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

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah

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

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#### **Mandatory Grant Application SF-424**

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				3. Appl	icant Identifie	er:		
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7. APPLICAN	T INFO	RMATION						
* a. Legal Naı	ne: Paiu	ite Indian Tribe	e of Utah					
* b. Employer	/Taxpay	er Identificati	ion Number (EIN/TIN	(i): 87-03650	* c. Or	ganizational D	OUNS: 15743	7984
* d. Address:					.!!			
* Street 1:	Î	440 NORTH	PAIUTE DRIVE		Stre	et 2:		
* City:		CEDAR CIT	Y		Cou	nty:		
* State:		UT			Prov	vince:		
* Country:		United States			* Zi de:	p / Postal Co	84720 -	
e. Organizational Unit:								
Department N	lame:				Division Name:			
f. Name and c	ontact in	formation of	person to be contacted	l on matters in	volving t	his application	n:	
Prefix:	* First Tyler	First Name: Middle Name		<b>:</b>		* Last Gode	t <b>Name:</b> dard	
Suffix:	Title: Health	Director			nal Affiliation: n Tribe of Utah			
* Telephone Number: (435) 586-1 112 Ext. 001 03	Fax Nu 435-23	<b>mber</b> 38-4262		* Email: tgoddard@fo	fourpointshealth.org			
* <b>8a. TYPE O</b> I: Indian/Nativ			ernment (Federally Rec	eognized)				
b. Addition	al Descri	iption:	<u>*</u>					
* 9. Name of I	Federal A	Agency:						
				f Federal Dome	rtic CFDA Title:		CFDA Title:	
Assist 10. CFDA Numbers and Titles 93.568			tance rulliper:		Low-Income l	Home Energy A	Assistance Program	
11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project LIHEAP								
12. Areas Affected by Funding: Native American population residing in Iron, Washington, Millard and Sevier Counties								
13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:								
* a. Applicant					<b>b. Prog</b>	ram/Project:		
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.								

14. FUNDING PERIOR	):	15. ESTIMATED FUNDING	G:			
<b>a. Start Date:</b> 10/01/2021	<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2022	* a. Fede	eral (\$): \$0	<b>b. Match (\$)</b> :		
* 16. IS SUBMISSION	SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNI	DER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 P	ROCESS?			
a. This submission w	as made available to the State under the l	Executive Order 12372				
Process for Revie	ew on :					
b. Program is subjec	t to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected	y State for review.				
c. Program is not co	vered by E.O. 12372.					
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?  O YES  NO						
Explanation:						
complete and accurate t	cation, I certify (1) to the statements cont to the best of my knowledge. I also provid ware that any false, fictitious, or fraudule itle 218, Section 1001)	the required assurances** and agre	ee to comply with an	y resulting terms if I		
** The list of certifications.	ons and assurances, or an internet site wh	ere you may obtain this list, is contain	ned in the announce	ement or agency		
	Name and Title of Authorized Certifying (	Official 18c. Telephone	18c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)			
Tyler Goddard, Health D	irector	18d. Email Add	ress			
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 10/21/2021						
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.						

#### **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.

#### sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. **Section 1 Program Components** Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C) 1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. **Dates of Operation** (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.) Start Date **End Date** Heating assistance 10/01/2021 09/30/2022 V 10/01/2021 09/30/2022 Cooling assistance 10/01/2021 09/30/2022 Crisis assistance Weatherization assistance Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary The need for cooling assistance is greatest during the months from May through September Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16 1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages Percentage (%) must add up to 100%. Heating assistance 50.00% Cooling assistance 10.00% Crisis assistance 15.00% Weatherization assistance 0.00% Carryover to the following federal fiscal year 10.00% 10.00% Administrative and planning costs 5.00% Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) 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:

