



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

September 24, 2021

Dr. Lanikue Howard, Director  
Office of Community Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
330 C Street, S. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Dr. Howard,

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law §42-12-1.5 and 42 USC §8621, I am pleased to designate the Rhode Island Department of Human Services as lead agency for purposes of carrying out State activities for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). I designate the lead executive of the department, Celia J. Blue, any official successor to this position, and her designees as the Authorized Officials for this grant.

The Rhode Island Department of Human Services also administers a range of other programs that serve children, adults, families, elderly, the disabled, and veterans. The goals and objectives of LIHEAP are consistent with the mission of the Rhode Island Department of Human Services and with the programs it administers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McKee", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor