DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance
Grantee Name: NARRAGANSETT
Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 1
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## 1. Application Information
### a. Type of Submission:
- Plan

### b. Frequency:
- Annual

### c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request?

### d. Version:
- Initial

## 2. Date Received:

## 3. Applicant Identifier:

## 4. Application Information
### a. Legal Name:
- Narragansett Indian Tribe

### b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):
- 1-05-0368497-A2

### c. Organizational DUNS:
- 131001695

### d. Address:
- **Street 1:** ATTN: CHIEF SACHEM
- **City:** CHARLESTOWN
- **State:** RI
- **Country:** United States
- **Zip / Postal Code:** 02813 - 0268

## 6. State Application Identifier:

## 7. Applicant Information
### a. Type of Applicant:
- I: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)

### b. Additional Description:
- Narragansett Indian Tribe's Social Services Department

## 8. Name and Contact Information of Person to be Contacted on Matters Involving This Application
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### Suffix:
- Noka

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### Organizational Affiliation:
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### Fax Number:
- (401) 213-6721

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- pnoka@nitribe.org

## 9. Name of Federal Agency:
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

## 10. CFDA Numbers and Titles
- **CFDA Title:** Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- **CFDA Numbers:** 93568

## 11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project
- Washington County of Rhode Island

## 12. Areas Affected by Funding:
- Washington County of Rhode Island
13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:

| a. Applicant | b. Program/Project: |

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

14. FUNDING PERIOD:

<table>
<thead>
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<th>a. Start Date:</th>
<th>b. End Date:</th>
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15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:

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<th>a. Federal ($)</th>
<th>b. Match ($)</th>
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* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?

| a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 |
| b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review. |
| c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. |

* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?

**I Agree**

**The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.**

18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official

Parrish Noka

18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official

18c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)

18d. Email Address

18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)

10/09/2019

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.
## Section 1 - Program Components

### Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C)

1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Dates of Operation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Heating assistance</td>
<td>Start Date: 10/01/2019</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>End Date: 03/15/2020</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cooling assistance</td>
<td>Start Date: 06/01/2019</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>End Date: 09/30/2020</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crisis assistance</td>
<td>Start Date: 10/01/2019</td>
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<td></td>
<td>End Date: 09/30/2020</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weatherization assistance</td>
<td>Start Date: 10/01/2019</td>
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<td></td>
<td>End Date: 09/30/2020</td>
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Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary.

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

1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to 100%.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Percentage (%)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Heating assistance</td>
<td>45.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cooling assistance</td>
<td>10.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crisis assistance</td>
<td>35.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weatherization assistance</td>
<td>10.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carryover to the following federal fiscal year</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administrative and planning costs</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
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:

- ✔️ Heating assistance
- ✔️ Cooling assistance
- ✔️ Weatherization assistance
- ✔️ Other (specify): Assist those eligible families with high energy costs

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? Yes ☑️ No ☑️

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Program Name</th>
<th>Heating</th>
<th>Cooling</th>
<th>Crisis</th>
<th>Weatherization</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TANF</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
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<td>SSI</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
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<td>SNAP</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
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<tr>
<td>Means-tested Veterans Programs</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other(Specify) 1</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
<td>Yes ☑️</td>
<td>No ☑️</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

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

If Yes, explain:

1.6 How do you ensure there is no difference in the treatment of categorically eligible households from those not receiving other public assistance when determining eligibility and benefit amounts?

SNAP Nominal Payments

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

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

1.7b Amount of Nominal Assistance: $0.00

1.7c Frequency of Assistance

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

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

Determination of Eligibility - Countable Income

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

- ✔️ Gross Income
- ☐ Net Income

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

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Add</th>
<th>Household size</th>
<th>Eligibility Guideline</th>
<th>Eligibility Threshold</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>All Household Sizes</td>
<td>State Median Income</td>
<td>60.00%</td>
</tr>
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</table>

2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for HEATING ASSISTANCE?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

2.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each.

- Do you require an Assets test?  
  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

- Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:
  - Renters?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No
  - Renters Living in subsidized housing?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No
  - Renters with utilities included in the rent?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No

- Do you give priority in eligibility to:
  - Elderly?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No
  - Disabled?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No
  - Young children?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No
  - Households with high energy burdens?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No
  - Other?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Explanations of policies for each “yes” checked above:

Those households with the elderly, the disabled, with minor children and households with high energy burdens indentified, will be notified and mailed program applications at least thirty (30) days prior to the date that all other families may be eligible to apply.

Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.

Vulnerable populations identified will be notified and provided applications thirty (30) days prior to the day that all other eligible families can apply. The benefit amounts are determined by household size, household income and energy burden.

2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):

- ☑ Income
- ☑ Family (household) size
- ☑ Home energy cost or need:
  - ☑ Fuel type
  - ☑ Climate/region
  - ☑ Individual bill
  - ☐ Dwelling type
The year-to-date income from financial information; pay stubs for example, provided by applying households along with the pay period ending date information are first reviewed. Then the number of days into the current year is divided into the year-to-date income identified to determine a daily gross income amount. The daily gross income amount determined is then multiplied by ninety (90) days to determine the gross income received and/or earned in a three (3) month period. Then household size and the determined household gross income are reviewed for eligibility and benefit amounts.

### Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

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<th>Minimum Benefit</th>
<th>Maximum Benefit</th>
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<td>$325</td>
<td>$400</td>
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2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, describe.

Upon approval by the homeowner, space heaters can be provided along with blankets to eligible households whose high energy burdens prevent them from maintaining adequate heating in the home.

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

Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2

3.1 Designate The income eligibility threshold used for the Cooling component:

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<tr>
<th>Add</th>
<th>Household size</th>
<th>Eligibility Guideline</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>All Household Sizes</td>
<td>State Median Income</td>
<td>60.00%</td>
</tr>
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</table>

3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for COOLING ASSISTANCE?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

3.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each.

Do you require an Assets test?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Renters Living in subsidized housing?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Elderly?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Disabled?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Young children?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Households with high energy burdens?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Other?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Explanations of policies for each “yes” checked above:

All households with the elderly, the disabled, with minor children and those with high energy burdens are notified and mailed program applications thirty (30) days prior to the date that all other eligible households may apply for services.

3.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of cooling assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.

Vulnerable populations identified are notified and mailed program applications thirty (30) days prior to the date that all other eligible households may apply. Benefit amounts are determined by household sizes and household income.

Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

3.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):

☑ Income
☑ Family (household) size
☑ Home energy cost or need:
☐ Fuel type
☐ Climate/region
☐ Individual bill
☐ Dwelling type
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2020:

| Minimum Benefit | $100 | Maximum Benefit | $150 |

3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No

If yes, describe.

Fans will be provided to eligible households and air conditioners will be provided to those eligible households who have a physician's or a medical facility's written description of a medical condition in the home where a cooling device is necessary.

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.
### Eligibility - 2604(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)

#### 4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Household Size</th>
<th>Eligibility Guideline</th>
<th>Eligibility Threshold</th>
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<tr>
<td>All Household Sizes</td>
<td>State Median Income</td>
<td>60.00%</td>
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#### 4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program’s definition for determining a crisis.

An eligible household with minor children, elders or disabled members residing in the home who has had a heating utility source disconnected or in jeopardy of having their heating utility source disconnected due to the inability to pay for needed services. After completion of an application, these eligible households will be provided services to resolve their energy crisis situation.

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

Eligible households that require a need to maintain utility services to operate needed medical and/or cooling devices for a member of the home; verified by physician. These eligible households in a life-threatening crisis will be provided services to resolve this crisis after completion of an application for assistance.

### Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

#### 4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 24 Hours

#### 4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households in life-threatening situations? 18 Hours

### Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)

#### 4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?

- Yes
- No

#### 4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each

- Do you require an Assets test?
  - Yes
  - No

- Do you give priority in eligibility to:
  - Elderly?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Disabled?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Young Children?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Households with high energy burdens?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Other?
    - Yes
    - No

- 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?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?
    - Yes
    - No
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?
- Yes
- No

Do you have additional / differing eligibility policies for:

- Renters?
- Renters living in subsidized housing?
- Renters with utilities included in the rent?

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

Upon completion of a program application, eligible households with minor children, the elderly, with disabled members and eligible households with high energy burdens where a heating and/or cooling device is medically necessary that have lost utility services causing a life-threatening situation will have their application processed within eighteen (18) hours to resolve their situation. Those eligible households that receive shut-off notices or have an empty or near empty fuel tank or have non-working heating or cooling equipment will have their cases processed within twenty-four (24) hours after completion of a program application.

