# Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

### **LIHEAP Model Plan Template**

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

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		MODEL PLAN 424: MANDATORY			
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		4a. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	Stat	•	
		4b. Federal Award			
		Identifier:	6. S	tate Application Identifier:	
7. APPLICANT INFORM	MATION				
*a. Legal Name: State of	Missouri				
*b. Address:					
*Street 1:	Missouri Energy Assistance Unit	Street 2:		P.O. Box 2320	
*City:	Jefferson City	County:		Cole	
*State:	MO	Province:			
*County:	United States	*Zip/Postal Code:		65203-0088	
c. Organizational Unit:		·			
Department Name:	Social Services	<b>Division Name:</b>		Family Support Division	
		ontacted on matters involving t Department of Health and Hum			
*First Name:	Patrick	*Last Name:		Fitzgerald	
Title:	Program Coordinator	Organizational Affiliation	;		
*Telephone Number:	(573) 522-2825	Fax Number:		(573) 522-9557	
*Email:		Patrick.Fitzgerald@dss.mo.;	<u>gov</u>		
*8. TYPE OF APPLICAL	NT:				
State Government					
a. Is the applicant a Trib	al Consortium:				
No					
<ol> <li>Current State-Tribe agreement between their state and the Consortium, signed by the State Chief Executive Officer (such as the Governor or the delegate) and the Consortium President;</li> <li>Consortium letter listing the tribes, signed by the elected Tribal Chief or President of each tribe in the Consortium and signed by the Consortium President;</li> <li>A current resolution letter from each tribe in the Consortium, signed by the elected Tribal Chief or President of that tribe. Each resolution letter needs to state that the Consortium has the tribes' permission to apply for,</li> </ol>					
	LIHEAP on their behalf a	and needs to designate a time pe			
		Catalog of Federal Dome Assistance Number	stic	CFDA Title:	
9. CFDA NUMBERS AN	D TITLES	93.568		Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program	
10. DESCRIPTIVE TITI	LE OF APPLICANT'S PR	ROJECT:			
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11. AREAS AFFECTED	BY FUNDING:				

12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF APPLICAN	IT:
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13. FUNDING PERIOD:	
a. Start Date: 10/01/2024	<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2025
*14. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY S	TATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?
a. This submission was made available to the State un	der 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?
□YES	
⊠ NO	
If yes, explain:	
statements herein are true, complete and accurate to assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting	ements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, o criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title
⊠ I AGREE	
**The list of certifications and assurances, or an inter- announcement or agency specific instructions.	rnet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the
17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official	17c. Telephone (area code, number, and extension)
17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official on)	17d. Email Address:
17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)	

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions

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# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN

#### **Section 1 – Program Components**

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**

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

1.1 Che	ck which components you will operate under the LIHEAP				
	gram.	Dates of			
(Note:	You must provide information for each component designated	OI	eration		
	here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)				
		Start Date:	End Date:		
	Heating assistance	10/01/2024	05/31/2025		
	Cooling assistance				
	Weatherization assistance	10/01/2024	09/30/2025		
	Summer Crisis assistance	06/01/2025	9/30/2025		
	Winter Crisis assistance	11/01/2024	05/31/2025		
	Year-round crisis assistance				

#### Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

Energy Assistance: 10/1/2024 (elderly and disabled applicants, remaining applicants 11/1/2024) - 5/31/2025 Winter Energy Crisis Intervention Program: 11/1/2024 (Elderly and disabled applicant, remaining applicants 12/01/24) to 05/31/2025

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 (%):	Prior year totals (auto-populate)
Heating assistance	40%	
Cooling assistance	0%	
Summer crisis assistance	7%	
Winter crisis assistance	23%	
Year-round crisis assistance		
Weatherization assistance	10%	
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	10%	
Administrative and planning costs	10%	
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)		
Used to develop and implement leverages activities		
TOTAL:	100%	

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.

