the crisis situation) or \$3,000, whichever is less. The \$3,000 maximum Fast Track benef it is a temporary measure in response to COVID-19 financial impacts to low-income households.  ECIP WPO benefits are determined at the local level based on clients inability to pay for essential firewood, oil or propane. The amount of the benefit is based on the cost to resolve the crisis.  HCS services provide payment for energy-related repairs or replacement of non-functioning heating, cooling appli ances and water-heating appliances. The benefit amount is based on the cost of the repair or replacement, up to the maximum amount as determined annually.  SWEATS services provide payment to address energy-related emergency needs of low-income households affected by a natural disaster and PSPS. Typical services include additional utility assistance, temporary housing services, transpor tation services, temporary heating/cooling devices, and battery backup devices. The amount of the benefit may vary depending on the benefit offered.  PSPS Emergency Preparedness Program services low-income households medically vulnerable to the effects of energy-related emergencies and residing in designated Hig					
4.9 If you have a sepa	 arate component, how do you determine crisis assist	tance benefits?				
<b>&gt;</b>	Amount to resolve the crisis.					
<b>V</b>	Other - Describe:					
	Other - Describe:  Fast Track benefits are determined by the Local Service Providers, but payments to the utility companies are proce ssed centrally by CSD, where ECIP WPO assistance, HCS and SWEATS benefits are provided locally. Local Service Pro viders have the ability to increase the Fast Track base amount by adding a supplemental benefit. The total benefit amount cannot exceed the total amount of the entire utility bills (to include energy charges, reconnection fees, and other assessed utility fees/surcharges to alleviate the crisis situation) or \$3,000, whichever is less. The \$3,000 maximum Fast Track benef it is a temporary measure in response to COVID-19 financial impacts to low-income households.					

Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)				
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis a	ssistance at	sites that are	e geographically acce	essible to all households in the area to be served?
€ Yes C No Explain.				
Large service territories typically have	e satellite offi	ces or other i	non-profit agencies w	hich accept applications.
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically	y disabled th	e means to:		
Submit applications for crisis benefits without le	eaving their	homes?		
<b>⊙</b> Yes <b>○</b> No <b>If No, explain.</b>				
Travel to the sites at which applications for cris	is assistance	are accepted	d?	
• Yes O No If No, explain.				
If you answered "No" to both options in question bled?	4.11, please	explain alter	rnative means of inta	ke to those who are homebound or physically disa
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)				
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of	of crisis assis	tance offere	d.	
Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit				
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit				
Year-round Crisis \$3,000.00 maximum ben	nefit			
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space h	neaters, fans)	and/or othe	er forms of benefits?	
• Yes O No If yes, Describe				
Space heaters are allowable under the backup devices, and generators are allowable  4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or repla	under the Sev	vere Weather	r Energy Assistance an	CS). Evaporative coolers, heaters, fans, battery power nd Transportation Program (SWEATS).
	icement usin	g crisis fullo	15:	
€ Yes ○ No				
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must	complete qu	estion 4.15.		
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.				
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate ty	pe(s) of assis	tance provi	ded.	
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate ty	pe(s) of assis Winter C risis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis	
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate ty  Heating system repair	Winter C	Summer	1	
	Winter C	Summer	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair	Winter C	Summer	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement	Winter C	Summer	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement  Cooling system repair	Winter C	Summer	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement  Cooling system repair  Cooling system replacement	Winter C	Summer	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement  Cooling system repair  Cooling system replacement  Wood stove purchase	Winter C	Summer	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement  Cooling system repair  Cooling system replacement  Wood stove purchase  Pellet stove purchase	Winter C	Summer	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement  Cooling system repair  Cooling system replacement  Wood stove purchase  Pellet stove purchase  Solar panel(s)	Winter C	Summer	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement  Cooling system repair  Cooling system replacement  Wood stove purchase  Pellet stove purchase  Solar panel(s)  Utility poles / gas line hook-ups  Other (Specify):	Winter C risis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement  Cooling system repair  Cooling system replacement  Wood stove purchase  Pellet stove purchase  Solar panel(s)  Utility poles / gas line hook-ups  Other (Specify): Water Heater	Winter C risis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair  Heating system replacement  Cooling system repair  Cooling system replacement  Wood stove purchase  Pellet stove purchase  Solar panel(s)  Utility poles / gas line hook-ups  Other (Specify): Water Heater  4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with e	Winter C risis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis  V  V  V  Shut offs?	
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Heating system repair  Cooling system replacement  Cooling system replacement  Wood stove purchase  Pellet stove purchase  Solar panel(s)  Utility poles / gas line hook-ups  Other (Specify): Water Heater  4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with e	Winter C risis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis  V  V  V  Shut offs?	clients during or after the moratorium period.

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# **Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**

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Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE					
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assu	rance 2				
5.1 Designate the income eligibility thresho	old used for the Weath	nerization component			
Add Househ	old Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold		
1 All Household Sizes		State Median Income	60.00%		
<b>5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agree</b> No	ment to have another	government agency administer a WEATH	HERIZATION component? O Yes •		
5.3 If yes, name the agency.					
5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol	for weatherization?	Yes O No			
WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules		0.(0)			
5.5 Under what rules do you administer LI	HEAP weatherization	1? (Check only one.)			
Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE)	rules				
Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHI	EAP) rules				
Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the	e following DOE WAP	Prule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules d	liffer (Check all that apply):		
Income Threshold					
Weatherization of entire multi- le units or will become eligible within 180 of	•	ure is permitted if at least 66% of units (5	60% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligib		
Weatherize shelters temporari	ly housing primarily lo	ow income persons (excluding nursing hor	mes, prisons, and similar institutional c		
Other - Describe:					
Mostly under DOF WAP rules with	the following LIHEA	P rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules	differ (Check all that annly )		
Income Threshold	v	Tule(b) male ziizzii unu mili tule	umer (eneen un enue app.y.)		
	DOE WAR	atatamida ayangga agat man dayalling ayit			
		statewide average cost per dwelling unit.	.1-		
	iot subject to DOE Sav	vings to Investment Ration (SIR ) standar	'ds.		
Other - Describe:					
Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5					
5.6 Do you require an assets test?					
5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibi	5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for :				
Renters	Renters C Yes O No				
Renters living in subsidized housin g?	C Yes O No				
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:					
Elderly?	⊙ Yes O No				
Disabled?	⊙ Yes C No				
Young Children?	⊙ Yes O No				
House holds with high energy burde ns?	⊙ Yes O No				
Other? See explanation below	⊙ Yes O 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.			
CSD will implement the Priority Plan for 2022 that prioritizes applicants based on income, energy burden, and vulnerable population (elde rly, disabled, and families with young children).			
Benefit Levels			
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditur	e per household? • Yes O No		
<b>5.10</b> If yes, what is the maximum? \$7,669			
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)			
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check a	ll categories that apply.)		
Weatherization needs assessments/audits	Energy related roof repair		
Caulking and insulation	Major appliance Repairs		
Storm windows	Major appliance replacement		
Furnace/heating system modifications/ repairs	Windows/sliding glass doors		
Furnace replacement Doors			
✓ Cooling system modifications/ repairs ✓ Water Heater			
Water conservation measures	Cooling system replacement		
Compact florescent light bulbs	Other - Describe: Please see attachment		

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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 a vailable:

- **V** 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.
- Other (specify):
  - Partnerships with utility companies
  - · Outreach to legislative offices, community organizations, County Health Departments, and attendance at community events
  - Referrals to CSD's programs from child care centers
  - Pamphlets
  - · Toll-free phone line
  - CSD's website
  - · Contractors' websites
  - · Special events
  - Canvass neighborhoods and go door to door
  - · Distribute flyers at schools

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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, SS I, WAP, etc.).			
	Joint application for multiple programs		
>	Intake referrals to/from other programs		
>	One - stop intake centers		
<b>&gt;</b>	Other - Describe:		

CSD and Local Service Providers coordinate activities with similar and related programs administered by the federal, state, and the public and private sector, particularly low-income energy conservation programs. CSD is working with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPU C) and the state's investor owned utility companies to develop strategies to leverage and coordinate our mutual resources to benefit low-income h

Local Service Providers refer potentially eligible applicants, including heating and cooling and crisis applicants, to the weatherization prog ram, California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Reduced Rate Programs (RRP), and other energy or conservation programs. This referral is a ccomplished through interagency agreements, communications with pertinent agencies, one-stop centers, utility companies, and public/private par tnerships. Local Service Providers provide assistance in coordinating the payment of clients' utility bills with the appropriate energy vendor or util ity company.

