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

**Program Name:** Low Income Home Energy Assistance

**Grantee Name: YUROK TRIBE** 

Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

**Report Period:** 10/01/2025 to 09/30/2026 **Report Status:** Certified -- with Warnings

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# **Mandatory Grant Application SF-424**

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# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN SF - 424 - MANDATORY

* 1.a. Type of Submission:  Plan		* 1.b. Frequency:  Annual	* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request?  Explanation:  2. Date Received:  3. Applicant Identifier:  4a. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)		r:	* 1.d. Version:  Initial Resubmission Revision Update  State Use Only:	
				que Entity Ide FLVA9JJ5	entifier (UEI)	5. Date Received By State:	
			4b. Fed	eral Award Id	lentifier:	6. State Application Identifier:	
7. APPLICANT IN							
* a. Legal Name: \	Yurok Tribe						
* b. Address: * Street 1:	190 Klamath	D1d	Stre	nt 2.	P.O.Box 102	7	
* Street 1:	KLAMATH	Boulevard	Cou		Del Norte	I	
* State:	CA			ince:	Der Norte		
* Country:	United States			p / Postal	95548		
c. Organizationa	ıl Unit:		<u> </u>				
Department Nan Client Services	me:		Division Name: Yurok Health and Human Services				
d. Name and contac Awards and on the	ct information of U.S. Departmen	person to be contacted on matters in t of Health and Human Services' LII	nvolving HEAP co	this applicatio ntact list webp	n: (person will page)	be listed on Notice of Funding	
* First Name: Ryan			* Last Name: Bishop				
Title: Client Services dire	ector		Organizational Affiliation:				
* <b>Telephone Numb</b> 7079514998	er:		Fax Number				
* Email: rbishop@yuroktrib	e.nsn.us						
* 8. TYPE OF APP I: Indian/Native Am		ernment (Federally Recognized)					
* a. Is the applica	ant a Tribal Con	sortium: O Yes O No					
* b. If yes please	attach at least oi	ne the following documentation:					
		Catalog of Federal Dome: Assistance Number:	stic		C	FDA Title:	
9. CFDA Numbers an	nd Titles	93.568	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program				
10. DESCRIPTIVE Yurok Low Income		PLICANT'S PROJECT: ssistance Program					
11. AREAS AFFEO Humboldt, Del Nor							
12. CONGRESSIO CA-02	NAL DISTRICT	S OF APPLICANT:					
13. FUNDING PER	RIOD:						
a. Start Date: 10/01/2025			<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2026				
* 14. IS SUBMISSI	ON SUBJECT T	O REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EX	XECUTI	VE ORDER 1	2372 PROCES	SS?	
a. This submission	a. This submission was made available to the State under Executive Order 12372						

Process for review on: b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review. c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. \*15. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? NO
 NO If Yes, explain: 16. 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 🗹 \*\* 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. 17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official 17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) Ryan Bishop 17d. Email Address rbishop@yuroktribe.nsn.us 17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 09/02/2025 sign

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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. 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							
Pro	gram Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C)							
(No	1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program.  (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)							
	1 7	Start Date	End Date					
>	Heating assistance	10/01/2025	09/30/2026					
	Cooling assistance							
/	Summer crisis assistance							
	Winter crisis assistance							
>	Year-round crisis assistance	10/01/2025	09/30/2026					
Z	Weatherization assistance							
Pro	vide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary		15.					
Esti	mated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16							
	Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: total of all percentages must add up to 100%.	Percentage ( % )	Prior year totals					
	feating assistance	94.00%	94.00%					
С	ooling assistance	0.00%	0.00%					
S	ummer crisis assistance	0.00%	6.00%					
V	/inter crisis assistance	0.00%	0.00%					
Y	ear-round crisis assistance	6.00%	0.00%					
V	Veatherization assistance	0.00%	0.00%					
С	arryover to the following federal fiscal year	0.00%	0.00%					
A	dministrative and planning costs	0.00%	0.00%					
S	ervices to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	0.00%	0.00%					
U	sed to develop and implement leveraging activities	0.00%	0.00%					
TOT	AL	100.00%	100.00%					

Tribal grant recipients: direct-grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments of \$20,000 or less may use for planning and administration up to 20% of the funds payable. Grant recipients that are direct grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments over \$20,000 may use for planning and administration purposes up to 20% of the first \$20,000 (or \$4,000) plus 10% of the funds payable that exceeds \$20,000. Any administrative costs in excess of these limits must be paid from non-federal sources.

Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C)								
1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:								
>		Heating assistance				ooling assista	nce	
1		Weatherization assistance			Other (spe		pecify:)	
Categ	orical Eligibility, 2605(	(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2,	2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b	)(8A) - Assurance 8				
1.4 Do	you consider householeft column below?	lds categorically eligibl	e if at least one housel	nold member receives	at least one of	the following	categories of benefits	
	answered "Yes" to qu		mplete the table below	and answer question	s 1 5 and 1 6			
II you	answered Tes to qu	estion 1.4, you must co	Heating	Cooling	Cris	rie I	Weatherization	
TANF			• Yes ONo	C Yes O No	⊙ Yes C		Yes No	
SSI			© Yes O No	O Yes O No	⊙ Yes C		Yes No	
SNAP			• Yes ONo	O Yes O No	⊙ Yes C		Yes No	
	-tested Veterans Program	ne .	© Yes O No	O Yes O No	• Yes C		Yes • No	
need t	a. Provide your definition receive the benefits of eation process.  Categorically eleassistance from one of	r just one member, is t	here a data exchange	in place?) and how car	tegorical eligib	ility streamli	nes the LIHEAP	
1.5 Do	you automatically enr	oll households without	a direct annual applic	cation? O Yes O No				
If Yes	, explain:							
Everyone is treated equally and based on the program's matrix criteria.  SNAP Nominal Payments  1.7a Do you allocate LIHEAP funds toward a nominal payment for SNAP households? Yes No  If you answered "Yes" to question 1.7a, you must provide a response to questions 1.7b, 1.7c, and 1.7d.  1.7b Amount of Nominal Assistance: \$0.00  1.7c Frequency of Assistance  Once Per Year  Once every five years								
	Other - Describe:							
1.7d F	Iow do you confirm tha	nt the household receive	ing a nominal paymen	t has an energy cost o	r need?			
Deter	mination of Eligibility -	- Countable Income						
1.8. In	determining a househ	old's income eligibility	for LIHEAP, do you t	ıse gross income or ne	t income?			
<b>Y</b>	Gross Income							
Net Income								
	Other - Describe							
1.9. Se	elect all the applicable f	forms of countable inco	me used to determine	a household's income	eligibility for	LIHEAP		
~	Wages							
~	Self - Employment Inc	ome						
~	Contract Income							

	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts
<b>&gt;</b>	Unemployment insurance
<b>&gt;</b>	Strike Pay
<b>&gt;</b>	Social Security Administration (SSA ) benefits
	✓ Including MediCare deduction deduction Excluding MediCare deduction
>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI )
>	Retirement / pension benefits
>	General Assistance benefits
>	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits
	Loans that need to be repaid
	Cash gifts
	Savings account balance
	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.
	Jury duty compensation
<b>&gt;</b>	Rental income
>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
>	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

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	Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid						
	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)						
	Other						
	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.						
1.10	Do you have an online application process • Yes O No						
1.1	0a If yes, describe the type of online application (Select all boxes that apply)						
~	A PDF version of the application is available online and can be downloaded, filled out and mailed in for processing.						
	A state-wide online application that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.						
	One or more locally available online applications that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.						
	Online application that is also mobile friendly						
	Other, please describe						
Pleas	se include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:						
1.10b	Can all program components be applied for online?						
If no	, explain which components can and cannot be applied for online.						
1.11	Do you have a process for conducting and completing applications by phone 🖸 Yes 🔼 No						
1.12	Do you or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply C Yes O No						
If yes	s, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.						
1.13	How can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply:						
>	In-person						
>	Mail						
>	Email						
	Portal application						
<b>V</b>	Other, please describe						
	Text message via work cell phone, and fax.						