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1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:					
	Heating assistance		Cooling assistance		

	Weatherization assistance				Other (specify): Winter Crisis funds through May 31 (Subject to availability of funds). Beginning June 1, any Winter Crisis funds not expended are carried over to Summer Crisis.				any Winter	
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SSI		☐ Yes	□ No	☐ Yes	□N	o	□ Yes	□ No	☐ Yes	□ No
SNAP		☐ Yes	□ No	☐ Yes	□N	o	□ Yes	□ No	☐ Yes	□ No
	ted Veterans	☐ Yes	□ No	☐ Yes	□ N	0	☐ Yes	□ No	☐ Yes	□ No
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	Other – Desci	ribe:								
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$\boxtimes$	Payments from	m mortgag	e or Sales C	Contracts						
$\boxtimes$	Unemployme	nt insuranc	e							
$\boxtimes$	Strike Pay									
$\boxtimes$	Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits									

	☐ Including Medicare deduction ☐ Excluding Medicare deduction							
	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)							
	Retirement/pension benefits							
	General Assistance benefits							
$\boxtimes$	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 or credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.							
	Jury duty compensation							
$\boxtimes$	Rental income							
	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)							
	Income from work study programs							
$\boxtimes$	Alimony							
$\boxtimes$	Child support							
$\boxtimes$	Interest, dividends, or royalties							
$\boxtimes$	Commissions							
	Legal settlements							
$\boxtimes$	Insurance payments made directly to the insured							
	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate							
$\boxtimes$	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							
$\boxtimes$	Funds received by household for the care of a foster child							
	Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid							
	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)							
	Other  Sheltered Workshop Supported Employment (administered by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation), Roomer/Boarder Income, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Adoption Subsidies, Armed Forces Allotment, Black Lung, Blind Pension, Disability payments through private insurance company, or employer sponsored Installment Payments, Railroad Retirement Benefits, Strike Benefits, Supplemental Aid to the Blind, Supplemental State Payments, Workman's Compensation, stipends and allotments from nursing homes, and proceeds from selling blood or plasma. Other payments for services rendered.							
If any o	f 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 vo	u have an anline annihilation nuccess?							
•	u have an online application process?							
1 100 16 20	Yes Do No							
1.10a II ye	s, 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,							
	emailed, dropped off in-person, or faxed 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 local subgrant recipients have an online application that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing							
$\boxtimes$	Online application that is also mobile friendly							
	Other, please describe							
$\boxtimes$	Please include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:							

	https://formsportal.dss.mo.gov/content/dam/formsanddocuments/moa/my-dss/family-support-						
	division/liheap/liheap/jcr:content.en?type=guide&source=fp&wcmmode=disabled						
<b>1.10b</b> Can	all program components be applied for online?						
	Yes						
If no, expla	ain which components can and cannot be applied for online:						
1.11 Do yo	ou have a process for conducting and completing applications by phone:						
No							
1.12 Do yo	ou or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply?						
No							
	ase provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what						
circumstan	nces they are required.						
1.13 How	can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply:						
	In-person						
	Mail						
×	Email						
$\boxtimes$	Portal application						
	Other, describe: Fax						

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

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#### Administration for Children and Families OMB Clearance No.: 0970-0075 Expiration Date: 02/28/2027 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) **MODEL PLAN Section 2 – Heating Assistance** Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2 2.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the heating component: Add Household Size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold All Households State Median Income 60% 2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for heating assistance? $\boxtimes$ No 2.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each. Do you require an Assets test? Yes No If yes, describe: Each household's resources may not exceed \$3,000 Do you have additional or differing eligibility policies for: Renters? Yes No If yes, describe: Renters living in subsidized housing? Yes No If yes, describe: Only eligible if the client is paying an energy supplier out of pocket Renters with utilities included in the rent? Yes No $\Box$ If yes, describe: Clients will receive a one-time direct payment equal to 16% of their annual rent not to exceed the maximum allowed EA benefit for their household size and income. The clients are also not eligible for ECIP benefits. Do you give priority in eligibility to: Older adults? XYes П No If yes, describe: Elderly clients can apply starting October 1st for Energy Assistance and Starting November 1st for the Energy Crisis Assistance Program. Individuals with a disability? Yes No If yes, describe: Disabled clients can apply starting October 1st for Energy Assistance and Starting November 1st for the Energy Crisis Assistance Program. Young children? Yes $\boxtimes$ No $\Box$ If yes, describe: Households with high energy burdens? Yes $\boxtimes$ No If yes, describe: Other? Yes $\boxtimes$ No If yes, describe: 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. The Elderly and Disabled clients can apply starting October 1st for Energy Assistance with payments made starting November 1st. The remaining population can apply starting November 1st for Energy Assistance with payments made starting December 1st. 2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply): Income $\boxtimes$ X Family (household) size

	Home energy cost or need:						
$\boxtimes$	Fuel type						
	Climate/region						
	Individual bill						
	Dwelling type						
	Energy burden	(% of income spent on home	e energy)				
	Energy need						
⊠	Other - Describe:  Households receiving LIHEAP assistance are able to select the fuel type for which they need assistance, including electric. While this is considered a heating program, payments made towards electric accounts may be utilized for cooling costs October through May.						
Benefit Le	vels, 2605(b)(5)	- Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B	3)				
		•	r for which this plan applie	s. Please note, the			
maximum	and minimum b	penefits must be shown in th					
Minimum I	Benefit	\$213	Maximum Benefit	\$495			
2.7 Do you	provide in-kind	d (e.g., blankets, space heat	ers) or other forms of benef	its?			
	Yes		⊠ No				
If yes, desc	ribe.						
If any of th	If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the						
fields prov	ided, attach a do	ocument with said explana	tion here.				
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**Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01 Administration for Children and Families OMB Clearance No.: 0970-0075 Expiration Date: 02/28/2027 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) **MODEL PLAN Section 3 – Cooling Assistance** Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2 3.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the cooling component: Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold Add Household size 0% 3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for cooling assistance? No 3.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each. Do you require an Assets test? Yes If yes, describe: Do you have additional or differing eligibility policies for: Renters? Yes No If yes, describe: Renters living in subsidized housing? Yes No If yes, describe: Renters with utilities included in the rent? П Yes No If yes, describe: Do you give priority in eligibility to: Older adults? Yes No If yes, describe: Individuals with a disability? Yes No If yes, describe: Young children? Yes No If yes, describe: Households with high energy burdens? Yes No If yes, describe: Other? Yes No If yes, describe: Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B) 3.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of cooling assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit

amounts, early application periods, etc.

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

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	Family (household) size
	Home energy cost or need:
	Fuel type
	Climate/region
	Individual bill

	Dwelling type							
	Energy burden	(% of income spent on home	energy)					
	Energy need							
	Other - Describ	be:						
Benefit Le	vels, 2605(b)(5)	- Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
	3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. Please note, the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.							
Minimum I	Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0				
3.7 Do you	provide in-kind	d (e.g., fans, air conditioners)	) and/or other forms of ben	refits?				
	Yes		⊠ 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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Section 4 – Crisis Assistance					
Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2					
4.1 Designate the income eligibility three	4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the cooling component:				
Add	Household size	Eligibility	Eligibility		
		Guideline	Threshold		
1	All Households sizes	State Median	60.00%		
		Income			

4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis. If you administer multiple crisis assistance programs (i.e. winter, summer, or year-round), include all program definitions.

The Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) is designed to provide financial assistance to households in a verifiable energy crisis. Crisis is defined as: 1) receipt of a termination or disconnect notice indicating a specific disconnect date; 2) a final billing statement advising the account has been terminated; 3) a propane/fuel oil tank is filled at less than 20% capacity; 4) the customer is a cash on delivery (COD) customer; 5) pre-paid electric customer indicates their pre-paid usage is about to run out; or 6) when an applicant indicates another fuel source is about to run out (wood, corn pellets, kerosene).

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

A household currently without or in threat of disconnection of energy services that could impact: An illness or medical condition that poses an immediate risk to the health or life of any LIHEAP household member due to a life-threatening medical condition. Medical statement required; or when a life-threatening medical condition is sustained by the use of a medical device which requires the use of a source of energy for operation. Medical statement required. Reasonable exclusions: carbon monoxide detectors, smoke alarms, other devices not medically required to support life. The reasonable exclusions listed are not all inclusive.

#### Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

- 4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 48 hours
- 4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households in life-threatening situations? 18 hours

Crisis Fligibility 2605(c)(1)(A)

Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)			
	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-Round Crisis
4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for crisis assistance?			
4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below	to indicate type(s) of assistance pr	ovided	
Do you require an assets test?	$\boxtimes$		
Do you give priority in eligibility to:			
Older adults?	$\boxtimes$		
Individuals with a disability?	$\boxtimes$		
Young children?			
Households with high energy burdens?			
Other?			
In Order to receive crisis assistance:			
Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?		$\boxtimes$	
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?			
Must renters with heating costs included			

in their rer	nt have received an eviction							
	Must heating or cooling be medically							
necessary?	rry?							
	Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?							
Other?	cooming equipment.							
Do you ha	ve additional or differing eli	gibility policies for:						
Renters?								
	ving in subsidized housing?	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$					
Renters w	ith utilities included in the		$\boxtimes$					
	ons of policies for each "yes" cl	necked above:						
		n above to receive ECIP bill assistar	ce. Renters with util	lities included				
	are not qualified for ECIP serv	vices.						
	ation of Benefits	n.						
<b>4.8 How 0</b> ⊠	lo you handle crisis situations   Separate component.	?						
	1 -	te amount of crisis funds is issued. Ra	ather henefits are iss	med to crisis				
	customers within crisis respon		attici, beliefits are iss	ded to crisis				
	Other - Describe:							
4.9 If you	have a separate component,	how do you determine crisis assist	ance benefits?					
	Amount to resolve the crisis.	\$						
		penefit amount is the amount needed	to resolve the crisis,	not to exceed				
	\$800 for Winter or \$300 for \$	Summer.						
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	quirements, 2604(c)	way crisis assistance at sites that a	ro goographically a	ccessible to all				
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?								
	Yes	□ No						
Explain.								
Each of Mi	issouri's nineteen (19) contract	agencies provides access to services	s at a set number of o	counties.				
				Missouri has 114 counties and the City of St. Louis which all are covered by the nineteen (19) contract agencies.				
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_	plications for crisis benefits v Yes	vithout leaving their homes?						
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If no, expla	plications for crisis benefits v Yes in. the sites at which applications	vithout leaving their homes?  No s for crisis assistance are accepted	?					
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Emergency Services can be provided to protect the health and safety of the household when other forms of assistance under LIHEAP will not resolve the energy related crisis. Applicants must be LIHEAP eligible in order to receive Emergency Services. Emergency Services funding comes from ECIP Direct Service dollars. Recipients of ECIP funding are not entitled to direct payments. If an Emergency Service is provided, the household will not be reimbursed if they pay out of pocket in advance. Contracted agencies are allowed to utilize no more than 2% of the Direct Service funding if they choose to provide Emergency Services as part of their LIHEAP services. This funding for Emergency needs is: blanket purchases, emergency lodging, air conditioner window units, wood stoves, furnace and central air replacement or repairs. Funding used for Emergency Services are deducted from the ECIP Direct maximum of \$800 for Winter ECIP and \$300 for Summer ECIP. Additional funding up to \$400 can be applied to furnace and central air replacement for repairs for applications eligible for LIHEAP. The additional \$400 cannot be utilized for the households Energy bills and cannot be accessed until the maximum ECIP benefit for that season has been reached.

4.14 Do you provide for equipment repa	ir or replacement using crisis fun	ds?		
⊠ Yes	□   No			
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14,	you must complete question 4.15.			
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below			Year-Round	
to indicate type(s) of assistance	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Crisis	
provided.			CHSIS	
Heating system repair		$\boxtimes$		
Heating system replacement	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$		
Cooling system repair	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$		
Cooling system replacement	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$		
Wood stove purchase				
Pellet stove purchase	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$		
Solar panel(s)				
Utility poles/gas line hook-ups				
Other (Specify):				
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you v	vork with enforce a moratorium o	n shut offs?		
⊠ Yes	□ No			
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17.				
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.				

The Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) established a Cold Weather Rule (CWR) for Missouri's investor-owned utilities. The CWR prohibits the disconnection of heat-related services and allows customers to make a payment arrangement when the temperature is forecasted to drop below thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit. The period covered under the CWR is November 1 through March 31 of each year. Households that do not honor the payment arrangements made will be subject to disconnect once the temperature is above thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit or beginning in April; whichever comes first.

The PSC established a Hot Weather Rule (HWR) for Missouri's investor-owned utilities. The HWR addresses time periods which prohibit the termination of energy services to customers when certain extreme heat conditions are forecasted to exceed ninety-five (95) degrees Fahrenheit, or the heat index is predicted to rise above 105 degrees Fahrenheit. The period covered under the HWR is June 1 through September 30. Households will be subject to disconnect once the temperature is below ninety-five (95) degrees Fahrenheit or beginning in October; whichever comes first.