<b>V</b>	Heating assistance		<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>		Cooling assistance			
	Weatherization assistance		V	O:		Other (specify:) Crisis assistance			
Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A) - Assurance 8									
1.4 Do you consider households categorically eligible if one household member receives one of the following categories of benefits in the left column below? $\bullet$ Yes $\bullet$ No									
If you answered "	Yes" to question 1.4, you must co	mplete the table	below	and answer ques	stions 1.5	and 1.6.			
		Heating		Cooling		Crisis	Weatherization		
TANF		⊙ Yes ○N		⊙ Yes O No		• Yes O No	O Yes O No		
SSI			⊙ Yes O No ⊙ Yes O No			• Yes O No	O Yes O No		
SNAP		⊙ Yes ○ N		⊙ Yes ○ No		• Yes O No	C Yes O No		
Means-tested Vetera	ns Programs	O Yes O N		C Yes O No		O Yes ⊙ No	C Yes No		
	Program Name		eating		oling	Crisis	Weatherization		
Other(Specify) 1		C Yes				C Yes No	C Yes O No		
	atically enroll households without	t a direct annual	applica	ation? CYes (	• No				
If Yes, explain:									
1.6 How do you en	nsure there is no difference in the	treatment of cat	tegorica	ally eligible house	eholds fr	om those not receivi	ing other public assistance		
when determining	sistance to all applicant(s) that qual		_	-					
We will provide ass	astalice to an applicant(s) that quar	Illes with the mee	JIIIE VOL	IIICation and mon	ll ä i tuci	ally recognized and.			
SNAP Nominal Pa	nyments								
1.7a Do you alloca	te LIHEAP funds toward a nomi	inal payment for	SNAP	households?	Yes 💽	No			
If you answered "	Yes" to question 1.7a, you must p	provide a respons	se to qu	estions 1.7b, 1.7	c, and 1.	7d.			
1.7b Amount of No	ominal Assistance: \$0.00								
1.7c Frequency of	117								
	Once Per Year								
	Once every five years								
	Other - Describe:								
1.7d How do you c	confirm that the household receiv	ing a nominal pa	ayment	has an energy co	ost or ne	ed?			
Dete	ermination of Eligibility - Countable	e Income							
Determination of I	Eligibility - Countable Income								
	2 22 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2			<del></del>		-			
	g a household's income eligibility	for LIHEAP, ac	you us	se gross income o	or net inc	come ?			
Gross Incom	ie								
Net Income									
	applicable forms of countable inco	ome used to dete	rmine a	a household's inc	come elig	ibility for LIHEAP			
Wages									
Self - Emplo	oyment Income		—						
Contract Inc									
Contract Income									
Payments fr	rom mortgage or Sales Contracts								
Unemploym	Unemployment insurance								
Strike Pay									
Social Secur	rity Administration (SSA ) benefit	ts							
<b></b> Includ	ling MediCare deduc Exc	cluding MediCar	re dedu	ction					
tion									

<b>~</b>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI )
	Retirement / pension benefits
	General Assistance benefits
	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
<b>~</b>	Rental income
	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
	Income from work study programs
	Alimony
<b>V</b>	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

#### **Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE**

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Section 2 - Heating Assistance						
Eligibility, 2605(	b)(2) - Assurance 2					
2.1 Designate the	income eligibility threshold used for the	heating co	omponent:			
Add	Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold				1	
1 All Household Sizes HHS Poverty Guidelines 150.00%						
2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for H						
2.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.			
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	O 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 ?	Oyes	⊙ No			
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	⊙ <sub>No</sub>			
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:					
Elderly?		<b>⊙</b> Yes	C <sub>No</sub>			
Disabled?		Yes	C <sub>No</sub>			
Young chil	dren?	• Yes	C <sub>No</sub>			
Household	Households with high energy burdens? C Yes O No					
Other?		O Yes	<b>⊙</b> No			
derly, disa ll be poste  Determination of 2.4 Describe how	Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:  The elderly, disabled and households with young children have a priority in receiving assistance first before other applicants. Prior year (elderly, disabled, families with young children under age five) applicants will be contacted via phone, email or mail if necessary. The application will be posted on website, social media and at all buildings to reach these vulnerable populations.  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.					
The elderly, disabled and households with young children have a priority in receiving assistance first before other applicants. Prior year (el derly, disabled, families with young children under age five) applicants will be contacted via phone, email or mail if necessary. The application will be posted on website, social media and at all buildings to reach these vulnerable populations. The Matrix will include an additional amount for payments toward these vulnerable populations.						
2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):						
<b>✓</b> Income						
Family (household) size						
<b>✓</b> Home energy cost or need:						
<b>✓</b> Fuel type						
Climate/region						
✓ Individual bill						
Dwe	elling type					
Ener	rgy burden (% of income spent on home	energy)				
<b>✓</b> Energy need						

