DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: Oklahoma

Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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* 1.a. Type of Submission: Plan			* 1.b. Frequency: • Annual		* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request? Explanation: 2. Date Received: 3. Applicant Identifier:			* 1.d. Version: C Initial C Resubmission C Revision C Update State Use Only:	
						eral Entity Ide		5. Date Received By State: 6. State Application Identifier:	
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7. APPLICAN									
Ü		e of Oklahoma ver Identificati	ion Number (EIN/TIN):	* c. Or	ganizational D	UNS:		
* d. Address:									
* Street 1:		P.O. BOX 25	352		Stre	et 2:			
* City:		OKLAHOMA	A CITY		Cou	nty:			
* State:		OK			Prov	ince:			
* Country:		United States			* Zi _l Code:	p / Postal	73125 -		
e. Organizatio		:							
Department N Department of		Services			Division Name: Adult and Family Services				
f. Name and c	ontact ir	nformation of	person to be contacted	d on matters in	volving	this application	1:		
Prefix:	* First	Name:		Middle Name	4 Aiddle Name: * Last Name:			ast Name:	
Suffix:	Title:			Organization	nal Affiliation:				
* Telephone Number:	Fax Nu	mber		* Email:					
* 8a. TYPE O A: State Gover		ICANT:							
b. Addition	al Descri	iption:							
* 9. Name of l	Federal A	Agency:							
				Catalog of Federal Domes Assistance Number:			c CFDA Title:		
10. CFDA Num	bers and	Titles	93.568			Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program			
11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project Utility assistance for eligible low income households in the form of bill princome				form of bill pay	ment ass	stance. A smal	l portion will	also be used for weatherization for low	
12. Areas Affe All 77 counti									
13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:									
* a. Applicant	: 				b. Prog Statew	ram/Project: ride			
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.									

14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:					
a. Start Date: 10/01/2023	b. End Date: * a. Federal (\$): b. Match (\$) 9/30/2024 \$0 \$0 \$0						
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT T	TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EX	XECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?					
a. This submission was made av	ailable to the State under the Executi	ve Order 12372					
Process for Review on :							
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12	372 but has not been selected by State	e for review.					
c. Program is not covered by E.O	O. 12372.						
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?							
No							
Explanation:							
18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) **I Agree 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 T	itle of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area code,	number and extension)				
		18d. Email Address					
18b. Signature of Authorized Certi	fying Official	18e. Date Report Submitte	d (Month, Day, Year)				
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.							

Section 1 - Program Components

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THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in years in which the grantee is not permitted to file an abbreviated plan. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Section 1 Program Components

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

(No	Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. te: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in plan.)	Dates of Operation	
		Start Date	End Date
*	Heating assistance	10/01/2023	02/24/2024
>	Cooling assistance	05/01/2024	09/13/2024
>	Crisis assistance	10/01/2023	09/30/2024
>	Weatherization assistance	10/01/2023	09/30/2024

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

Weatherization is managed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and subcontracted to Community Action Agencies throughout the state.

OKDHS offers heating assistance, cooling assistance, and ECAP during open enrollment period on the dates above. Applications are accepted until allocated funding is encumbered. End dates above are estimates.

OKDHS accepts applications for ECAP assistance year round from households with a household member that has a medical condition and would be life threatening without the use of the utility. Regular ECAP is also accepted on or after March 15th to meet the ECAP requirement component.

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%.	Percentage (%)
Heating assistance	36.00%
Cooling assistance	32.00%
Crisis assistance	10.00%
Weatherization assistance	2.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	10.00%
Administrative and planning costs	10.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	0.00%