# **Hidden for Section 1**

# **Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE**

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Section 2 - Heating Assistance									
Eligibility, 2605	5(b)(2) - Assurance 2								
2.1 Designate th	2.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the heating component:								
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline		Eligibility Threshold				
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income	İ	60.00%				
2.2 Do you have Heating Assista	e additional eligibility requirements for nnce?	C Yes	€ No						
2.3 Check the a	ppropriate boxes below and describe the	policies fo	r each.						
Do you require	an Assets test?	C Yes	⊙ No						
If yes, describe:	: Do you have additional/differing eligibil	ity policies	for:						
Renters?		C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No						
If yes, describe:	:								
Renters L	iving in subsidized housing?	C Yes	⊙ No						
If yes, describe:	:	•							
Renters w	vith utilities included in the rent?	C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No						
If yes, describe:	<u> </u>	•							
Do you give pri	ority in eligibility to:								
Older Ad	ults (60 years or older)?	Yes	O No						
of age or need and	ity groups of Yurok elders, individuals with younger. The program also uses this vulned benefit through our LIHEAP matrix. They ly secure more assistance.	rable status	as a variable to determine energy						
Individua	ls with a disability?	• Yes	CNo						
first mon priority g age or yo and bene	The Yurok LIHEAP program prioritizes the the th, we prioritize their application and procegroups of Yurok elders, individuals with disbunger. The program also uses this vulnerabifit through our LIHEAP matrix. They are ally secure more assistance.	ss them be abilities, ar le status as	fore those who do not fall within our ad homes with children 5 years of a variable to determine energy need						
Young ch	ildren?	• Yes	ONo						
If yes, describe:									
T younger i before th disabilitio vulnerabi	The Yurok LIHEAP program prioritizes the residing within them. For the first month, wose who do not fall within our priority groues, and homes with children 5 years of age le status as a variable to determine energy mable to score more points and therefore pot	e prioritize ps of Yuro or younger leed and be	their application and process them k elders, individuals with The program also uses this nefit through our LIHEAP matrix.						
Househol	ds with high energy burdens?	C Yes	⊙ <sub>No</sub>						
If yes, describe:	:	1 ~~							
Other?		O Yes	⊙ No						
If yes, describe:	<u> </u>								
	f policies for each "yes" checked above:								
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Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5	, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.  For the first month, the Yuork LIHEAP program prioritizes the needs of Yurok elders, disabled, and families with children 5 years of age and younger by processing their applications first. The program also uses this vulnerable status as a variable to determine energy need and benefit through our LIHEAP matrix. They are able to score more points and therefore potentially secure more assistance. Our program also allows these priority groups to receive a set benefit amount for propane if the household's propane account holds a minimal credit of \$300 or less.							
2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your l	penefit levels. (Check al	ll that apply):					
<b>✓</b> Income							
Family (household) size							
<b>✓</b> Home energy cost or need:							
<b>✓</b> Fuel type							
Climate/region							
Individual bill							
Dwelling type							
Energy burden (% of income spent on	home energy)						
Energy need							
Other - Describe:							
If wood assistance is requested, the hou	If wood assistance is requested, the household will receive a set benefit amount.						
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)	(B)						
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal yeshown in the payment matrix.	ear for which this plan	applies. Please note: the maximum and minin	num benefits must be				
Minimum Benefit	\$400	Maximum Benefit	\$660				
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space he	aters) and/or other forn	ns of benefits?2 O Yes O No					
If yes, describe.							

# **Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE**

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Section 3 - Cooling Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(	Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2						
3.1 Designate Th	e income eligibility threshold used for th	e Cooling	component:				
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Thresho	old		
1					0.00%		
3.2 Do you have a Cooling assistant	additional eligibility requirements for ce?	C Yes	C No				
3.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the 1	policies for	· each.				
Do you require a	n Assets test?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:							
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:						
Renters?		C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:							
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing?	C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:							
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent?	O Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:							
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:						
Older Adu	lts (60 years or older)?	C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:							
Individuals	s with a disability?	C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:							
Young chil	dren?	Oyes	C <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:		·					
Households	s with high energy burdens?	Oyes	C <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:							
Other?		C Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
If yes, describe:							
	policies for each "yes" checked above:						
3.4 Describe how etc.	you prioritize the provision of cooling a	ssistance t	o vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amou	ınts, early application pe	eriods,		
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 (hou	usehold) size						
Home energ	gy cost or need:						
Fuel	type						
Clin	nate/region						
Indi	vidual 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 fis shown in the payment matrix.	cal year for which this plan	applies. Please note: the maximum and min	imum benefits must	be		
Minimum Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0	·		
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air cond	itioners) and/or other form	ns of benefits? O Yes O No				
If yes, describe.						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.						