Other - Describe:						
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels fo	2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies					
Minimum Benefit \$1,000 Maximum Benefit \$1,300						
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blank	ets, space heaters) and/or other form	ms of benefits? • Yes No				
If yes, describe.						
Will provide blankets, space heaters, window AC units, and cooling fans to all approved applicants.  Heating and cooling is the same matrices.						
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	ne income eligibility threshold used for the	Cooling o	component:			
Add	Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold				ld	
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines		150.00%	
	3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for C OOLING ASSITANCE?					
3.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.			
Do you require a	nn Assets test ?	O Yes	<b>⊙</b> No			
Do you have add	litional/differing eligibility policies for:	5				
Renters?		O Yes	⊙ No			
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing ?	O Yes	<b>⊙</b> No			
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	O Yes	⊙ <sub>No</sub>			
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:	·				
Elderly?		<b>⊙</b> Yes	C <sub>No</sub>			
Disabled?		Yes	C <sub>No</sub>			
Young chil	ldren?	• Yes	C <sub>No</sub>			
Household	Households with high energy burdens?					
Other?		O Yes	⊙ No			
Explanations of	policies for each "yes" checked above:					
derly, disa		e five) app	n have a priority in receiving assistance first before a priority in receiving assistance first before a contacted via phone, email or man these vulnerable populations.			
3.4 Describe how	y you prioritize the provision of cooling as	sistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amounts,	, early application perio	ds, etc.	
The elderly, disabled and households with young children have a priority in receiving assistance first before other applicants. Prior year (el derly, disabled, families with young children under age five) applicants will be contacted via phone, email or mail if necessary. The application will be posted on website, social media and at all buildings to reach these vulnerable populations.						
	f Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(					
3.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):						
<b>✓</b> Income						
Family (household) size						
<b>✓</b> Home energy cost or need:						
Fuel type						
Climate/region						
✓ Indi	vidual bill					
Dwe	elling type					
Ene	rgy burden (% of income spent on home	energy)				
✓ Energy need						

Other - Describe:						
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies						
Minimum Benefit \$1,000 Maximum Benefit \$1,300						
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans	s, air conditioners) and/or other form	ns of benefits? • Yes • No				
If yes, describe.	<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Will provide cooling fa	ns or portable AC units to all appicants	s that are approved.				
Heating and cooling matrices are the same						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.						