Determination of Benefits

4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?
- Separate component
- Fast Track
- Other - Describe:

4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?
- Amount to resolve the crisis.
- Other - Describe:

4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?
- Yes
- No

4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically disabled the means to:
- Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?
- Yes
- No

- Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?
- Yes
- No

If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please explain alternative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disabled?

4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Crisis Type</th>
<th>Maximum Benefit</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Winter Crisis</td>
<td>$400.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Summer Crisis</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year-round Crisis</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?
- Yes
- No

Space heaters, blankets and fans can be provided to eligible households whose current energy costs prevent them from maintaining adequate heating and/or cooling when necessary within the home.

4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?
- Yes
- No

If you answered “Yes” to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15.

4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.
<table>
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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Winter Crisis</th>
<th>Summer Crisis</th>
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4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with enforce a moratorium on shut offs?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17.

4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.

The moratorium period in the state of Rhode Island is scheduled for each year on March 15th, but, the moratorium date is also subject to being temperature-based. If the temperature is thirty-two (32) degrees or lower or one hundred (100) degrees or above in the environment, disconnection of services can be delayed if customers can receive assistance or agree to pay the bill in installments within ninety (90) days.

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

Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2

5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the Weatherization component

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<td>All Household Sizes</td>
<td>State Median Income</td>
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5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a WEATHERIZATION component? ☐ Yes ☑ No

5.3 If yes, name the agency.

5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for weatherization? ☐ Yes ☑ No

WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules

5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIHEAP weatherization? (Check only one.)

☐ Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules

☒ Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply):

☑ Income Threshold

☐ Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days

☐ Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).

☐ Other - Describe:

☐ Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.)

☐ Income Threshold

☐ Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit.

☐ Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) standards.

☐ Other - Describe:

Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5

5.6 Do you require an assets test? ☑ Yes ☐ No

5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters ☑ Yes ☐ No

Renters living in subsidized housing? ☑ Yes ☐ No

5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Elderly? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Disabled? ☐ Yes ☑ No
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<td>Young Children?</td>
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<td>House holds with high energy burdens?</td>
<td>☐</td>
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<td>Other?</td>
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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.

Eligible applicants for weatherization assistance must be homeowners. All applicants that are renters will be instructed to contact their landlords or rental agencies regarding weatherization assistance. Eligible households with minor children, the elderly and the disabled with high energy burdens who have health and safety concerns will be given priority assistance to address these issues.

**Benefit Levels**

5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per household? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? $350

**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
- ☑ Caulking and insulation
- ☑ Storm windows
- ☑ Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs
- ☑ Furnace replacement
- ☑ Cooling system modifications/repairs
- ☑ Water conservation measures
- ☑ Compact florescent light bulbs
- ☑ Energy related roof repair
- ☑ Major appliance Repairs
- ☑ Major appliance replacement
- ☑ Windows/sliding glass doors
- ☑ Doors
- ☑ Water Heater
- ☑ Cooling system replacement
- ☑ 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 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)

6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance available:

- Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc.
- Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
- Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance.
- Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients.
- Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
- Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups.
- Other (specify):

If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.
Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

<table>
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<tr>
<th>7.1 Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, WAP, etc.).</th>
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<td>✔ Joint application for multiple programs</td>
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<td>✔ Intake referrals to/from other programs</td>
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<td>✔ One-stop intake centers</td>
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<td>✗ Other - Describe:</td>
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Through the intake process, referrals to and from other state and local programs and networking with the local townhalls and churches; that receive private donations from the community; the program will ensure that these households are made aware of these agencies that may assist them with their home energy needs.

If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.
Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)

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: [ ]

Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15

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?

8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?

8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration.

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<td>8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?</td>
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<td>8.5c Who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?</td>
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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.

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If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.
Section 9 - Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?
- Heating: Yes ☑ No ☐
- Cooling: Yes ☑ No ☐
- Crisis: Yes ☑ No ☐
- Are there exceptions? Yes ☑ No ☐
  If yes, Describe.

9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?
  All approved households are notified in writing informing them that they have been approved for assistance, explained the determined benefits amount and the method of payments to service vendors.

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?
  A Vendor Agreement established for the program is mailed to all participating vendors for agreement and signatures. The letter contains a description applicable to all LIHEAP components. Vendors who sign the agreement letter agree to:
  
  A) Charge the household in the normal billing process; the actual amount of the home energy cost. Upon receipt, deduct the amount of payment made by the Tribe’s LIHEAP program.
  
  B) Treat all households receiving assistance under this title no differently because of such assistance under applicable provisions of Tribal Law or public regulatory requirements; and
  
  C) Not to discriminate, either in the cost of the goods supplied or services provided, against the eligible household on whose behalf are made.

9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance?
  The signed Vendor Agreement document from participating vendors assures that households receiving assistance will not be treated adversely due to receipt of LIHEAP assistance from the Tribe.

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.

If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.
Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)

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

All LIHEAP awarded funds are subjected to the same approved standards of accounting practices as all other programs operated by the Tribe. The awarded LIHEAP funds are included in the Tribe's annual audit under the Single Audit Act. All financial aspects of the program are internally monitored for compliance with tribal and federal financial disbursement requirements. Monthly financial reports are provided for internal audit review to identify and adjust for any differences.

Audit Process

10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

10.3. Describe any audit findings rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the A-133 audits, Grantee monitoring assessments, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews of the LIHEAP agency from the most recently audited fiscal year.

No Findings

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10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies

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

☐ Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133

☐ Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit (other than A-133)

☐ Local agencies/district offices' A-133 or other independent audits are reviewed by Grantee as part of compliance process.

☐ Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices

Compliance Monitoring

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 employees:

☐ Internal program review

☐ Departmental oversight

☐ Secondary review of invoices and payments

☐ Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:

Monitoring of all program activities and compliances are completed through routine reports generated from the Finance Office and programs to Tribal Government and the funding agencies. Monthly computer generated reports from the Finance Office include the number of cases processed, dates of processing and the amounts of the benefits issued. Case files selected by the Social Services Director are reviewed for accurate processing of all applications and to ensure program compliance.
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?

If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.
Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12), 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
- [x] Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment
- [ ] Comments from applicants are recorded
- [x] Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised
- [ ] Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)
- [ ] Comments are solicited during outreach activities
- [ ] Other - Describe:

11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation?

There were no changes or adjustments implemented to the LIHEAP plan for 2020, as there were no comments and/or suggestions received from the community.

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?

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11.4 How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 0

11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).

Despite notification to the families in the tribal community; handouts and posted notifications, there were no minutes recorded or notes from the public hearing due to no receipt of suggestions or comments from the community at the scheduled public hearing or from the locations in which the plan was displayed.

11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments received at the public hearing(s)?

No changes were made or applied to this year's LIHEAP plan as a result of no comments received from the tribal community to consider amendments or changes to the plan.

If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.
Section 12: Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

12.1 How many fair hearings did the grantee have in the prior Federal fiscal year? None

12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? None

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 policy or procedural changes made in the last federal fiscal year and no fair hearings required to be conducted.

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

All applicants are informed in writing; on the program application, of the hearing procedures in place for applications denied for assistance. If an application is denied assistance, the applicant may appeal the decision by submitting in writing a hearing request for reconsideration to the Tribe’s Social Services Department within ten (10) days of the denial. The applicant must provide any additional supporting information that is to be considered at the appeal hearing to the Social Services Department that may result in a reversal of the denial. If the denial decision stands, the applicant will be notified in writing within ten (10) days of the results. The applicant may appeal this second denial in writing within ten (10) days to the Tribal Administrator, who will then confer with Tribal Government. A decision made from Tribal Government will be final.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

All applicants are informed of their rights to appeal a denial decision at the intake process of their applications. If an application is denied, notification of the appeal process accompanies the letter of denial mailed to the applicant.

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

Applicants are informed during the intake process; verbally and in writing, that they can request a hearing within five (5) business days after completion of their application, if they feel their application for assistance was not acted upon in a timely manner. All approved eligible households will be assisted immediately, if funds remain available through the program. If funds are not available, applicants will be referred to other direct client service programs within the Tribe and to resources within the local communities; program staff will advocate and assist applicants applying for all potential resources.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

All applicants are informed of these rights during the intake process of their applications for assistance.