Used to develop and implement le	everagi	ng activities												0.00
TOTAL														100.009
Alternate Use of Crisis Assistan	ce Fun	ds, 2605(c)(1)((C)											
1.3 The funds reserved for winte	er crisi	s assistance th	at ha	ve n	ot bee	en expe	nded	by N	1arch 15 will	be r	epro	grammed to:		
Heating assistance	~	Cooling assist	tance									-		
Weatherization assistance	~	Other (specif Threatening/N			•		ment	perio	od opens in mi	id/lat	e Ma	rch and year r	ound f	or LIFE
Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) -	Assurance 2,	2605((c)(1))(A), 2	2605(b)	(8A)	- Ass	surance 8					
1.4 Do you consider households column below? • Yes No	catego	rically eligible	if on	e ho	useho	ld mem	ber r	eceiv	ves one of the	follo	wing	g categories o	of bene	fits in the left
If you answered "Yes" to questi	ion 1.4.	, you must con	ıplete	the	table	below	and a	nsw	er questions	1.5 a	nd 1.	.6.		
		•	Ì		leating				Cooling			Crisis		Weatherization
TANF			\odot	Yes	0	No	\odot	Yes	ONo	\odot	Yes	O No	07	es 💽 No
SSI			•	Yes	0	No	\odot	Yes	O No	\odot	Yes	O No	Ox	es 💽 No
SNAP			•	Yes	0	No	•	Yes	ONo	0	Yes	O No	Ox	es 💽 No
Means-tested Veterans Programs					•				© No			€ No		es O No
	Progra	m Name		_		eating			Cooling	1		Crisis		Weatherization
Other(Specify) 1				0		O No		0	Yes C No		0	Yes C No		C Yes C No
1.5 Do you automatically enroll	housel	nolds without a	ı dire	ct ar	nnual	applica	ation?	•	Yes No		·			
If Yes, explain: Oklahoma has a preauthorization	process	s for both winte	r heat	ing a	and su	ımmer c	oolin	g. If	a household re					
summer cooling FY2023, has had change in address, and their inconsummer cooling FY2024. The ver	ne is sti	ill within eligib	ility g	guide	elines	for LIH	EAP,	the l	nousehold ma	y be 1	preap	proved for ei	ther wi	nter heating or
notice advising them of intended payment. The process repeats itse	paymer	nt. Changes are	to be	repo	orted p	orior to	the pr	ograi	m opening dat	te in	order	to correct au	thoriza	tions prior to
authorization is based on the prior	year's	cooling progra	m. Si	nce e	eligibi	lity gui	deline	s for	SNAP are hi	gher 1	than	LIHEAP, son	ne SNA	AP households do
not qualify for LIHEAP. The house change of household circumstance														
preauthorized household's income	eligibi	lity is establish	ed th	roug	h syst	em logi	c with	the	income from	other	bene	efit section(s)	on the	ir active open case
that has been reported, verified, as to their utility provider. This notice													er the	payment is released
1.6 How do you ensure there is a	10 diffe	erence in the tr	eatm	ent (of cat	egorica	lly eli	gible	households	from	thos	se not receivi	ng oth	er public assistance
when determining eligibility and We do not have categorical eligibi			If all	of th	ne mei	nhers ir	ı an aı	onlic:	ant household	Lare i	nelu	ded in a SNAI	P TAN	IF or SSP benefit
they are not required to verify inc	ome. T	he eligibility gu	aideli	nes f	or SN	AP are	highe	r tha	n LIHEAP, so	som	e SN	IAP househole	ds do n	ot qualify for
LIHEAP. However, if the payee is verified for all other household me														
households regardless of participa										,				
SNAP Nominal Payments														
1.7a Do you allocate LIHEAP fu														
If you answered "Yes" to questi			ovide	are	espon	se to qu	estio	ns 1.	7b, 1.7c, and	1.7d	•			
1.7b Amount of Nominal Assista	ance: S	5U.UU												
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 - Co	ountab	le Income												
1.8. In determining a household	's inco	me eligibility f	or LI	HE	AP, de	o you u	se gro	oss in	come or net	inco	me ?			
Gross Income														
Net Income														

1.9. 8	select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP					
V	Wages					
~	Self - Employment Income					
>	Contract Income					
V	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts					
>	Unemployment insurance					
~	Strike Pay					
~	Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits					
	☐ Including MediCare deduction Excluding MediCare deduction					
~	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)					
~	Retirement / pension benefits					
	General Assistance benefits					
~	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits					
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits					
1	Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) benefits					
39	Loans that need to be repaid					
>	Cash gifts					
>	Savings account balance					
~	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.					
	Jury duty compensation					
~	Rental income					
100	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)					
100	Income from work study programs					
~	Alimony					
~	Child support					
>	Interest, dividends, or royalties					
>	Commissions					
>	Legal settlements					
>	Insurance payments made directly to the insured					

	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate					
~	Veterans Administration (VA) benefits					
	Earned income of a child under the age of 18					
	Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdrawn without a penalty.					
~	Income tax refunds					
	Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA					
~	Funds received by household for the care of a foster child					
100	Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid					
	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)					
4	Other					
	OKDHS uses gross income for determining LIHEAP eligibility as seen in Appendix C-7 for Income Eligibility. OKDHS also allows certain deductions according to Oklahoma Administrative Codes for greater benefit amount payout during heating and cooling season as seen in Appendix C-7-A for Benefit Matrix. OKDHS calculates the net income as follows:					
	Gross income - allowable deductions = countable net income. The countable net income is the income used to determine how much LIHEAP benefit amount household would be eligible based on the household size, countable net income, and type of fuel.					
	Gross income is used for household income eligibility. The household's gross income must be within 130% of FPG for LIHEAP eligibility. Household must meet gross income eligibility threshold before LIHEAP benefit amount can be determined by using countable net income for a larger benefit allotment.					
	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 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 th	e heating co	omponent:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshol	ld			
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines		130.00%			
2.2 Do you have a HEATING ASSI	additional eligibility requirements for TANCE?	• Yes	○ No					
2.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the	policies for	each.					
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	Yes	◯ No					
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		Yes	○ No					
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing?	Yes	C No					
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	• Yes	C No					
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:							
Elderly?		Yes	C No					
Disabled?		• Yes	C No					
Young chil	dren?	© Yes	C _{No}					
Household	s with high energy burdens ?	• Yes	€ Yes € No					
Other?		O Yes	O Yes O No					
Explanations of p	policies for each "yes" checked above:							
Oklahoma has a liquid resource limit for LIHEAP households. This includes bank accounts, cash on hand, CDs, cryptocurrency, and other investments that can be accessed without penalty to the household. Resources are verified when screening of application indicates declaration of resources is questionable. Renters, renters with utilities included in rent and renters in subsidized housing receive the same benefit amounts as homeowners. Renters in subsidized housing must be responsible for at least a portion of their heating utility in order to be considered vulnerable. Renters with utilities included in rent must verify that a specific portion of the rent is for the cost of utilities or be charged for a surcharge amount during high usage months to be considered vulnerable. Applicants that are roomers receive a smaller heating benefit; however, it is still based on income.								
	f Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605			l Paris	· 14.			
2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc. Many of our preauthorized households are elderly or disabled individuals. OKDHS sends a notice of the open enrollment to household receiving other benefits such as SNAP, TANF, or SSP (State Supplemental Payment to the Aged, Blinded, or Disabled). If funding is such that we will not be able to have open enrollment for the general population, we will reduce the number of applications to the general population and increase the number of applications targeting households that have at least an elderly or disabled or young child.								
2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):								
✓ Income								
Family (household) size								
,								
100								
-	nate/region							
	Individual bill							