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

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	Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE				
Eligibility - 26	04(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)				
4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component					
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold		
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%		
4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.					
Any event that is going (or is expected) to lead to an unstable and dangerous situation affecting an individual or family or group living wit hin a household. This event would be acted upon within 48 hours.					
4.3 What const	titutes a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>				
Any event that is going (or is expected) to lead to an unstable and dangerous situation affecting an individual or family or group living wit hin a household. A life-threatening crisis in which there is extreme weather conditions, equipment failure or medical condition that could result in serious harm will be acted upon within 18 hours.					
Crisis Require	ment, 2604(c)				
4.4 Within hov	v many hours do you provide an intervention that will	resolve the energy crisis for eligible househo	olds? forty eightHours		
4.5 Within how s? eighteenHo	v many hours do you provide an intervention that will urs	resolve the energy crisis for eligible househo	olds in life-threatening situation		
Crisis Eligibili	ty, 2605(c)(1)(A)				
4.6 Do you hav ANCE?	4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSIST No No No.				
4.7 Check the	appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for e	ach			
Do you require	e an Assets test ?	O Yes O No			
Do you give pr	iority in eligibility to :				
Elderly?		• Yes • No			
Disabled	?	• Yes C No			
Young C	Children?	⊙ Yes C No			
Househo	lds with high energy burdens?	C Yes ⊙ No			
Other?		C Yes ⊙No			
In Order to re	ceive crisis assistance:	*			
Must the empty tank?	e household have received a shut-off notice or have a ne	ear Yes O No			
Must the	Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?    • Yes  • No				
Must the	Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?				
Must rer	nters with heating costs included in their rent have recentations?	iv C Yes O No			
Must hea	ating/cooling be medically necessary?	⊙ Yes O No			
Must the ent?	household have non-working heating or cooling equip	m • Yes O No			
Other?		C Yes O No			
Do you have a	dditional / differing eligibility policies for:	<del></del>			
Renters?		C Yes ⊙ No			

Renters living in subsidized housing?			(	C Yes O No		
Renters with utilities inclu	ided in the rent?		(	C Yes ⊙ No		
Explanations of policies for each	ı "yes" checked above:					
The applicant must	t fill out the crisis applictio	n with a sh	nut off no	otice or any other documentation to show hardship.		
Determination of Benefits						
4.8 How do you handle crisis sit	uations?					
×	Separate component					
	Fast Track					
	Other - Describe:					
4.9 If you have a separate comp	onent, how do you detern	nine crisis	assistan	nce benefits?		
<b>✓</b>	Amount to resolve the cr					
<b>▽</b>	Other - Describe:					
	The applic mount will be up \$			sessment by trained staff to assess for needs and resources. The FY 2022 a m to assist.		
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)						
	for energy crisis assistan	ce at sites	that are	e geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?		
Applicants can go ion.	into any State Energy Offic	ce and will	l be prov	vided with tribal contact information and tribal website to complete applicat		
4.11 Do you provide individuals	who are physically disab	led the me	eans to:			
Submit applications for crisis	benefits without leaving	their hom	ies?			
• Yes O No If No, explain	in.					
Travel to the sites at which ap	oplications for crisis assist	tance are	accepted	d?		
• Yes O No If No, explain	in.					
If you answered "No" to both opbled?	ptions in question 4.11, pl	lease expla	ain alter	rnative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disa		
D 64 I 1 2605( )(1)(D)						
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)  4.12 Indicate the maximum benefits	ofit for each type of origin	accietano	o offered	d d		
	maximum benefit	assistance	c officiet			
·	maximum benefit					
Year-round Crisis \$2,000.00 maximum benefit						
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?						
<b>③</b> Yes <b>○</b> No <b>If yes, Describ</b>	e					
Will provide blankets, space heaters and fans to all the applicants that are approved and want these items.						
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?						
C Yes ⊙ No						
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15.						
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.						
	Wint ris		mmer 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):					
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with ea	nforce a mo	ratorium on	shut offs?		
C Yes No					
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	respond to	question 4.1	7.		
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.					
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.					

#### Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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#### **Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE** Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2 5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the Weatherization component Household Size Eligibility Threshold Eligibility Guideline All Household Sizes HHS Poverty Guidelines 5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a WEATHERIZATION component? O Yes 5.3 If yes, name the agency. 5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for weatherization? O Yes WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules 5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIHEAP weatherization? (Check only one.) Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply): Income Threshold Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligib le units or will become eligible within 180 days Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional c are facilities). Other - Describe: Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.) Income Threshold Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit. Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ration (SIR ) standards. Other - Describe: Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5 5.6 Do you require an assets test? O Yes O No 5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for : O Yes O No Renters living in subsidized housin O Yes O No 5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to: Elderly? O Yes O No Disabled? O Yes O No Young Children? O Yes O No House holds with high energy burde O Yes O No ns? Other? O 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.						
Benefit Levels	Benefit Levels					
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditu	rre per household? O Yes O No					
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0						
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)						
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check	all 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	Water conservation measures Cooling system replacement					
Compact florescent light bulbs  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.						