Should an applicant present proof a crisis exists for purposes of receiving ECIP funds, the contract agency should verify with the energy provider whether the service will be terminated or is terminated or whether the service will continue due to the CWR or HWR. If the service remains on due to one of these rules, the 18/48-hour requirements do not begin until the day after the service will actually be disconnected. The contract agency should not assume the CWR or HWR are in place just because the timing falls between the moratorium time periods

4.18 If you experience a natural disaster, do you intend to utilize LIHEAP crisis funds to address disaster related crisis situations?

	Yes	$\boxtimes$	No
If yes, desc	ribe:		
If any of th	ne above questions require further explanation	n or o	clarification that could not be made in the
fields prov	ided, attach a document with said explanation	n her	e.

#### **Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**

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Households with high energy burdens?

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#### OMB Clearance No.: 0970-0075 Expiration Date: 02/28/2027 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) **MODEL PLAN Section 5 – Weatherization Assistance** Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2 5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the Weatherization component Add Household Size **Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold** 1 All households HHS Poverty Guidelines 200.00% 5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a Weatherization component? Yes No 5.3 If yes, name the agency and attach a copy of the internal agreement or contract. Missouri Department of Natural Resources 5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for weatherization? X No **Weatherization - Types of Rules** 5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIHEAP weatherization? (Check only one.) Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules $\boxtimes$ Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply): Income Threshold Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50%) in 2- and 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days. Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities) Other - Describe:

	Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules
	differ (Check all that apply.)
	Income threshold
	Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit
	Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ration (SIR) standards.
	Other - Describe:
Eligibility,	2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5

Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5						
5.6 Do you require an assets test?						
	Yes	$\boxtimes$	No			
5.7 Do you	have additional or differing eligibility	policies fo	r:			
Do you rec	uire an assets test?		Yes	$\boxtimes$	No	
Do you hav	Do you have additional or differing eligibility policies for:					
Renters?			Yes		No	
Renters livi	ng in subsidized housing?		Yes		No	
Renters wit	h utilities included in the rent?		Yes		No	
Do you giv	e priority in eligibility to:					
Older adult	s?		Yes		No	
Individuals	with a disability?	$\boxtimes$	Yes		No	
Young chil	dren?	×	Yes	П	No	

If you selected "Yes" for any of the options in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field below.

Yes

Yes

No

No

 $\boxtimes$ 

 $\times$ 

The renter's landlord must sign a "Landlord Agreement Form" and it is encouraged that the landlord provides a minimum of 5% cash contribution of the estimated cost to weatherize the unit. For buildings of five or more units under one roof and owned by a for-profit entity, the landlord must contribute a minimum of 20% cash contribution of the estimated cost to weatherize the units before weatherization work can begin. For buildings of five or more units under one roof and owned by a not-for-profit entity, there is no required contribution. Automatic DOE WAP eligibility is allowed for clients living in multi-family properties that have been determined to meet certain eligibility criteria through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Agriculture. Under benefit levels from below, there is no maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per household; however, \$8,250 is the statewide average cost per home maximum, individual households may exceed \$8,250.

Per the Department of Energy's guidelines, certain categorical eligibility is granted to participants that have been means-tested through HUD programs.

Each sub grantee has the option to use other eligibility priority; however, if they do use this criteria, they must apply it to all households.

apply i	t to all households.				
Benefi	Benefit Levels				
5.9 Do	5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit or expenditure per household?				
	Yes	$\boxtimes$	No		
If yes,	If yes, what is the maximum: \$				
<b>Types</b>	of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)				
5.11 W	hat LIHEAP weatherization measures do	you provid	le? (Check all categories that apply.)		
$\boxtimes$	Weatherization needs assessments/audits	$\boxtimes$	Energy-related roof repair		
$\boxtimes$	Caulking and insulation		Major appliance Repairs		
$\boxtimes$	Storm windows	$\boxtimes$	Major appliance replacement		
$\boxtimes$	Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs	$\boxtimes$	Windows/sliding glass doors		
$\boxtimes$	Furnace replacement	$\boxtimes$	Doors		
$\boxtimes$	Cooling system modifications/repairs	$\boxtimes$	Water Heater		
$\boxtimes$	Water conservation measures	$\boxtimes$	Cooling system replacement		
$\boxtimes$	Compact florescent light bulbs		Community Solar projects		
	Rooftop solar	$\boxtimes$	Other - Describe: Minimal roof repair, major appliance replacement is limited to refrigerators, windows must be cost effective, door installation limited to exterior doors and must be cost effective, mechanical ventilation (exhaust fans) minor moisture repair and duct sealing and duct insulation. LED light bulbs are also a weatherization measure.		
	of the above questions require further explana ed, attach a document with said explanation h		ification that could not be made in the fields		