# **Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE**

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MODEL I EAR								
	Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE							
Eligibility - 2604	(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)							
4.1 Designate the	income eligibility threshold used for the crisis com	ponent						
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline		Eligibility T	hreshold			
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income			60.00%			
	LIHEAP program's definition for determining a cond), Include all program definitions.	risis. If you administer multiple c	risis assistance	e programs (win	ter, summer,			
Th	e household must have a shut off notice, near/empty ta	nk, or near/be out of wood.						
4.3 What constitu	utes a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>							
If t exists.	there is a medical condition that requires heating or an	electronic source. A shut off notice	is not required	l when a life-thre	atening crisis			
Crisis Requirem	ent, 2604(c)							
4.4 Within how r	many hours do you provide an intervention that will	l resolve the energy crisis for elig	ible household	s? 48Hours				
4.5 Within how r situations? 18Ho	nany hours do you provide an intervention that will ours	resolve the energy crisis for elig	ible household	s in life-threater	ning			
Crisis Eligibility,	, 2605(c)(1)(A)							
			Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-Round Crisis			
4.6 Do you have	additional eligibility requirements for Crisis Assista	ance?			<b>&gt;</b>			
4.7 Check the ap	propriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistan	nce provided						
Do you require a	nn Assets test?							
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:			•				
Older Adu	lts (60 years or older)?				<b>V</b>			
Individuals	s with a disability?				~			
Young Chi	ildren?				~			
Household	s with high energy burdens?							
Other (Spe	ecify):							
In Order to recei	ive crisis assistance:			*	11.			
Must the h	ousehold have received a shut-off notice or have a n	near empty tank?			<b>&gt;</b>			
Must the h	Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?							
Must the h	ousehold have exhausted their regular heating bene	efit?						
Must rente	Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice?							
Must heati	ng/cooling be medically necessary?							
Must the h	ousehold have non-working heating or cooling equi	pment?						
Other (Spe	ecify):							
Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:								

Renters?							
Renters living in subsidized housing?							
Renters with utilities included in the rent?							
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked ab	ove:						
Determination of Benefits							
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?							
Separate component							
Benefit Fast Track, no sepa response time frames.	rate amount	t of crisis fu	nds is issued. Rather benefit	ts are issued to	crisis custome	rs within crisis	
Other - Describe:							
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you	determine o	risis assista	nce benefits?				
Amount to resolve the crisis	s. \$0						
Other - Describe:							
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)							
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis as	ssistance at	sites that are	e geographically accessible	to all househol	lds in the area to	o be served?	
⊙ Yes C No Explain.							
Yes, we will accept crisis assistance ap	pplications at	t all Tribal of	fices.				
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individua	ale with a die	sahility the r	means to:				
Submit applications for crisis benefits without le			ilcano to.				
⊙ Yes C No							
If No, explain.							
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisi	is assistance	are accepte	d?				
€ Yes C No							
If No, explain.							
If you answered "No" to both options in question disabled?	4.11, please	explain alter	rnative means of intake to the	hose who are h	nomebound or p	ohysically	
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type o	of crisis assis	tance offere	d.				
Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit							
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit							
Year-round Crisis \$660.00 maximum benef							
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space h	ieaters, fans	) and/or othe	er forms of benefits?				
C Yes O No If yes, Describe							
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or repla	cement usir	ng crisis fund	ds?				
C Yes O No							
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must	complete qu	estion 4.15.					
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.							
	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 en	nforce a moi	ratorium on	shut offs?			
C Yes No						
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	respond to	question 4.1	7.			
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any	y special dis	pensation re	eceived by LIHE	AP clients during or after the moratorium period.		
4.18 If you experience a natural disaster, do you intend to utilize LIHEAP crisis funds to address disaster related crisis situations? • Yes No						
If yes, describe						
If any of the above questions requithe fields provided, attach a docum		-		larification that could not be made in		

# **Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**

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Section	on 5: WEATHE	RIZATION ASSISTAN	CE
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assur	rance 2		
5.1 Designate the income eligibility thresho	ld used for the Weatheri	zation component	
Add Househo	old Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1			0.00%
<b>5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agrees</b> No	ment to have another gov	vernment agency administer a WEATH	ERIZATION component? C Yes C
5.3 If yes, name the agency and attach a col	py of the Internal Agreer	nent or Contract.	
5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol	for weatherization? 🔘	Yes ONo	
WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules 5.5 Under what rules do you administer LI	HEAD weatherization?	Cheek only one)	
Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) r		Check only one.)	
Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHE			
	·	ıle(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules di	offer (Check all that annly):
Income Threshold	Tonowing DOE WAT TO	ine(s) where Different and Will Tures the	incr (Cheek an that appry).
	family housing structure	e is permitted if at least 66% of units (50	0% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are
eligible units or will become eligible within	180 days		
Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).			
Other - Describe:			
Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with	the following LIHEAP r	ule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules d	iffer (Check all that apply.)
Income Threshold			
Weatherization not subject to I	OOE WAP maximum sta	tewide average cost per dwelling unit.	
Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ration (SIR ) standards.			
Other - Describe:			
Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5			
5.6 Do you require an assets test?	C Yes C No		
5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibi	lity policies for :		
Renters	O Yes O No		
Renters living in subsidized housing?	C Yes C No		
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	C Yes C No		
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:			
Older Adults?	C Yes C No		
Individuals with a disability?	C Yes C No		
Young Children?	C Yes C No		
House holds with high energy burdens?	C Yes C No		