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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: | 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): | Post fliers at all the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Health Clinics and Band Community Centers that are located in the following counties Iron, Millard, Sevier and Washington. Work with community partners such as county social services, offices of aging, child-care centers, etc to provide information regarding applications for federally recognized tribal members.

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

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# Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4 7.1 Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SS I, WAP, etc.). Joint application for multiple programs Intake referrals to/from other programs One - stop intake centers Other - Describe: Refer individuals to local workforce service office and local agency operating the weatherization program in their areas.

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### Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and t

he Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)										
8.1 Hov	8.1 How would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency?									
	Administration Agency									
	Commerce Agency									
	Community Services Agency									
	Energy / Environment Agency									
	Housing Agency									
	Welfare Agency									
	Other - Describe:									
8.2 Hov	If you selected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable.  8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?  8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?									
0.4 110	v do you provide alternate outreach and int	are for CRISIS ASSI	1	1						
8.5 LIH	IEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization					
8.5a W	ho determines client eligibility?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Non-Applicable					
	ho processes benefit payments to gas and e vendors?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government						
8.5c wh	to processes benefit payments to bulk fuel s?	Non-Applicable	Non-Applicable	Non-Applicable						
8.5d W measur	ho performs installation of weatherization es?				Non-Applicable					
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?										
	N/A									
8.7 Hov	w many local administering agencies do you	use? 1								

C Ye ⊙ No	
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.

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Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7
9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?
Heating • Yes O No
Cooling • Yes • No
Crisis © Yes C No
Are there exceptions? © Yes  No
If yes, Describe.
A credit card or direct deposit payment is made or a check is mailed to each vendor within the five-county areas after approved applicatio n.
9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?
Eligible households will be sent a Notice of Acticion letter and a Notice of payment letter via mail or secured email.
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? <ul> <li>a. Charge the eligible household, in a normal billing process, the difference between the actual costs of the home energy and the amount of payment to be made by the Tribe.</li> </ul>
b. Assure that no household receiving assistance under this program will be treated adversely because of such assistance.
c. Not to discriminate, in either the cost of goods supplied or the services provided, against the eligible household on whose behalf pay ments are made.
d. See Attachment H Vendor Agreement Section C.
e. The LIHEAP Coordinator or staff may spot check all aspects of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program through reviews of records and reports, communication with recipients and vendor suppliers, verification, payments, etc
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?
<ul> <li>a. Charge the eligible household, in a normal billing process, the difference between the actual costs of the home energy and the amount of payment to be made by the Tribe.</li> </ul>
b. Assure that no household receiving assistance under this program will be treated adversely because of such assistance.
c. Not to discriminate, in either the cost of goods supplied or the services provided, against the eligible household on whose behalf payments are made.
d. See Attachment H Vendor Agreement Section C.
e. The LIHEAP Coordinator or staff may spot check all aspects of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program through reviews of records and reports, communication with recipients and vendor suppliers, verification, payments, etc
9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?  Yes No
If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.