CSD administers a state funded Low-Income Weatherization (LIWP) program that offers weatherization and renewable energy services to low-income households. CSD is working on policies to prevent duplication.

Beginning August 2021 CSD is implementing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). CSD will implement the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), and funds will be used as part of an overall emergency effort to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the co ronavirus, with a public health focus to ensure that low-income households have access to safe and clean drinking water and wastewater services. Funds will be used to reduce arrearages and rates charged to households. CSD also administers the new California Arrearage Payment Program (C APP), which offers financial assistance to help reduce past due energy bill balances accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Secti	Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and t he Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)				
8.1 Hov	would you categorize the primary respons	ibility of your State age	ncy?		
<b>&gt;</b>	Administration Agency				
	Commerce Agency				
	Community Services Agency				
	Energy / Environment Agency				
	Housing Agency				
	Welfare Agency				
	Other - Describe:				
	te Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurelected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, y		tions & 2 & 2 and & 4 as	applicable	
	v do you provide alternate outreach and int			аррисавие.	
0.2 110	to you provide ancinate outreach and ma	and for HEZITING AGS.	istrice.		
	N/A				
8.3 Hov	v do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for COOLING ASS	ISTANCE?		
	N/A				
8.4 Hov	v do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for CRISIS ASSIST	ANCE?		
	N/A				
8.5 LIH	EAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a W	no determines client eligibility?	Community Action Ag encies	Community Action Ag encies	Community Action Ag encies	Community Action Ag encies
	State Administration A gency  State Administration A gency  State Administration A gency				
vendor	.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel endors?  Community Action Ag encies  Community Action Ag encies  Community Action Ag encies				
measur	8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?  Community Action Agencies				
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?					

	LIHEAP Local Service Providers were designated pursuant to California Government Code section 16367.5. The Local Service Provider n etwork is comprised of 41 Local Service Providers (LSPs), which include private, non-profit and local government service providers. These LSPs have strong ties to their local communities and have many years of experience providing public assistance programs to the low-income customers in their respective service territory.
8.7 Ho	ow many local administering agencies do you use? 41
8.8 Hav	
8.9 If s	so, why?
	Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP -
	Agency is under criminal investigation
	Added agency
	Agency closed
	Other - describe
	ny of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

## 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	<b>⊙</b> Yes <b>○</b> No		
Cooling	€ Yes C No		
Crisis	<b>⊙</b> Yes ○ No		
Are there exceptions	? ⊙Yes ○No		

### If yes, Describe.

In most cases, direct payments are issued to energy vendors. Occasionally, dual-party warrants are issued and are made payable to the clie nt and the energy vendor. On those few occasions when utilities are included in the rent or sub-metered, warrants are issued directly to the client.

For those heating and cooling and crisis clients whose energy source is WPO, Local Service Providers make payment directly to energy ve ndors.

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

- 1. When a payment is made directly to an energy vendor, the Local Service Provider sends the client a letter, advising them of the LIHEAP payment amount and approximate date the benefit will be credited to the account.
- 2. When a crisis or heating and cooling payment is made to an applicant with utilities included in rent, submetered utilities or with non-part icipating utility companies, the Local Service Provider provides the client letter indicating the amount of the benefit and the utility company to be paid, if applicable.
- 3. When a crisis or heating and cooling payment is made directly to an energy vendor, the vendor shows the amount of credit on the custo mer's bill, indicating that the payment was made by LIHEAP. The Local Service Provider provides the client with a letter indicating the amount of the benefit and the utility company to be paid.

# 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?

When a crisis or heating and cooling payment is made directly to an energy vendor, the vendor shows the amount of the credit on the custo mer's bill, indicating that the payment was made by LIHEAP. The Local Service Provider provides the client with a letter indicating the amount of the benefit and the utility comapny to be paid.

CSD evaluates the notification process of LIHEAP payments during program evaluation.

A different process is in place for Crisis payments, depending on whether the home energy supplier is a regulated utility or non-regulated utility.