Dwelling type							
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)							
Energy need							
Other - Describe:							
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 260	5(c)(1)(B)						
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the	fiscal year for which this plan	applies					
Minimum Benefit	\$40	Maximum Benefit	\$500				
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, s	pace heaters) and/or other for	ms of benefits? O Yes O No					
If yes, describe.							
If any of the above questions r	*		uld not be made				

Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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	Secti	on 3 -	Cool	ing Assistance		
Eligibility, 2605	(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2					
3.1 Designate Tl	he income eligibility threshold used for th	ne Cooling	compor	nent:		
Add	Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold					
1	All Household Sizes			Poverty Guidelines	1.	130.00%
3.2 Do you have COOLING ASS	additional eligibility requirements for SITANCE?	⊙ Yes	€ No			
	ppropriate boxes below and describe the					
Do you require	an Assets test ?	• Yes	O No			
-	ditional/differing eligibility policies for:	T	_			
Renters?		• Yes				
Renters L	iving in subsidized housing?	• Yes	O No			
Renters w	ith utilities included in the rent?	Yes	O No			
Do you give prio	ority in eligibility to:					
Elderly?		• Yes				
Disabled?		Yes	O No			
Young chi	ldren?	• Yes	O No			
Household	ds with high energy burdens ?	C Yes	O No			
Other?		C Yes	O No			
Explanations of	policies for each "yes" checked above:					
investmer resources Re in subsidi included	Oklahoma has a liquid resource limit for LIHEAP households. This includes bank accounts, cash on hand, CDs, cryptocurrency, and other investments that can be accessed without penalty to the household. Resources are verified when screening of application indicates declaration of resources is questionable. Renters, renters with utilities included in rent, and renters in subsidized housing receive the same benefit amount as homeowners. Renters in subsidized housing must be responsible for at least a portion of cooling utility in order to be considered vulnerable. Renters with utilities included in rent must verify that a specific portion of the rent is for the cost of utilities or be charged for a surcharge amount during high usage months to be considered vulnerable.					
3.4 Describe hov	w you prioritize the provision of cooling a	assistance	to vulne	rable populations, e.g., benefit amou	nts, early application period	ds, etc.
Many of our preauthorized households are elderly or disabled individuals. OKDHS sends a notice of the open enrollment to household receiving other benefits such as SNAP, TANF, or SSP (State Supplemental Payment to the Aged, Blinded, or Disabled). If funding is such that we will not be able to have open enrollment for the general population, we will reduce the number of applications to the general population and increase the number of applications targeting households that have at least an elderly or disabled or young child.						
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 (ho	ousehold) size					
✓ Home ener	rgy cost or need:	_				
✓ Fue	l type					
Climate/region						

Individual bill							
Dwelling type							
Energy 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	ne fiscal year for which this pla	n applies					
Minimum Benefit	\$150	Maximum Benefit	\$650				
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air	conditioners) and/or other form	ns of benefits? • Yes • No					
If yes, describe.							
Applications requesting assistance to purchase or repair cooling equipment such as fans, or window air conditioning units can be reimbursed up to \$150. Applicants must provide a receipt dated within 30 days of the start of the cooling application period for reimbursement approval. All whole house central heat and air unit/equipment must be serviced through the weatherization component which is handled through Oklahoma Department of Commerce due to health and safety measure and inspection under DOE guidelines.							
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in							

Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE Eligibility - 2604(c), 2605(c)(1)(A) 4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold Add HHS Poverty Guidelines All Household Sizes 130.009 4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis. A utility crisis exists when a households services is disconnected, provides information regarding a new connection fee, has a verified active cut-off order, receives a refusal notice to provide fuel, has a prepaid account with less than \$25 minimum balance, enters into a payment plan with the supplier to prevent service cut-off. In the event of limited funding priority is given to cutoff notices within 72 hours and households that contain at least one member who is 60 years or older, blind, disabled, or a child under five years of age. 4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis? A life-threatening crisis exists when a member of the applicant household has a documented medical condition verified by a licensed health care professional that would become life threating without the availability of the energy source. This can include those using life sustaining medical equipment in the home, refrigerated insulin, and those that may suffer more severe adverse effects from extreme temperature changes or exposure temperatures due to medical condition. Crisis Requirement, 2604(c) 4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 48Hours 4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households in life-threatening situations? 18Hours Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A) 4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS Yes No ASSISTANCE? 4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each Yes Do you require an Assets test? No Do you give priority in eligibility to: Elderly? O Yes Disabled? Yes Young Children? C Yes Households with high energy burdens? C Yes No C Yes Other? In Order to receive crisis assistance: Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near Yes No empty tank? • Yes Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank? O Yes Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit? No Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have Yes No received an eviction notice? Yes Must heating/cooling be medically necessary? No Must the household have non-working heating or cooling C Yes No equipment? Other? Yes No

Do you have addition:	al / differing eligibility policies for:					
Renters?		⊙ Yes O No				
Renters living in	n subsidized housing?	€ Yes C No				
Renters with ut	ilities included in the rent?	• Yes O No				
Explanations of polici	es for each "yes" checked above:	100				
Oklahoma has a liquid resource limit for LIHEAP households. This includes bank accounts, cash on hand, CDs, and other investments that can be accessed without penalty to the household. Resources are verified when screening of application indicated declaration of resources is questionable. Renters, renters with utilities included in rent, and renters in subsidized housing receive the same benefit amount as homeowners. Renters in subsidized housing must be responsible for at least a portion of cooling/heating utility in order to be considered vulnerable. Renters with utilities included in rent must verify that a specific portion of the rent is for the cost of utilities or be charged for a surcharge amount during high usage months to be considered vulnerable.						
Determination of Ben	ofits					
4.8 How do you hand						
✓	Separate component					
	Fast Track					
~	Other - Describe:					
	households that have at least one household n use of the utility. The utility crisis is establish	enrollment application period, OKDHS offers year round ECAP to nember with a medical condition that would be life threatening without the ned in the same manner as our regular ECAP general open enrollment de medical documentation from a licensed physician to establish the				
4.9 If you have a sepa	rate component, how do you determine crisis assist	ance benefits?				
v	Amount to resolve the crisis.					
V	Other - Describe:					
	If the amount due to resolve the crisis a feasible plan to pay the difference in order t	exceeds the maximum ECAP payment allowed, the household must provide o be approved for ECAP payment.				
Crisis Requirements,	2604(c)					
4.10 Do you accept ap	plications for energy crisis assistance at sites that a	re geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?				
	Explain.					
_	general open enrollment applications can be submitted at any of our local field offices throughout state.	online, or by mail, fax, or phone during business hours. Households can				
4.11 Do you provide i	ndividuals who are physically disabled the means to	p:				
Submit application	s for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?					
€ Yes C No I	f No, explain.					
Travel to the sites a	t which applications for crisis assistance are accept	ted?				
O Yes O No I	f No, explain.					
If you answered "No" t	o both options in question 4.11, please explain alterna	tive means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disabled?				
ECAP general open enrollment applications can be submitted online, or by mail, fax, or phone during business hours. Our staff would utilize the services available to assist homebound or disabled apply for benefits such as translation services, in-home visit, or proxy an application over the phone. Life-threatening crisis does not require an application since the medical condition must be verified by a licensed health care professional. Life-threatening is a fast track to provide special assistance for those that met the life-threatening condition and have an energy crisis.						
D						
Benefit Levels, 2605(c		rad.				
Winter Crisis	imum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offer \$0.00 maximum benefit	cu.				
Summer Crisis	\$0.00 maximum benefit					
Year-round Crisis	\$750.00 maximum benefit					
	n-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or ot	her forms of benefits?				
C Yes O No If y	es, Describe					

4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or repla	cement usir	ng crisis fund	is?
C Yes 🕟 No			
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must	complete qu	iestion 4.15.	
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate ty	pe(s) of assis	stance provi	ded.
	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis
Heating system repair			
Heating system replacement			
Cooling system repair			
Cooling system replacement			
Wood stove purchase			
Pellet stove purchase			
Solar panel(s)			
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups			
Other (Specify):			
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with e	nforce a mo	ratorium on	shut offs?
⊙ Yes No			
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	t respond to	question 4.1	7.
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and an	y special dis	pensation r	eceived by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.
32 degrees or below on the day of disconnection of service as long as the gas service is used for index or higher on the day of disconnection, the day of disconnection of the day of disconnection of the day of disconnection.	on or the nig r heating pur he utility wil	httime low is poses. If the l suspend dis	
the predicted or actual high is 32 degrees or b			rature threshold for summer disconnections. They also do not disconnect if predicted to be 20 degrees or below.
If any of the above questions requithe fields provided, attach a docur			nation or clarification that could not be made in aplanation here.

Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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	Section	on 5: WEAT	THERIZATION ASSISTANC	CE
Eligibility, 2605	(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assu	rance 2		
5.1 Designate th	e income eligibility thresho	ld used for the We	atherization component	
Add	Househ	old Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	200.00%
5.2 Do you enter	r into an interagency agree	ment to have anoth	er government agency administer a WEATHE	RIZATION component? Yes
5.3 If yes, name	the agency. Oklahoma Dep	artment of Commer	ce	
5.4 Is there a sep	parate monitoring protocol	for weatherization	? € Yes C No	
WEATHERIZA	ATION - Types of Rules			
	rules do you administer LI	HEAP weatherizat	ion? (Check only one.)	
Entirely u	nder LIHEAP (not DOE) r	ules		
-	nder DOE WAP (not LIHE			
	`	,	AP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules dif	fer (Check all that annly):
-	me Threshold	Tonowing Bob W	The factor of th	(encentum chuc upprij).
-		family housing str	acture is permitted if at least 66% of units (50%)	(in 2 & 4 unit buildings) are
	will become eligible within		icture is permitted if at least 00 /6 of units (30 /	o in 2- & 4-unit bundings) are
Wea care facilities).	therize shelters temporaril	y housing primaril	y low income persons (excluding nursing home	s, prisons, and similar institutional
Othe	er - Describe:			
Mostly un	der DOE WAP rules, with	the following LIHI	EAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules di	ffer (Check all that apply.)
✓ Inco	me Threshold			
Wes	atherization not subject to	DOE WAP maximu	um statewide average cost per dwelling unit.	
0.00			Savings to Investment Ration (SIR) standards	S.
-	er - Describe:		` ,	
	come threshold above is as f	ollows:		
			If the LIHEAP recipient list for the area is exhau	sted, the household can receive
			old income under of 200% FPG.	sted, the household can receive
	terms of eligibility requirements of the work of the w		partment of Commerce and our community action	agencies obtain a written permit from
Eligibility, 2605	(b)(5) - Assurance 5			
5.6 Do you requ	ire an assets test?	C Yes O No		
5.7 Do you have	additional/differing eligibi	lity policies for :		
Renters		O Yes O No		
Renters live housing?	ving in subsidized	O Yes O No		
5.8 Do you give	priority in eligibility to:			
Elderly?		Yes No		

Disabled?	€ Yes € No	
Young Children?	€ Yes C No	
House holds with high energy burdens?	€ Yes C No	
Other?	C Yes C No	
If you selected "Yes" for any of the optic below.	ons in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, y	you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field
weatherized before other household	Is that may be eligible. Priority is	disabled household members or with young children in the home are also given to household with high energy burden as related to income or lat received some kind of bill payment assistance.
Benefit Levels		
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP w	eatherization benefit/expenditu	re per household? • Yes O No
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$9,50	00	
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D))	
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization mea	sures do you provide ? (Check a	ll categories that apply.)
Weatherization needs assessments	s/audits	Energy related roof repair
✓ Caulking and insulation		Major appliance Repairs
Storm windows	Storm windows Major appliance replacement	
Furnace/heating system modificat	tions/ repairs	Windows/sliding glass doors
Furnace replacement		☑ Doors
Cooling system modifications/ rep	pairs	Water Heater
Water conservation measures		Cooling system replacement
Compact florescent light bulbs		Other - Describe: health and safety as described in attached table
If any of the above question	s require further expl	anation 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 available. Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc. 4 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. 4 Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients. 4 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): Many of our utility vendors give LIHEAP information to their customers via phone contact with customer service representatives as well as billing inserts. OKDHS LIHEAP also sends a press release statewide for local television, local newspaper, and radio networks to broadcast for upcoming LIHEAP open enrollment periods. OKDHS LIHEAP also sends post cards via USPS about our upcoming LIHEAP general open enrollment periods to vast Oklahoma households that are validated through a vested Oklahoma statewide data warehouse.

OKDHS LIHEAP is also listed in the JOIN (Joint Oklahoma Information Network) online directory as well as the Oklahoma Heartline 2-1-1 network directory. Both JOIN and Heartline 2-1-1 refer applicants to multiple agencies, nonprofits, and programs including LIHEAP.

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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, SSI, WAP, etc.). | Joint application for multiple programs | Intake referrals to/from other programs | One - stop intake centers | Other - Describe:

LIHEAP is operated by the OKDHS in the Adult and Family Services (AFS) division. AFS also offers TANF, SNAP, State Supplemental Payments to Aged, Blinded, and Disabled, Child Care subsidy, and medical assistance for certain programs.