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

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

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah will retain the official case file for a period of three years or longer if record is under audit. The file will contain at least the application, certification, and payment authorization forms or documentation required. The Tribal Finance Office will be respo nsible for fiscal record keeping, financial status report, payments, etc. Reports will be prepared and submitted as may be requested or required by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The ministrator a	-	will be monitored continuously by t	the LIHEAP Coordinator and reviewe	ed at least twice yearly with the Tribal Ad
Audit Process				
10.2. Is your LIHE Yes No	AP program aud	ited annually under the Single Au	dit Act and OMB Circular A - 133?	
				the A-133 audits, Grantee monitoring as ne most recently audited fiscal year.
No Findings 🗹				
Finding	Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1				
10.4. Audits of Loc	al Administering	Agencies		
What types of anno Select all that appl		nents do you have in place for loca	al administering agencies/district of	fices?
Local age	encies/district offi	ces are required to have an annua	l audit in compliance with Single A	udit Act and OMB Circular A-133
Local age	encies/district offi	ces are required to have an annua	l audit (other than A-133)	
Local age	encies/district offi	ces' A-133 or other independent a	udits are reviewed by Grantee as pa	art of compliance process.
Grantee o	conducts fiscal an	d program monitoring of local age	encies/district offices	
Compliance Monit	oring			
10.5. Describe the at apply	Grantee's strategi	es for monitoring compliance with	n the Grantee's and Federal LIHEA	AP policies and procedures: Select all th
Grantee employees	s:			
Internal 1	program review			
Departme	ental oversight			
Secondar	y review of invoic	es and payments		
Other pr	ogram review me	chanisms are in place. Describe:		
Time	eliness, benefit, eli	gibility and basis program elements	will be monitored by LIHEAP Coord	inator. Approximately 10 percent of the C

oordinator's time will be needed for this review. In addition he/she will review at least 10 cases per month for completeness of applications, data collection, verification and certification notices, timely payments and accurate payments. The Coordinator will allot four hours per month through out the duration of the program. The case files maintained in the LIHEAP office are the official program case files and will contain complete appl ications, work sheets, case action forms or documents necessary to support and explain eligibility, duration and benefits decisions. The LIHEAP Coordinator will also spot check the fuel supplier's delivery and billing records to determine that appropriate payments have been made. He/she will also be responsible for keeping records of payments and current balance remaining.

Local Administering Agencies / District Offices:
On - site evaluation
Annual program review
Monitoring through central database
Desk reviews
Client File Testing / Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
Desk Reviews:
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?
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?
10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues?
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Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)
11.1 How did you obtain input from the public in the development of your LIHEAP plan? Select all that apply.
✓ Tribal Council meeting(s)
Public Hearing(s)
Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment
Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment
Comments from applicants are recorded
Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised
Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)
Comments are solicited during outreach activities
Other - Describe:
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are not able to host in person community meetings or public hearing. However, communication was so ught and received from community members through individual calls, mail/email, and website announcements. This was done throughout the Tril e's service area (Iron, Millard, Sevier and Washington counties)  11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation?  The household income eligibility and heating/cooling assistance was addressed that the Matrix Poverty rates needed to change to meet the higher cost of utilities.
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?
Date Event Description
1
11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)?
11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).
11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments received at the public hearing(s)?
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#### Section 12 - Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

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

- 12.1 How many fair hearings did the 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?

N/A

- 12.4 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are denied.
  - 1. A Notice of Action form will be sent to the applicant notifying him/her of the action take on his/her application, if approved, the bene fit amount, or if denied, his/her right to appeal.
    - 2. See Attachment F.
    - 3. The following time limit for hearings will be adhered by the Tribe.
      - a. A hearing after a notice of negative action, may be requested no later than:
        - i. 30 days after spending notice of payment or denial.
        - ii. 10 days after sending notice of termination.
      - b. The time limit from hearing request to action is:
        - i. Within 30 days after the request of hearing.
        - ii. Before decreasing or terminating payment, if that is the issue.
    - 4. Tribal hearing procedures.
      - a. The Tribe will appoint a Hearing Officer to expedite minor disputes or misunderstanding to resolve these issues.
      - b. The following rights are guaranteed the claimant:
        - i. Permit a representative to accompany his/her to the hearing.
        - ii. Allowed to present oral and written statements and other evidence.
        - iii. Have witnesses subpoenaed.
        - iv. Cross examine witnesses
        - v. Bring an interpreter if needed.
      - c. The Hearing Officer will be a Tribal Employee who is not involved in the decision being appealed.
  - $d. \quad \text{The LIHEAP Coordinator will provide all necessary documentation to uphold the denial orif payment is less than the household be elieves it should be. The claimant will provide all$

supporting documents and evidence as proof that he/she is being discriminated against.

- e. The Hearing Officer will reach the decision and issue the decision.
- f. A response to the decision will be made the same day.
- g. As soon as the LIHEAP Coordinator is notified of the decision he/she will notify the household.
- h. Funds to pay all recipients who have appealed a decision will be considered as fully obligated during the hearing process and can not be expended elsewhere.
- 12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Hearing Rights is attached to the heating application and is also on the notice of payment that is mailed to the applicant.

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

Hearing Rights is attached to the heating application and is also on the notice of payment that is may be mailed, emailed or posted on website application.

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

Hearing Rights is attached to the heating application and is also on the notice of payment that is mailed, emailed to the applicant or posted on website application.

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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?

The tribe does not have the weatherization program under the LIHEAP program. If the applicant(s) ask for weatherization assistance, we will refer the applicant(s) to the weatherization program in their area.

Encourage applicants to take advantage of the equal payment plans offered by the utility companies. This will help them in developing a b udget and being able to make it work for them.

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

Assistance is provided as education, information, and referral by program staff only. No funds are expended on these activities.

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

Handouts are attached to the application and staff visit with the clients concerning payment plan with utilities that offers the plan. Ask past participants if information/education was helpful.

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? 120

13.6 How many households received these services? 114

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

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

14.1 Do	you plan t	o submit an	application	for the	leveraging	incentive p	rogram?	
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14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining records.

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

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

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Section 15: Training								
5.1 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:

The major power company is Rocky Mountain Power and natural gas is Dominion Energy aka Questar. The LIHEAP coordinator calls them on their hotl ine to verify clients for assistance if there is question concerning a payment. The Coordinator also works closely with county utility company staff within our service area (Iron, Washington, Millard and Sevier County)

15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?

© Yes

#### 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.

N/A

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)										
	Fraud Reporting Mechanisms									
a. De	escribe all mechanisms availab	ole to	the public for repo	rting cases of	susp	ected waste, frau	id, and abuse. Se	elect	all that apply.	
	Online Fraud Reportin	ıg								
	Dedicated Fraud Report	rting	Hotline							
ŀ	Report directly to local	Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office								
	Report to State Inspect	tor G	eneral or Attorney (	General						
	Forms and procedures	in pl	ace for local agencie	es/district off	ices a	nd vendors to re	port fraud, was	te, aı	nd abuse	
	Other - Describe:									
b. De	escribe strategies in place for a	adve	rtising the above-ref	erenced reso	urces	s. Select all that a	pply			
	Printed outreach mater	rials								
ŀ	Addressed on LIHEAP	app	lication							
	Website									
·	Other - Describe:									
	Clients sign the Triba	ıl Agı	reement for Heating A	Assistance for	m tha	t is with the appli	cation.			
17.2.	Identification Documentation	1 Rec	<sub>[uirements]</sub>							
a. In emb	dicate which of the following fers.	form	s of identification ar	e required or	r req	uested to be colle	cted from LIHE	EAP :	applicants or the	eir household m
						Collected from	Whom?			
Туре	e of Identification Collected		Applicant On	ly		All Adults in H	ousehold		All Household	Members
a .			Required			Required			Required	
ll .	al Security Card is photocopi and retained							>		
			Requested			Requested			Requested	
		4	1					4		
			Required			Required			Required	
	al Security Number (Without al Card)							>		
			Requested			Requested			Requested	
		A							_ ·	
			Required			Required			Required	
Gove card	ernment-issued identification	A						>		
(i.e.: bal I	driver's license, state ID, Tri D, passport, etc.)		Requested			Requested			Requested	
	- '	A						1		
	Other		Applicant Only Required	Applicant On Requested	ly	All Adults in Household	All Adults in Household		All Household Members	All Household Members