Regulated Utilities are audited by the California Public Utilites Comission (CPUC) to ensure that proper billing procedures are in place an d the amount of the payments or credits are accurate. No modification of energy rates can occur without a public regulatory process, which is adm inistered by the CPUC.

For Non-Regulated energy vendors:

- 1. Local Service Providers use a "Confirmation of Payment" form whereby the non-regulated energy vendors records the date and amount credited for each account.
- 2. Local Service Providers are required to have each home energy supplier sign an assurance agreeing to the requirements of this section. L ocal Service Providers keep this information on file and clients are advised of their right to fair and equal treatment at the time of service. CSD sta ff ensures compliance with this provision during program evaluation.
- 3. Local Service Providers verify, before suppliers for all types of delivered fuels, that the charges for the services and goods provided are reasonable and within fair-market value. The amount of these charges are reviewed during program evaluation.

# 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?

Local Service Providers require each home energy supplier to sign an agreement to adhere to the requirements of this assurance. Local Service Providers keep this information on file and clients are advised of their right to fair and equal treatment at the time of service. CSD staff ensures compliance with this provision during program evaluation.

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

O Yes 🕟 No

If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.

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Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)				
10.1. How do	you ensure good fiscal	l accounting and tracking of LIHEAF	P funds?	
	nt system maintains fina		cordance with the California Uniform Accorted by source documentation for all foelow for additional information.	
Audit Process	S			
10.2. Is your 1		lited annually under the Single Audit	t Act and OMB Circular A - 133?	
			or reportable condition cited in the Aws of the LIHEAP agency from the m	
No Findings	<b>~</b>			
Finding	Туре	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1				
10.4. Audits (	f Local Administering	Agencies		
What types o Select all that	f annual audit require apply.	ments do you have in place for local a	administering agencies/district offices	?
✓ Loc	al agencies/district offi	ices are required to have an annual a	udit in compliance with Single Audit	Act and OMB Circular A-133
Loc	al agencies/district offi	ices are required to have an annual a	audit (other than A-133)	
✓ Loc	al agencies/district offi	ices' A-133 or other independent aud	lits are reviewed by Grantee as part o	f compliance process.
✓ Gra	ntee conducts fiscal an	nd program monitoring of local agend	cies/district offices	
Compliance I	Monitoring			
10.5. Describe	10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and procedures: Select all that apply			
Grantee emp	loyees:			
✓ Inte	rnal program review			
✓ Dep	Departmental oversight			
Secondary review of invoices and payments				
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:				
Local Admin	Local Administering Agencies / District Offices:			
<b>✓</b> On	- site evaluation			
Anı	ual program review			
✓ Mor	nitoring through centra	al database		
<b>✓</b> Des	✓ Desk reviews			

Client File Testing / Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
CSD Field Operations Unit will conduct a combination of in-house and on-site compliance monitoring. In general, CSD's monitoring sche dule runs from March 1 to October 31.
Please refer to the CSD's Monitoring Scope for details on the monitoring protocols that will be implemented in the Federal Fiscal Year 202 2.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:  All LIHEAP agencies have on-site monitoring reviews at least every three years. After conducting an annual risk assessment, the agencies are selected for onsite visits based on the areas of concern identified during the annual risk review, or through whistle blower complaints. Agencies are monitored first with a subsesquent follow up monitoring focusing on the issues identified to ensure full resolution.
Desk Reviews:  CSD will conduct an in-house compliance monitoring of all agencies that do not receive an on-site monitoring visit.
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored?  At least every three years.
10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? OPTIONAL
10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? OPTIONAL
10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues? 0

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

10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues? 0

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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 de Select all that apply.	velopment of your LIHEAP plan?		
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 adverti	ised		
Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)			
Comments are solicited during outreach activi	ities		
Other - Describe:			
11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan  Please see attached comment matrix.	as a result of this participation?		
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commo	onwealth of Puerto Rico Only		
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public he	earing(s) on the proposed use and distri	bution of your LIHEAP funds?	
	Date	Event Description	
1	08/19/2021	Public Hearing conducted online	
11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the	hearing(s)? 1		
11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the heari	ing(s).		
Please see attached comment matrix.			
11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan	as a result of the comments received at	the public hearing(s)?	
Please see attached comment matrix.			
If any of the above questions require f			

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

12.1 How many fair hearings did the grantee 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?

There were no changes.