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

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

LIHEAP funds will not be allocated to provide specific services that would encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs due to limited funding. Awarded funds are primarily utilized to assist eligible households to attain or sustain their home energy needs. The weatherization component of the program does assist eligible households in the process of reducing their home energy needs and costs by replacing needed storm doors and windows in the home.

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

Should the program allocate five (5%) percent of the awarded funds for these activities, these funds and those funds allocated to the other components of the program are monitored by the Tribe's Finance Office monthly. The Finance Office ensures that the program does not expense more than the allocated amount for each program component and provides monthly expenditure reports for accounting accuracy.

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

N/A

13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.

N/A

13.5 How many households applied for these services? N/A

13.6 How many households received these services? N/A

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.
14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

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

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

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<th>Resource</th>
<th>What is the type of resource or benefit?</th>
<th>What is the source(s) of the resource?</th>
<th>How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?</th>
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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
  - [x] 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
15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?

- Yes
- No

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

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 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)

17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms

a. Describe all mechanisms available to the public for reporting cases of suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that apply.

- [ ] Online Fraud Reporting
- [ ] Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline
- [ ] Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office
- [ ] Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General
- [ ] Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse
- [x] Other - Describe:
  
  The Tribe's current policy in place states what action(s) will be taken in an event that fraud is suspected or detected from an applicant applying for services. The program applications signed by the applicants outline and explain these actions that will be taken when fraud is suspected or detected.

  Current monitoring steps in place are our mechanisms to prevent fraud and improper payments.

b. Describe strategies in place for advertising the above-referenced resources. Select all that apply

- [ ] Printed outreach materials
- [x] Addressed on LIHEAP application
- [ ] Website
- [ ] Other - Describe:

17.2. Identification Documentation Requirements

a. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household members.

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Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)

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b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.

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 management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)
- ☑️ Match with state Department of Labor system
- ☑️ Match with state and/or federal corrections system
- ☑️ Verification using private software (e.g., The Work Number)
- ☑️ In-person certification by staff (for tribal grantees only)
- ☑️ Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal grantees only)
- ☑️ Other - Describe:

17.4. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification

What are your procedures for ensuring that household members are U.S. citizens or aliens who are qualified to receive LIHEAP benefits? Select all that apply.

- ☑️ Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or legal residency
- ☑️ Client's submission of Social Security cards is accepted as proof of legal residency
- ☑️ Noncitizens must provide documentation of immigration status
- ☑️ Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport
- ☑️ Noncitizens are verified through the SAVE system
- ☑️ Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card
- ☑️ Other - Describe:

17.5. Income Verification

What methods does your agency utilize to verify household income? Select all that apply.

- ☑️ Require documentation of income for all adult household members
  - ☑️ Pay stubs
  - ☑️ Social Security award letters
  - ☑️ Bank statements
  - ☑️ Tax statements
  - ☑️ Zero-income statements
  - ☑️ Unemployment Insurance letters
  - ☑️ Other - Describe:

All households applying for assistance are required to provide all of the household's income via retirement and/or pension check stubs, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); welfare case assistance, Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) stubs, Worker's Compensation.
stubs, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) as well.

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<td>✓ Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)</td>
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<td>✓ Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor</td>
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<td>✓ Utilize state directory of new hires</td>
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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:
    - All client case files and/or charts are identified by an assigned client identification number. Client case files are maintained in locked file cabinets and are limited to program staff access only. All staff have signed confidentiality statements upon hiring.

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:

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:
  - Account ownership
  - Consumption
  - Balances
  - Payment history
- Account is properly credited with benefit
  - Other - Describe:

- Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
- Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
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<td>What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.</td>
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<td>✗ Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery</td>
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<td>✗ Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor</td>
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<td>✗ Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only</td>
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<td>✗ Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client</td>
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<td>✗ Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors</td>
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<td>✗ Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>✗ Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public</td>
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<td>✗ Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process</td>
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Applicants that have been identified as to willfully and knowingly falsified an application for services are notified in writing of the discovery of the false representation by certified letter. They are informed that remittance of funds paid in their behalf for services rendered is required and that they can be prosecuted for a Class E crime which is punishable by up to six (6) months incarceration and a fine of up to $1,000.

| ✗ Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? Until determined eligible by the Tribe for services. |
| ✗ 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--Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency’s determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction,”
provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an
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 and 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)

4259 Old Post Road

* Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Charlestown

* City

RI

* State

02813

* 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

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
(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 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

**PLAN ATTACHMENTS**

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).