Other?	C Yes C No		
If you selected "Yes" for any of the options below.	s in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, y	ou must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field	
Benefit Levels			
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP wear	therization benefit/expenditur	re per household? O Yes O No	
5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$0			
5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Unit	(ACPU). O Yes O No		
5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amount?	\$0		
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)			
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measur	res do you provide ? (Check a	ll categories that apply.)	
Weatherization needs assessments/a	nudits	Energy related roof repair	
Caulking and insulation		Major appliance repairs	
Storm windows		Major appliance replacement	
Furnace/heating system modificatio	ons/repairs	Windows/sliding glass doors	
Furnace replacement		Doors	
Cooling system modifications/repair	rs	Water Heater	
Water conservation measures		Cooling system replacement	
Roof top solar		Community solar projects	
Compact florescent light bulbs		Other - Describe:	
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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: V Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc. V Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements. Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance. Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients. Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs. Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups. V Web Posting Email Texting Events Social Media Other (specify): Postcards are mailed out to all Yurok Tribal households residing within the Yurok Tribal service areas. Staff also provide information to the Yurok Health and Human Services Advisory Committee meetings, tribal council, and other tribal meetings upon request, on a yearly basis.

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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 (indicate programs included) Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included) One - stop intake centers Other - Describe:

Yurok LIHEAP staff facilitate multiple low-income programs and can assess if the applicant will benefit from other programs offered by the Yurok Tribe or other agencies. An effort to prevent undesired overlap and to ensure eligible households know about and receive the maximum services and benefits available under all programs listed in this section under the law. Yurok LIHEAP will work in coordination with other received client referrals from other tribal and state programs. Yurok LIHEAP staff will also meet with other administrations of other tribal programs to share about the LIHEAP program, to collaborate, maximize resources, and provide ease of services. Yurok LIHEAP intake will be shared jointly with Yurok Health and Human Services emergency assistance program. The intake from LIHEAP will be combined with other programs that are similar for the ease of procedures for clients. To increase efficiency and meet the needs of tribal programs, sharing records will occur when not prohibited by law.

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# Section 8: Agency Designation 2605(h)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state Grant

recipients and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)					
8.1 Ho	8.1 How would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency?				
	Administration Agency				
	Commerce Agency				
	Community Services Agency				
	Energy/Environment Agency				
	Housing Agency				
	State Department of Welfare (administers	ΓANF, SNAP, and/α	or Medicaid)		
	Economic Development Agency				
	Other - Describe:				
	Include current list of subrecipient name, main office address (do not list P.O. Box), phone number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and UEI number. Used for Near hotline and OCS Service Provider Tool and clearinghouse.				
If you	Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15  If you selected "State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8. 3, and 8.4, as applicable.				
8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for heating assistance?					
8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for cooling assistance?>					
8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for crisis assistance?					
8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration. Heating Cooling Crisis Weatherization				Weatherization	
8.5a W	8.5a Who determines client eligibility?				
electri	8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?				
vendo	8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?				
8.5d W measu	Tho performs installation of weatherization res?				

Include a current list of subrecipient(s) name, main office address (do not list P.O. Box), phone

number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and UEI number.		
If any of your LIHEAP components are not centrally-administered by a state agency, you must complete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and, if applicable, 8.9.		
8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?		
8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use?		
8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?  O Yes  No		
8.9 If so, why?		
Agency was in noncompliance with Grant recipient requirements for LIHEAP -		
Agency is under criminal investigation		
Added agency		
Agency closed		
Other - describe		
8.10 If a subrecipient is no longer providing LIHEAP, are you aware of prior-year LIHEAP funds being mismanaged or misspent? O Yes No		
8.10a If yes, please explain.		
8.10b If you are aware, were other federal programs impacted such as CSBG, SSBG, Head Start, TANF, and Department of Energy Weatherization funding, etc. O Yes O No		
8.10c If yes, please explain.		
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.		

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# Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7 9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers? Heating O Yes O No Cooling Crisis Yes No O Yes O No Are there exceptions? If yes, Describe. All LIHEAP payments are always made directly to the energy supplier vendor. LIHEAP payments are not made directly to applicants. 9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? The LIHEAP program staff notifies clients by letter, telephone, text message, or in person. 9.3 How do you assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment? The LIHEAP program makes a pledge to the vendor and works with our Fiscal department to issue a payment directly to the vendor. The program receives copies of the issued payment and bill. Part of the LIHEAP's internal controls for the program is to verify the rate with the vendor prior to processing the application. 9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance? The LIHEAP program treats all applications fairly and within the program guideline matrix. If an applicant believes they have been treated adversely the LIHEAP program has a dispute/appeal process that can be submitted to the program manager, and as far as the director, for the investigation. A written response is sent to the applicant. Our local vendors signed an agreement stating that they agree not to discriminate against eligible households receiving services. Agreements are udpated annually. 9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households? C Yes O No If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take. Attach a copy of the template statewide vendor agreement or a policy that indicates local agreements must adhere to statewide policies and

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

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

Yurok LIHEAP staff maintain a database that allows benefit records to be compared with the Fiscal's department payment database. Tracking is reviewed monthly to ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of funds.

#### 10.1a Provide your definitions of the following:

#### Obligation

Funds the program made a commitment to spend for participant benefit within the current fiscal year of October 1- September 31.

#### Expenditures

Funds the programs program actually spent for participant benefit amounts with the current program fiscal year.

#### **Expenditure timeframe**

As defined by the ACF notice of award.

#### Administrative costs

Administrative costs fall within the Yurok Tribe's indirect cost definition, but indirect costs are not applied to LIHEAP funds for it is considered an emergency assistance program.

#### Audit Process

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

Yes No

#### 10.2a - if yes, describe your auditor selection process.

Yurok Fiscal department staff submits a Request for Proposal (RFP) and they select an auditor based on that score criteria.

10.3. Describe any audit findings of the grant recipient (i.e. State/Tribe/Territory) rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the single audits, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews from the most recently audited fiscal year.

No Findings

Finding	Туре	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1	financial	We have one material weakness in OMB Uniform Guidance Maintenance of Cash Balances Related to Unspent Grant Advances. The Tribe did not have enough cash on hand at 09/30/2024 to cover all unearned grant revenue. A management plan has been implemented to correct this finding with a combination of carbon credit revenue and cash transfers from corporations by September 30, 2025.	Yes	procedure/policy changes

#### 10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies

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

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

		Local agencies/distric	t offices are required t	o have an annual	audit (other than A-133)	
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L	ocal agencies/district offices	A-133 or other independent	audits are reviewed by Gr	rant recipient as part of c	ompliance proces
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Grant recipient conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices
Local agencies and district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133
Compliance Monitoring
10.5. Describe your monitoring process for compliance at each level below. Check all that apply.
Grant recipients have a policy in place for appropriate separation of duties and internal controls.
✓ Internal program review
✓ Departmental oversight
Secondary review of invoices and payments
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
A database is kept to monitor program activities and eligibility. A matrix is used to determine eligibility and benefit level. Each payment request must be signed by the intake staff personnel and CSD Director, CSD Asst. Director or CSD Operations Manager. Then each application must have proof of heating, crisis bill, copy of income for every adult in the household, release of information, and tribal ID verification for all household members.
Local Administering Agencies/District Offices:
On - site evaluation
Annual program review
Monitoring through central database
Desk reviews
Client File Testing/Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
N/A
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
N/A
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews. Attach a risk assessment if subrecipients are utilized.
Site Visits:
N/A
Desk Reviews:
N/A
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored? Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed.
10.9. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans?
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in

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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. Note: Tribes do not need to hold a public hearing but must ensure participation through other means. Tribal Council meeting(s) Public Hearing(s) V Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment V Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment Comments from applicants are recorded ~ Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised V Stakeholder consultation meeting(s) Comments are solicited during outreach activities V Other - Describe: The draft plan is posted on the Yurok Tribal website and on the Yurok Health and Human Services' social media platforms. Tribal members will be notified by posted flyers, and through staff. Comments will be considered, reviewed, and added to the plan update. The LIHEAP program also receives and considers input from Yurok Tribal council members, Yurok Tribe leadership, Yurok Tribe Health and Human Services Advisory Committee members, and the community. Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only 11.2 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds? Date **Event Description** 11.3. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 11.4 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s). 11.5 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of public participation and solicitation of input? Increased payment to Wood Vendors from \$400 to \$500. Expanded priority application acceptance time period from three weeks to one month.

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

- 12.1 How many fair hearings did the Grant recipient have in the prior federal Fiscal Year?  $\,0\,$
- 12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed?  $\,0\,$
- 12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last federal Fiscal Year as a result of fair hearings?

none

12.4 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are denied and/or not acted upon in a timely manner.

The Yurok LIHEAP program staff will provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for assistance under the plan are denied or are not acted upon with reasonable promptness. Tribal members will have an opportunity to explain; 1) The program did not act upon the application quickly enough; or 2.) the application for assistance was unfairly denied.

Please see Appeals Process below:

- 1. The client must file a written appeal within 10 days of receiving a letter of denial.
- 2. The denial will go to the CSD Operations Manager, and they will review the denial and make a decision within 5 days of receiving the client's written appeal.
- 3. If the CSD Operations Manager upholds the initial intake, the client has 10 days after receiving the written decision to file another written appeal to the CSD Director.
  - 4. The CSD Director has 10 days to review and issue a final written decision.