OKDHS LIHEAP also accept referrals from other Federal, State, Local, hospitals, doctor's offices, profit and non-profit agencies, neighbor-to-neighbor partnership programs, etc.

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Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)

	tne	Commonwealt	n of Puerto Ric	o)	
8.1 Ho	w would you categorize the primary respons	sibility of your State age	ency?		
	Administration Agency				
	Commerce Agency				
	Community Services Agency				
	Energy / Environment Agency				
	Housing Agency				
>	Welfare Agency				
	Other - Describe:				
lf you :	ate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assu selected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1,	you must complete ques		s applicable.	
8.2 Ho	w do you provide alternate outreach and int LIHEAP applications are accepted onl			ng general open enrollme	nt period.
3.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?					
LIHEAP applications are accepted online, by mail, fax, or phone during our summer cooling general open enrollment period.					
3.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE? LIHEAP applications are accepted online, by mail, fax, or phone during our ECAP general open enrollment period.					
8.5 LII	HEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a W	ho determines client eligibility?	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	Community Action Agencies
	ho processes benefit payments to gas and vendors?	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	
8.5c wl vendor	no processes benefit payments to bulk fuels?	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	
8.5d W measur	ho performs installation of weatherization res?				Community Action Agencies
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proxied at our field offices or submitted by the client online 24hrs - 7 days per week during open enrollment, by mail, fax, or phone during business hours. All LIHEAP applications are deposited to our LIHEAP virtual depository for processing. 8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? 1 8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year? Yes No		ny of your LIHEAP components are not centrally-administered by a state agency, you must uplete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and, if applicable, 8.9.
proxied at our field offices or submitted by the client online 24hrs - 7 days per week during open enrollment, by mail, fax, or phone during business hours. All LIHEAP applications are deposited to our LIHEAP virtual depository for processing. 8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? 1 8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year? Yes No 8.9 If so, why? Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP - Agency is under criminal investigation Added agency Agency closed	8.6 W	hat is your process for selecting local administering agencies?
8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year? Yes No 8.9 If so, why? Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP - Agency is under criminal investigation Added agency Agency closed		
8.9 If so, why? Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP - Agency is under criminal investigation Added agency Agency closed	8.7 H	ow many local administering agencies do you use? 1
Agency is under criminal investigation Added agency Agency closed	Ye	es
Agency is under criminal investigation Added agency Agency closed	8.9 If	so, why?
Added agency Agency closed		Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP -
Agency closed		Agency is under criminal investigation
		Added agency
Other - describe		Agency closed
		Other - describe
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Section 9 - Energy Suppliers,, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

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	Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7	
9.1 Do you make	ke payments directly to home energy suppliers?	
Heating	⊙ Yes C No	
Cooling	• Yes O No	
Crisis	Yes No	
Are there exce	reptions? Yes No	
If yes, Describe	be.	
participati form of a	Renters that are roomers received direct payments. Direct payments are also made to applicants when their home energy ting vendor or they are approved for a reimbursement for the purchase or repair of cooling equipment. Direct payments an Oklahoma Master Debit Card or direct deposit to a pre-registered bank account the client has set up previously to recess through OKDHS.	are made in the
9.2 How do you	notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?	
A	A notice is mailed to the client upon payment of benefit.	
In 1. Not cha 2. Assure state la	he home energy and the amount of the payment? In accepting a payment from OKDHS on behalf of a household, the energy supplier agrees to: tharge both the household and OKDHS for the same services; that no customer/household receiving LIHEAP benefits will be treated adversely because of assistance under applicate aw or public regulatory requirements; and iscriminate against the eligible LIHEAP customer, either in cost of the goods supplied or the services provided.	ble provision of
9.4 How do you a	assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of	of LIHEAP
In	n accepting a payment from OKDHS on behalf of a household, the energy supplier agrees to:	
Assure state la	harge both the household and OKDHS for the same services; e that no customer/household receiving LIHEAP benefits will be treated adversely because of assistance under applicable aw or public regulatory requirements; and iscriminate against the eligible LIHEAP customer, either in cost of the goods supplied or the services provided.	ble provision of
9.5. Do you mak households?	ke payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of	eligible
Yes No	· ·	

the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

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	LOW INCO	MODEL	SSISTANCE PROGRAN - PLAN IANDATORY	I(LIHEAP)
	Section 1	0: Program, Fiscal Mo	onitoring, and Audit, 26	05(b)(10)
finance been pr	Adult and Family Service records monthly. LIHE	EAP encumbrances are monitored daily	P funds? ith AFS LIHEAP administrative staff are during the open enrollment application with other internal reports to project for	periods until all applications have
Audit Process				
10.2. Is your I		ited annually under the Single Audit	Act and OMB Circular A - 133?	
			or reportable condition cited in the A iews of the LIHEAP agency from the	
No Findings	/			
Finding	Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1				
What types of Select all that	apply.	nents do you have in place for local a	dministering agencies/district offices	
200			udit in compliance with Single Audit	Act and OMB Circular A-133
C/100		ces are required to have an annual a		
997	-		lits are reviewed by Grantee as part o	f compliance process.
Compliance N		d program monitoring of local agend	cies/district offices	
10.5. Describe that apply	the Grantee's strateg	ies for monitoring compliance with th	ne Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP po	licies and procedures: Select all
Grantee empl	oyees:			
✓ Inter	rnal program review			
Depa	artmental oversight			
Seco	ndary review of invoic	ees and payments		
Oth	er program review me	chanisms are in place. Describe:		
	nism in place to screen a	IEAP processing unit and provide a trai and review-applications prior to the elig ad procedure are being followed.	ining session-prior to each open enrollm gibility authorization. LIHEAP administ	ent period. We also have an internal trative staff also routinely conduct
Local Admini	stering Agencies / Dist	rict Offices:		
897	site evaluation			
Ann	ual program review			

