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GOVERNOR

August 21, 2019

Executive Director Ken Lawson
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Caldwell Building
107 East Madison Street, MSC 100
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4128

RE: Delegation of Authority - DEO's Low-Income Home Energy
Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Dear Director Lawson:

In order to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the State of Florida must submit an annual plan to HHS. Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires the State's Chief Executive Officer designate a lead agency for the administration of the LIHEAP. Subsection 409.508(2), Florida Statutes, assigns administration of the LIHEAP Act of 1981, 42 U.S.C. sections 8621-8630, to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Further, sub-subparagraph 20.60(5)(b)2.c., Florida Statutes, assigns administration of the LIHEAP to DEO's Division of Community Development.

Therefore, I hereby designate DEO as the lead agency for the administration of Florida's LIHEAP. Additionally, I delegate authority to sign the LIHEAP assurances, certifications and narrative state plan, and to apply for and sign all grants, contracts and other documentation and correspondence related to Florida's LIHEAP to the Executive Director of DEO. I hereby authorize the DEO's Executive Director to re-delegate this authority as appropriate and in accordance with applicable federal and state law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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Ken Lawson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for LIHEAP

PURPOSE/SCOPE: Delegation to Director, Division of Community Development

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is designated by subsection 409.508(2), Florida Statutes, as the state agency to administer the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, 42 U.S.C. sections 8621-8630. Further, sub-subparagraph 20.60(5)(b)2.c., Florida Statutes, assigns administration of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to the DEO's Division of Community Development.

The Governor has delegated the authority to sign the LIHEAP assurances, certifications, and narrative state plan, and to apply for and sign all grants, contracts and other documentation and correspondence related to Florida's LIHEAP to the Executive Director.

I hereby delegate the authority to sign all grants, contracts and other documentation and correspondence related to Florida's LIHEAP to the Director of the Division of Community Development. As Executive Director, I remain the only authorized authority, as delegated by the Governor, to approve the LIHEAP assurances, certifications and narrative state plan; however, I hereby delegate the authority to certify the LIHEAP assurances, certifications and narrative state plan to the Director of Community Development.

In exercising this authority, you shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, budget allocations, and DEO policies and directives. This delegation shall remain in effect until superseded or rescinded. This authority may be delegated.

Effective August 21, 2019.



Ken Lawson, Executive Director
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GOVERNOR'S DESIGNATION LETTER

In correspondence dated August 21, 2019 (attached), Governor Ron DeSantis designated the Department of Economic Opportunity as the lead agency for the administration of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program. Additionally, the executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity was authorized to sign the LIHEAP assurances, narrative state plan and certifications, and to apply for and sign all grants, contracts, and other documentation and correspondence related to the LIHEAP in the State of Florida.

Mr. Dane Eagle is currently the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Development, replacing Mr. Ken Lawson. The attached designation is still in effect.