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

All clients are advised of their rights to appeal denials and late processing. An instruction sheet is included on the application itself that describes the applicant's right to appeal and the appeal process. The appeal process is also included within the denial letter.

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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? N/A 13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities? N/A 13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous federal Fiscal Year. N/A 13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous federal Fiscal Year. N/A 13.5 How many households received these services? N/A

# Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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

14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?  $\begin{cal}C\end{cal}$  Yes  $\begin{cal}\bullet\end{cal}$  No

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

N/A

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

Resource	What is the type of resource or benefit ?	What is the source(s) of the resource ?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?
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Section 15: Training	Section 15: Training				
15.1 Describe the training you provide for each of the following groups:					
a. Grant recipient Staff:					
Formal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or formal training conference					
How often?					
Annually					
Biannually					
As needed					
Other, describe:					
Employees are provided with policy manual					
Other, describe:					
b. Local Agencies:					
Formal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or formal training conference					
How often?					
Annually					
Biannually					
As needed					
Other, describe:					
On-site training					
How often?					
Annually					
Biannually					
As needed					
Other, describe:					
Employees are provided with policy manual					
Other, describe:					
c. Vendors					
Formal training conference					
How often?					
Annually					
Biannually					
As needed					
Other, describe:					
Policies communicated through vendor agreements					
Policies are outlined in a vendor manual					
Other, describe:					

15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?	
© Yes	
C No	

# 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 (Benefit Targeting Index, Burden Reduction Targeting Index, Restoration of Home Energy Service, and Prevention of Loss of Home Energy Service). Include timeframes and plans for meeting these requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.

N/A

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)											
17.1	17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms										
a. D	escribe all mechanisms availal	ole to	the public for rep	orting cases of	f sus	pected waste, frau	ıd, and abuse. S	elect	all that apply.		
Online Fraud Reporting											
Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline											
Report directly to local agency/district office or Grant recipient office											
Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General											
Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse											
	Other - Describe:										
b. D	b. Describe strategies in place for advertising the above-referenced resources. Select all that apply										
	Printed outreach materials										
	Posted in local adminis	terin	g agencies offices.								
	Addressed on LIHEAP	app	lication								
	Website										
	Other - Describe:										
17.2	17.2. Identification Documentation Requirements										
a. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household members.											
Collected from Whom?											
Type of Identification Collected						Contested from Whom					
			Applicant Only		_	All Adults in Household			All Household Members		
Social Security Card is			Required			Required			Required		
pho	tocopied and retained					1					
			Requested			Requested			Requested		
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)			Required			Required			Required		
			rioquirou								
			Requested		Requested			Requested			
Government-issued identification [card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)			Required			Required			Required		
		~			~	✓					
						Requested			Requested		
									<b>✓</b>		
	04		Applicant Only	Applicant Or	nly	All Adults in	All Adults in		All Household	All Household	
	Other		Required	Requested		Household Required	Household Requested		Members Required	Members Requested	
1				I						4	

17.3.	Citizenship/Legal Residency Ver	rification	V	<i>v</i>		11	
	What are your procedures for ensuring LIHEAP recipients are U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens who are eligible to receive LIHEAP benefits? Select all that apply.						
	Clients sign an attestation of o	citizenship or U.S	5. Citizen or Qualif	ied Non-Citize	n		
	Client's submission of certain Social Security Administration cards is accepted as proof of U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen.						
	Non-Citizens must provide documentation of immigration status						
	Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport						
	Non-Citizens are verified through the SAVE system						
>	Tribal members are verified t	through Tribal ei	nrollment records/	Tribal ID card			
<b>~</b>	Other - Describe:						
	Non Tribal household me	mbers will be requ	ested to show proo	f of government	ID or social security	card as proof.	
17.4.	Income Verification						
	methods does your agency utiliz	ze to verify house	hold income? Selec	t all that apply	·•		
~	Require documentation of inco	ome for all adult l	household member	·s			
	✓ Pay stubs						
	Social Security award le	etters					
	<b>✓</b> Bank statements						
	<b>✓</b> Tax statements						
	Zero-income statements	S					
	<b>✓</b> Unemployment Insuran	ice letters					
	Other - Describe:						
	Passport to services.						
	Computer data matches:						
	Income information ma	tched against sta	te computer syster	n (e.g., SNAP, T	ΓANF)		
	Proof of unemployment	benefits verified	with state Depart	ment of Labor			
	Social Security income	verified with SSA	1				
	Utilize state directory of	f new hires					
	Other - Describe:						
b. Des	cribe any exceptions to the above	e policies.					
	dentification Verification						
Descr apply	ibe what methods are used to ve	rify the authentic	city of identificatio	n documents pi	covided by clients or	household membe	rs. Select all that
	Verify SSNs with Social Securi	ity Administratio	n				
	Match SSNs with death record	s from Social Sec	curity Administrat	ion or state age	ncy		
	Match SSNs with state eligibili	ty/case managem	ent system (e.g., S	NAP, TANF)			
	Match with state Department	of Labor system					
	Match with state and/or federa	al corrections syst	tem				
	Match with state child support	system					
	Verification using private softv	ware (e.g., The W	ork Number)				
>	In-person certification by staff	(for tribal Grant	t recipients only)				
>	Match SSN/Tribal ID number	with tribal datab	pase or enrollment	records (for tri	bal Grant recipients	s only)	
	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
Grant recipient LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
Employee training on confidentiality for:
Grant recipient employees
Local agencies/district offices
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
Grant recipient employees
Local agencies/district offices
Physical files are stored in a secure location
Electronic files are protected in a secure location.
Other - Describe:
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
Grant recipient and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors
Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:
17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities
What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.
Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
Applicants must submit current utility bill
Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
Account ownership
Consumption
Balances
Payment history
Account is properly credited with benefit
Other - Describe:
Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
✓ Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
Other - Describe:
17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors
What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood,