Monitoring through central database
✓ Desk reviews
Client File Testing / Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
In addition to including the A-133 audit completed by the Oklahoma Auditor and Inspector's Office, LIHEAP administrative staff randomly pull and review 5-10% of the LIHEAP processed applications.
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
LIHEAP administrative staff monitoring included in audit completed by State Auditor and Inspector's Office. Oklahoma LIHEAP administrative staff conduct site visits to our centralized unit once per LIHEAP program such as winter heating, energy crisis, and summer cooling LIHEAP administrative staff also pull cases randomly each week during each open enrollment period for desk review.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
LIHEAP administrative staff and State Auditor and Inspector's may choose to visit OKDHS offices or our centralized processing unit to review, observe, and audit during the LIHEAP open enrollment period.
Desk Reviews:
LIHEAP administrative staff may choose to complete a desk review at their discretion. Oklahoma LIHEAP administrative staff choose to pull cases randomly for review to ensure our agents are following our policy and procedures. If an error is found, we would address it at our management meeting to ensure staff would receive adequate coaching.
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?
Cases may be randomly selected on a yearly basis by the State Auditor and Inspector's Office or LIHEAP administrative staff.
10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? OPTIONAL
10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? OPTIONAL
10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues? 0
10.12 How many local against an appropriate an appropriate 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) 4 Public Hearing(s) Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment 4 Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment Comments from applicants are recorded 4 Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised 4 Stakeholder consultation meeting(s) 4 Comments are solicited during outreach activities Other - Describe: Comments regarding the LIHEAP program administration may also be received via email, survey, mail, phone from public, applicants, or employees throughout the years at our public events or local field offices. 11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation? We make online LIHEAP applications available 24-7 during our General Open Enrollment period for each program. 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? **Event Description** 3 11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 319 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)? We deployed the new client's portal of our new OKBenefit one-stop system for clients to apply for benefits. Our call center has expanded hours into the evening during open enrollment.

LIHEAP open enrollment to assist with influx of incoming calls and applications. We are working with our contractors and software developer to gather business requirements for the new system's logic. We are also working with our programmer on the automated process to increase the number of households for pre-authorization as well as intake for LIHEAP.

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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? 5
- 12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? 1
- 12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last Federal fiscal year as a result of fair hearings?

OKDHS proposed a policy change for supplements and refunds. If approved, it will effective September 2024.

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

Households are given 30 days from the date of the notice received to request a fair hearing at their local field office or call in to the energy assistance contact center.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Information regarding appeals for any action is included in the application as well as in the notice received after action is taken on the application.

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

The LIHEAP applicant was informed at the intake the right to appeal any delay in decision and any action considered improper by requesting a fair hearing.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

The LIHEAP application includes language informing applicants of their right to appeal any decision made on their 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 thereby the need for energy assistance?

Oklahoma does not implement Assurance 16

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

Oklahoma does not implement Assurance 16

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

Oklahoma does not implement Assurance 16

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

Oklahoma does not implement Assurance 16

13.5 How many households applied for these services? 0

13.6 How many households received these services? 0

Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)

	you pian to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?
Yes	C No

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

No formal instructions are given to 3rd parties or local agencies regarding leveraging. Interaction is between utility vendors and AFS LIHEAP staff.

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?
1	Reduced rate for natural gas customer	Oklahoma Natural Gas	The reduced rate is only applied to accounts that have received a LIHEAP payment.
2	\$10 credit on monthly electric bill. Free weatherization assessment services. Smart meter to help household regulate their usage.	Oklahoma Gas and Electric	Customers receive a \$10 credit on their bill each month after a LIHEAP payment is made on the account. The credit continues for 12 months until the customer moves. Customers also receive free weatherization assessment services along with care package that contains energy light bulbs, weatherize window seal, etc.
3	Reduced rate for LIHEAP electric customer and energy saver rebate up-to \$500 on energy rate appliances replacement	American Electric Power	The reduced rate is only applied to accounts that have received a LIHEAP payment. AEP also offers qualified LIHEAP customers up-to \$500 on energy rate appliances replacement
4	\$15-\$35 credit monthly electric bill	Empire District Electric/ Liberty Utility	Customers receive a \$15 or \$35 on their bill each month depending on their income level after a LIHEAP payment is mad on the account. The credit continues for 12 months until the customer moves.