### 12.4 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are denied.

Pursuant to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 100805, Local Service Providers are required to establish a written appeals process to enable applicants who are denied benefits or services, or who receive untimely response or unsatisfactory performance, the right to appeal the decision or performance to the Contractor. The process must include, at a minimum, all of the requirements of Section 100805 subdivision (b), plus:

- 1. Provisions that ensure that each applicant is notified in writing of the right to appeal a denial of or untimely response to an application, or to appeal unsatisfactory performance, and the process to request such an appeal, at the time that each applicant submits an application. Such notification shall include information about the right to appeal to both the Contractor and to CSD.
- 2. Provisions that ensure that Local Service Providers will make a good faith effort to resolve each appeal.
- 3. Provisions that ensure that Local Service Providers notify the applicant in writing of the Local Service Provider's final decision within 15 working days after the appeal is requested. If the appeal is denied, the written notification must include instructions on how to appeal the decision to CSD. Whenever Local Service Providers notify an applicant of a denial of an appeal, Local Service Providers simultaneously provide a copy of the final decision CSD.
- 4. Provisions to enable Local Service Providers to collect information on denials and appeals in its regular program reporting.

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

Applicants are informed, in writing, regarding the appeal process which is located on the CSD43 Energy Intake Form. Applicants sign and date acknowledgement that they have read and understand their rights to appeal. Additionally, applicants will be able to view their rights to appeal on CSD's public website.

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

During intake, Local Service Providers inform applicants of their right to appeal all claims for assistance that are denied or are no t acted upon with reasonable promptness.

- 1. Local Service Providers review all claims from applicants who are determined ineligible for benefits or who have submitted written not ice that there has been an unreasonable delay in processing their application or receiving their benefits.
- 2. Local Service Providers conduct a fair, and impartial appeals and are required to make a good faith effort to resolve the applicant's complaint(s) at the local level. The Local Service Provider, as a contractor, makes a written finding which sets forth the case of both parties and the decision of the Local Service Provider.
- 3. If the appeal is not resolved at the local level, the Local Service Provider informs the applicant that an appeal to the State agency (CSD) may be requested as part of the Fair Hearing process and shall provide the applicant with the appropriate form.
- 4. If the applicant decides to appeal to CSD, the applicant submits a written appeal request to be received by CSD within 10 days from the date of the contracted Local Service Provider's final decision. Upon request from CSD, Local Service Providers provide all supportive documentation to be received by the State via email or postmarked within 5 working days.
- 5. Within 10 working days of receipt of the requested documentation from the contracted Local Service Provider, the CSD Fair Hearing Officer reviews the appeal and supportive documentation, confers with the appellant and the contracted Local Service Provider if neces sary, and notifies parties of the hearing. Within 30 days from the date of the hearing, the parties are notified of the Fair Hearing Office r's decision in writing.

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

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

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

Local Service Providers address the energy needs of low-income households by conducting a thorough energy needs assessment of each client, providing budget counseling, energy conservation education, and coordination with utility companies. Whenever possible, weatherization se rvices are also provided to offer a preventive, holistic and long-term solution to energy needs.

Local Service Providers maintain a source document that substantiates that the client was provided these services. The document is kept on file by the contractor and is reviewed during routine program evaluation.

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

Up to five percent of the total block grant is allocated specifically for Assurance 16 activities and distributed by formula to the contractor n etwork. CSD provides a budget form for contractors to account for Assurance 16 activities.

Local Service Providers are contractually required to submit monthly expenditure and activity reports to CSD. These reports are monitore d cumulatively to ensure that no more than five percent is spent on Assurance 16 activities. The data is entered into an automated database manage ment system, which calculates and verifies compliance. Status reports are printed regularly for use by CSD staff. Issues needing clarification and areas of concern are more readily identified with the automated system that, in turn, allows for a more timely resolution with contractors.

Local Service Providers are made aware of the five-percent cap, and through the local planning process have the flexibility to submit proposed funding levels up to the five-percent cap, for activities specifically targeted for Assurance 16.