			Required	Requested	Required	Requested			
1									
b. D	o. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.								
17.3	17.3 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 records from Social Security Administration or state agency								
	Match SSNs with state eligibility/case manageme	nt system (e.g., SN	AP, TANF)						
	Match with state Department of Labor system								
	Match with state and/or federal corrections syste	em							
	Match with state child support system								
	Verification using private software (e.g., The Wo	rk Number)							
V	In-person certification by staff (for tribal grante	es only)							
	Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal databa	se or enrollment r	ecords (for tribal g	grantees only)					
٧	Other - Describe:								
	Cross checking with Social Security Number	s against State Heat	ing Assistance reco	ords.					
	We do not have access to the government day qualify as a legally acceptable photo ID	a base like the state	does, as stated abo	ve we require two fo	orms of identifiatio	n and one must			
17.4	17.4. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification								
	What are your procedures for ensuring that household all that apply.	members are U.S.	citizens or aliens w	vho are qualified to	receive LIHEAP	benefits? Select			
	Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or lega	residency							
V	Client's submission of Social Security cards is a	ccepted as proof of	legal residency						
	Noncitizens must provide documentation of imp	nigration status							
	Citizens must provide a copy of their birth cert	ficate, naturalizati	on papers, or pass	sport					
	Noncitizens are verified through the SAVE syst	em							
V	Tribal members are verified through Tribal en	rollment records/T	ribal ID card						
V	Other - Describe:								
	Tribal CIB's from other federally recognizate	d tribe's.							
	17.5. Income Verification								
	What methods does your agency utilize to verify househ	old income? Select	all that apply.						
	Require documentation of income for all adult h	ousehold members							
_	Pay stubs								
_	Social Security award letters								
_	Bank statements								
_	Tax statements								
_	Zero-income statements								
_	<b>✓</b> Unemployment Insurance letters								
L	Other - Describe:								
	Computer data matches:								
L	Income information matched against state	e computer system	(e.g., SNAP, TAN	<b>F</b> )					
L	Proof of unemployment benefits verified	with state Departm	ent 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
<b>✓</b> Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Physical files are stored in a secure location
✓ Other - Describe:
CONFIDENTIALITY
1. All applications and information are kept in locking file cabinets and only authorized personnel have access to the files.
2. The applicant signs a release of information so that the Tribe can contact their landlord, employer, and anyone else necessary to ver ify the information provided in their application. The information provided is available only to the staff working directly with the Low Income H ome Energy Assistance Program.
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:
VENDOR VERIFICATION
1. All vendors are contacted directly. The Utility Companies and Gas Companies that provide services in the Tribe's service area are all established legitimate businesses verified through the State of Utah's Department of Commerce and Business.
Private vendors for things such as wood for wood burning stoves are selected by the Tribe and arrangements made by the Tribe for deliver y of the wood.
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
. Appreciates music submite current utility on
Data exchange with utilities that verifies.
Consumption
<b>✓</b> Balances
Payment history
Account is properly credited with benefit
Other - Describe:
All vendors are paid directly. We do not issue payments to LIHEAP clients. The private vendors who supply wood for clients are approve d through LIHEAP and are not paid until they bring in an invoice signed by the LIHEAP recipient.
Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
Separation of duties between intake and payment approval

Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
Other - Describe:
17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors
What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, a nd other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.
Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list
Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors
Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery
Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client
Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors
Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the Grantee
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
✓ Other - Describe:
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## 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)

440 North Paiute Drive  * Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Cedar City * City	Utah <u>* State</u>	84721 * 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.

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

#### **Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying**

## Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

Assurances

## (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).		