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Section 15: Training
15.1 Describe the training you provide for each of the following groups:
a. Grantee Staff:
Formal training on grantee policies and procedures
How often?
Annually
✓ Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe:
Employees are provided with policy manual
Other-Describe: Policy manual and program specific guidance are available on our agency infonet. Centralized energy assistance contact center staff are trained prior to each open enrollment application. Field staff also are trained through modules on LMS.
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 Centralized energy assistance contact center staff attend a training session prior to each open enrollment application period.
c. Vendors
Formal training conference
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe:
Policies communicated through vendor agreements

	Policies are outlined in a vendor manual
	Other - Describe:
15.2 Do	oes your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?
Yes	
No	
•	y of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in

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

In FY2024, OKDHS plans to continue to work with technical staff to develop the infrastructure for data exchange between our system and utility providers to ensure the improvement of accuracy for data we are reporting. We are continuing to update our handbook as well as fine tune our Standard Operating Procedure and Policies to be consistent and provide a uniform interpretation for our staff.

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	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											
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Online Fraud Reporting									
	Z carentea 11 au a 11 e por	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 p	lace for local agenc	ies/district off	fices	and vendors to re	eport fraud, was	te, a	nd abuse		
l	Other - Describe:										
b. Describe strategies in place for advertising the above-referenced resources. Select all that apply											
	Printed outreach mater	ials									
	Addressed on LIHEAP	appl	ication								
	✓ Website										
	Other - Describe:										
17.2. Identification Documentation Requirements											
	ndicate which of the following inbers.	form	s of identification a	re required o	r req	uested to be colle	cted from LIHE	AP a	applicants or the	ir household	
			Collected from Whom?								
Type of Identification Collected						All Adults in Household			All Household Mombous		
			Applicant Only Required			All Adults in Household Required			All Household Members Required		
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained			requireu			,			•		
			Requested			Requested			Requested		
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)		100	Required		199	Required		V	Required		
			Requested			Requested			Requested		
Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)		>	Required			Required			Required		
			Requested			Requested			Requested		
	Other	<u> </u>	Applicant Only	Applicant On		All Adults in Household	All Adults in Household		All Household Members	All Household Members	
			Required Requested			Required	Requested	_	Required	Requested	
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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						
Match with state child support 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:						
The application addresses citizenship and includes statement on signature page regarding requirement to report status of all household members.						
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:						
Computer data matches:						
Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)						
Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor						
Social Security income verified with SSA						
✓ Utilize state directory of new hires						
Other - Describe:						
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality						
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.						

Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
Employee training on confidentiality for:
Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Physical files are stored in a secure location
Other - Describe:
Applications are generated from the online portal and stored in OnBase.
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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:
Applicant is required to provide correct utility account number and account holder's information when an application is completed so it can be double checked with the utility providers through data exchanges to ensure validity of the account while preventing waste, fraud, identity theft, and abuse from happening.
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:
LIHEAP participating utility providers must agree with specific conditions when accepting LIHEAP payment as part of the standard state and utility provider contract.

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,							
and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply. Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list							
V	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						
100	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						
100	Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors						
10	Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the Grantee						
	Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism						
4	Other - Describe:						
	LIHEAP participating utility providers must agree with specific conditions when accepting LIHEAP payment as part of the standard state and utility provider contract.						
17.10.	Investigations and Prosecutions						
	ibe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to ommitted fraud. Select all that apply.						
>	Refer to state Inspector General						
>	Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General						
>	Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)						
>	Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public						
~	Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process						
	OKDHS Adult and Family Services - LIHEAP administrative staff typically initiate refund request by phone, email, or mail. In the case of client error, staff may need to request recoupment from household through the AFS Benefit Integrity and Recoupment Section. Once refunds are received, Finance division staff updates issuance record. If a reissuance is necessary, AFS LIHEAP administrative staff reauthorizes payment to correct vendor/account.						
>	Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? 1 year						
10	Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated						
12	Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP						
>	Other - Describe:						
	OKDHS uses administrative discipline for employees found to be committing fraud. Vendors may be removed from the program for fraud as well. In the case of non-participating vendors, the payments is made to the eligible household instead of the vendor. Client(s) who have been found to have committed fraud is banned from LIHEAP assistance for 1 year as individual but the rest of the household members can still be eligible for LIHEAP with a reduce benefit due to the household size reduction of the fraudulent banned member. This fraudulent banned household's member income and resource are partially consider in household total eligibility following our SNAP guidelines.						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.							

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

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

Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

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

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

- 1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- 3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- 4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- 6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
- 7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
- 8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes:

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:,

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition:
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification

number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f)Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).
- (B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Department of Human Services * Address Line 1		
2400 N Lincoln Blvd Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Oklahoma City * City	ок <u>* State</u>	73125 * 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

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

Assurances

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(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).		