13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.

The impacts of the budget and energy education are that clients are more aware of their energy and household costs, which may result in o verall household savings.

13.4 Describe the level ofdirect benefitsprovided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.

N/A

13.5 How many households applied for these services? N/A. CSD does not track the number of applications submitted for LIHEAP assistance.

13.6 How many households received these services? 166692

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

14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?  $\cite{O}$  Yes  $\cite{O}$  No

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

Local Agencies participating in the Leveraging Incentive Program are required to submit a leveraging report to CSD. Agencies are require d to retain all support documentation for period of three (3) years.

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.  $\S$  96.87(d)(2)(iii), describe the following:

Resource	What is the type of resource or benefit ?	What is the source(s) of the resource ?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?	
1	Discount/waiver	Utility Companies	Local agencies and CSD coordinate the services provided under LIHEAP with exis ting reduced rate programs at Californias larger investor-owned utilities, as well as many smaller municipal utilities. The coordination of these programs enables the a gencies to expand services to families who otherwise would not receive assistance due to lack of information about the programs. This coordination occurs through pr earranged agreements between the local CSD/LIHEAP contractors and the utility companies. The LIHEAP contractors work in direct conjunction with the utility companies by maintaining ongoing communication to screen and refer potential clients and coordinate benefits. In order to maximize the impact and effectiveness of both programs, applicants are screened to determine if the applicant from either source h as already received any benefits. The applicant is provided assistance in completing an application for the reduced rate programs at the time the applicant is being assist ed for HEAP.	
2	Cash	Non-profits	This resource was integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP in two ways: a. Due to funds from both sources (LIHEAP and utility companies/third-party co-payments) being used in the same household, the low-income household benefited by receivin g LIHEAP assistance in addition to assistance from either the utility company prog ram or third-party co-payment once the LIHEAP programs maximum level of assistance was reached. b. To ensure that low-income household have year-around access to energy assistance and that the greatest number of low-income household receive assistance, local agencies have coordinated the services provided under LIHEAP with local private and public energy assistance programs. The coordination of these programs enables the agencies to expand emergency services to families who other wise would not receive assistance through LIHEAP due to insufficient funds. The coordination occurs through prearranged agreements between the local LIHEAP con tractors and the utility assistance providers. The LIHEAP contractors work in direct conjunction with the utility assistance providers by maintaining ongoing communic ation to screen potential clients and coordinate benefits. In order to maximize the i mpact and effectiveness of both programs, applicants are screened to determine if a ny benefits have already been received by the applicant from either source.	
3	Cash	Utility companies	Utility companies provide funds to provider agencies, allowing agencies to install a dditional weatherization measures in qualifying low-income homes.	
4	Cash	Utility companies	This resource was integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP due to funds from both sources (LIHEAP and utility companies) being used in the same household. The lo w-income household, therefore, was further weatherized to prevent the loss of heat ed and/or cooled air from the dwelling. As a result of the coordination of the weath erization contracts, additional LIHEAP-eligible households received weatherization measures, as appropriate an as allowable within LIHEAP contract. The client files are documented and maintained at each respective agency.	
5	Cash	Utility companies	This resource is coordinated with LIHEAP because LIHEAP eligible and other lo w-income households are identified as needing repair or replacement of appliances during the time the dwelling is being assessed for weatherization services. Addition ally, the utility companies utilize a bid process to identify administering agencies. CSD-funded agencies are successful in the bid process in large part due to their experience in providing weatherization services under LIHEAP and because they are k nown entity in the low-income community.	
6	In-Kind Contribution	Landlords	Coordination with landlords to provide additional LIHEAP eligible households wea	

			therization and appliances as appropriate and allowable within the LIHEAP contrac t.			
7	Discount/waiver	Local Suppliers	Direct negotiations with local suppliers of weatherization materials for the LIHEA P Program resulted in lower than market costs for materials purchased in bulk quantities. As a result of the resources generated from the discount received from these bulk purchases, additional LIHEAP eligible homes received weatherization measures as appropriate and allowable within the LIHEAP contract.			
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# **Section 15 - Training**