and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.						
▼ Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list						
Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors						
Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery						
Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor						
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only						
Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client						
Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors						
Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the grant recipient.						
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism						
Other - Describe:						
17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions						
Describe the Grant recipients procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients, staff, or vendors found to have committed 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 Grant recipient conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public						
Grant recipient attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process						
Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned?						
Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated						
Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP						
Other - Describe:						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.						

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

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 Grant recipient 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 Grant recipient 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 Grant recipients other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- 4. For Grant recipients who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for Grant recipients other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the Grant recipient does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the Grant recipient 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 Grant recipients 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 Grant recipient 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. Grant recipients 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 Grant recipient 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 Grant recipients payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the Grant recipient (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the Grant recipients payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

**Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements** 

Alternate I. (Grant recipients Other Than Individuals)
The Grant recipient 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 Grant recipients 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 Grant recipients 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 Grant recipient 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 (That this must be physical address. No PO Boxes allowed.)

190 Klamath Boulevard  * Address Line 1				
Address Line 2				
Address Line 3				
Klamath  * City	CA * State	95548 * Zip Code		

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grant recipients Who Are Individuals)

- (a) The Grant recipient certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]

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

# Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

#### Assurances

Assurances

# (1) use the funds available under this title to--

- (A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5);
  - (B) intervene in energy crisis situations;
- (C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective energy-related home repair; and
- (D)plan, develop, and administer the State's program under this title including leveraging programs, and the State agrees not to use such funds for any purposes other than those specified in this title;
- (2) make payments under this title only with respect to--
  - (A) households in which one or more individuals are receiving--
    - (i)assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;
    - (ii) supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act;
      - (iii) food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or
    - (iv) payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978; or
  - (B) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of -
  - (i) an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or
  - (ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of the State median income;

(except that a State may not exclude a household from eligibility in a fiscal year solely on the basis of household income if such income is less than 110 percent of the poverty level for such State, but the State may give priority to those households with the highest home energy costs or needs in relation to household income.

- (3) conduct outreach activities designed to assure that eligible households, especially households with elderly individuals or disabled individuals, or both, and households with high home energy burdens, are made aware of the assistance available under this title, and any similar energy-related assistance available under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program) or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;
- (4) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs administered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income

energy-related programs under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program), under the supplemental security income program, under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, under title XX of the Social Security Act, under the low-income weatherization assistance program under title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;

- (5) provide, in a timely manner, that the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that the State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the households described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;
- (6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the designation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any other provision of law on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that -
  - (A) the State shall, before giving such special consideration, determine that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by the State; and
  - (B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;
- (7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedures to --
  - (A) notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf;
  - (B) assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment made by the State under this title;
  - (C) assure that the home energy supplier will provide assurances that any agreement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements; and
  - (D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local Grant recipients 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.

By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is agreeing to the Assurances set out above.

# **Plan Attachments**

PLAN ATTACHMENTS					
The following documents must be attached to this application					
Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.					
Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable					
Cooling component benefit matrix, if applicable					
Minutes, notes, or transcripts of public hearing(s).					
Policy Manual.					
Subrecipient Contract.					
Model Plan Participation Notes for Tribes.					