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Section 15: Training						
15.1 Describe the training you provide for each of the following groups:						
a. Grantee Staff:						
Formal training on grantee policies and procedures						
How often?						
Annually						
Biannually						
As needed						
Other - Describe:						
Employees are provided with policy manual						
Other-Describe:						
b. Local Agencies:						
Formal training conference						
How often?						
Annually						
Biannually						
As needed						
Other - Describe:						
On-site training						
How often?						
Annually						
Biannually						
As needed						
Other - Describe:						
Employees are provided with policy manual						
Other - Describe						
c. Vendors						
Formal training conference						
How often?						
Annually						
Biannually						
As needed						
Other - Describe:						
Policies communicated through vendor agreements						
Policies are outlined in a vendor manual						

Other - Describe:	
15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?	
If any of the above questions require further explanation of the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation.	

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

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## 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 performance measure s. Include timeframes and plans for meeting these requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.

CSD has implemented changes to its intake form to meet the required LIHEAP performance measures reporting.

CSD and its Local Service Providers modified its internal and external reporting system to enable CSD's local service providers to transfer data collected from the intake form into CSD's reporting system.

Over the next federal fiscal year, CSD will continue its partnership with Investor Owned Utilities to continue obtaining utility cost and loc al energy consumption data. CSD will also work with local government utilities and municipal utility companies to obtain data exchange agreeme nt to obtain utility cost and energy consumption data.

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)								
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms	as							
a. Describe all mechanisms availab	a. Describe all mechanisms available to the public for reporting cases of suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that apply.							
Online Fraud Reportin	Online Fraud Reporting							
✓ Dedicated Fraud Repor	Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline							
Report directly to local	Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office							
	Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General							
Forms and procedures	Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse							
Other - Describe:  CSD operates a toll free line that can be used by the public to report suspected fraud. The Bureau of State Audits has established a whistle blower hotline that is available to grantee staff to report information regarding possible fraud. The information is advertised via posters that are lo cated throughout the department's office. Local administering agencies and vendors report fraud through various methods to the department via c orrespondence, telephone communication with grantee staff, and email to grantee staff. Upon notification of potential fraud, the department advis es its legal office and an investigation commences.								
b. Describe strategies in place for a	advertising the above-referenced r	resources. Select all that apply						
Printed outreach mater	erials							
Addressed on LIHEAP	P application							
<b>✓</b> Website								
Other - Describe:  CSD operates a toll free line that can be used by the public to report suspected fraud. The Bureau of State Audits has established a whistle blower hotline that is available to grantee staff to report information regarding possible fraud. The information is advertised via posters that are lo cated throughout the department's office. Local administering agencies and vendors report fraud through various methods to the department via c orrespondence, telephone communication with grantee staff, and email to grantee staff. Upon notification of potential fraud, the department advis es its legal office and an investigation commences.								
a. Indicate which of the following tembers.		d or requested to be collected from LIH	EAP applicants or their household m					
The second secon	Collected from Whom?							
Type of Identification Collected	Applicant Only	All Adults in Household	All Household Members					
Social Security Card is photocopi ed and retained	Required	Required	Required					
	Requested	Requested	Requested					
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	Required	Required	Required					
	Requested	Requested	Requested					

card			Required			Required			Required		
	driver's license, state ID, Tri ID, passport, etc.)	>	Requested			Requested	quested		Requested		
	Other		Applicant Only Applicant O Required Requeste			All Adults in Household Required Household Requested			All Household Members Required	All Household Members Requested	
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b. D	b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.										
	3 Identification Verification							_			
	Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply										
	Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration										
>	Match SSNs with death re	cord	s from Social Secur	ity Administr	atior	or state agency					
	Match SSNs with state elig	ibili	ty/case managemen	t system (e.g.,	SNA	AP, TANF)					
	Match with state Departm	ent o	of Labor system								
	Match with state and/or fe	dera	l corrections systen	ı							
	Match with state child support system										
	Verification using private	softv	vare (e.g., The Wor	k Number)							
	In-person certification by	staff	(for tribal grantees	only)							
	Match SSN/Tribal ID num	ber	with tribal databas	e or enrollme	nt re	cords (for tribal g	grantees only)				
	Other - Describe:										
_	I. Citizenship/Legal Residency										
	at are your procedures for ens hat apply.	surin	g that household m	embers are U	.S. ci	tizens or aliens w	ho are qualified	l to r	eceive LIHEAP	benefits? Select	
>	Clients sign an attestation	of c	itizenship or legal	residency							
Ц	Client's submission of Soc	cial S	Security cards is ac	cepted as proc	of of	legal residency					
L		doc	umentation of imm	igration statu	s						
•	Citizens must provide a c	ору	of their birth certif	icate, naturali	zatio	n papers, or pass	sport				
L	Noncitizens are verified t	hrou	gh the SAVE system	m							
L	Tribal members are verif	ied t	hrough Tribal enro	ollment record	ls/Tr	ibal ID card					
٧	Other - Describe:										
	County Local Service	Pro	viders are required to	verify citizen	ship	and legal residenc	y.				
17.5	5. Income Verification										
_	at methods does your agency t	ıtiliz	e to verify househo	ld income? Se	lect a	all that apply.					
>		inco	me for all adult ho	isehold memb	ers						
Pay stubs											
Social Security award letters											
<u> </u>	Bank statements										
Tax statements											
Zero-income statements											
Unemployment Insurance letters											
	Other - Describe:										
	Computer data matches:										

Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)				
Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor				
Social Security income verified with SSA				
Utilize state directory of new hires				
Other - Describe:				
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality				
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.				
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent				
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards				
Employee training on confidentiality for:				
Grantee employees				
✓ Local agencies/district offices				
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement				
Grantee employees				
Local agencies/district offices				
Physical files are stored in a secure location				
Other - Describe:				
Statewide Information Management Manual (SIMM) SIMM 5340-C: Requirements to respond to incidents involving breach or personal in formation				
State Administrative Manual (SAM) SAM 5305: Information asset management and all subsections				
SAM 5310: Privacy and all subsections				
SAM 5320: Training and awareness for information security and privacy and all subsections				
SAM 5350: Operational Security and all subsections				
17.7. Verifying the Authenticity				
What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.				
All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.				
All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form				
✓ Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household				
Grantee and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors				
Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:				
CSD Documents authenticity of regulated energy vendors by collecting the Federal Employer ID number for Gas and Electric Vendors. Ve ndors are required to submit a Standard 204 Payee Record Data or Government Agency Tax Identification (GATI) form.				
17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities				
What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.				
Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency				
Applicants must submit current utility bill				
Data exchange with utilities that verifies:				
Data exchange with utilities that verifies:  Account ownership				
Data exchange with dunities that verifies.				
Account ownership				
Account ownership  Consumption				
Account ownership Consumption Balances				
Account ownership  Consumption  Balances  Payment history				

>	Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level				
	Separation of duties between intake and payment approval				
	Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments				
	Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy				
	Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities				
>	Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only				
>	Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure				
	Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism				
>	Other - Describe:				
l	Payments to utilities and direct pay letters are reviewed for accuracy.				
17.9. Be	enefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors				
	rocedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, a bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.				
	Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list				
	Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors				
<b>∠</b>	Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery				
<b>V</b> 1	Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor				
✓ I	Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only				
	Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client				
	Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors				
	Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the Grantee				
	Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism				
<b>V</b>	Other - Describe:				
	Please see attachments.				
17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions					
Describe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.					
<b>✓</b> 1	Refer to state Inspector General				
<b>✓</b> 1	Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General				
<b>✓</b> 1	Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)				
<b>✓</b> I	Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public				
	Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process				
	Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned?				
	Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated				
	Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP				
	Other - Describe:				
•	If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.				

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

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

#### Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee 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 grantee 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 grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- 4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee 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 grantee's 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 grantee 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. Grantees' 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 grantee 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 grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

**Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements** 

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee 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 grantee's 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 grantee's 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 grantee 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 (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

2389 Gateway Oaks Drive #100  * Address Line 1				
Address Line 2				
Address Line 3				
Sacramento  * City	CA * State	95833  * Zip Code		

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

### **Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)**

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

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

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

#### Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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Assurances

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

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

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

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

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

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

### (8) provide assurances that,

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

### (9) provide that--

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

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

## **Plan Attachments**

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The following documents must be attached to this application				
• Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.				
Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable				
Cooling component benefit matrix, if applicable				
Minutes, notes, or transcripts of public hearing(s).				