#### Section 6 - Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)

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Other (specify):

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	Section 6 – Outreach
Secti	ion 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)
6.1 S	elect all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure that eligible households are
made	e aware of all LIHEAP assistance available:
$\boxtimes$	Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices,
	VA, etc.
$\boxtimes$	Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
$\boxtimes$	Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP
	assistance.
$\boxtimes$	Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients
$\boxtimes$	Inform low-income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake
	for other low-income programs.
$\boxtimes$	Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target
	groups.
$\boxtimes$	Web posting
$\boxtimes$	Email
$\boxtimes$	Texting
$\boxtimes$	Events
$\boxtimes$	Social Media

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

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**Section 7 – Coordination** 

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 or from other programs

**Indicate programs included:** 

Other - Describe:

All programs, except for TITLE VI of the Energy Conservation Act, are administered by the Department of Social Services (DSS) or through contractual arrangements with the nineteen (19) contract agencies throughout the state. Seventeen of which are Community Action Agencies (CAA) and the other two (2) being the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and Mid-America Assistance Coalition (MAAC), both non-profit organizations. CAAs are sub-grantees for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Head Start, distribute USDA surplus commodities to low-income households, administer programs for Missouri's homeless population, administer the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) component of LIHEAP, and the intake and eligibility determination functions for the Energy Assistance (EA) component of LIHEAP. This list is not inclusive of all the services provided. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis covers many of the same functions as the CAAs, a primary exception being the CSBG. MAAC also does not provide CSBG.

Eighteen (18) contract agencies also provide information services through contractual agreements with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for Weatherization services. Missouri's LIHEAP generates a non-Weatherization printout and shares this with the eighteen (18) contract agencies. DSS Family Support Division (FSD) Income Maintenance (IM), who administers TANF, Food Stamps, and MO HealthNet (Medicaid) has Resource Centers where clients can come in person to receive services. Resource Center staff provide LIHEAP applications.

#### Section 8 - Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6

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**Section 8 – Agency Designation** 

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

Com	monwealth of Puerto Rico)
8.1 H	low would you categorize the primary responsibility of your state agency?
	Administration Agency
	Commerce Agency
	Community Services Agency
	Energy/Environment Agency
	Housing Agency
$\boxtimes$	State Department of Welfare Agency (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)
	Economic Development Agency
	Other - Describe:

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

If you selected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable.

#### 8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for heating assistance?

DSS assisted with the development of an ongoing critical needs network in St. Louis that is designed to provide energy assistance services to Missourians with a medical waiver. The waiver prohibits their home energy being disconnected. These individuals are provided information regarding LIHEAP services. DSS is also working with the established Kansas City network.

Contract agencies are working on an outreach effort through back-to-school fairs and energy conservation fairs. Some contract agencies have home energy suppliers and other social service agencies such as the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), United Way, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, 211(through United Way), etc. involved with providing outreach and assistance for low-income citizens.

Outreach is also conducted by contract agencies which provide articles for faith-based organizations, media, local schools, and outreach/education programs sponsored by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and Department of Economic Development.

Agencies provide intake service through home visits, telephone, or via mobile offices for those who cannot access agency offices.

DSS website provides outreach through the LIHEAP web page at https://mydss.mo.gov/utility-assistance. This web page also contains a link to the LIHEAP brochure.

The LIHEAP team speaks at varied meetings/activities to share information regarding Missouri's LIHEAP. DSS also provides LIHEAP materials at a variety of community events.

#### 8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for cooling assistance?

N/A

#### 8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for crisis assistance?

DSS provides alternate outreach by participating in the Missouri Public Service Commission's campaign to educate households on the seasons rising utility costs and how each household can conserve and take action of their usage and bills. MO BEE (Bee Energy Efficient) will be utilized with state departments and community agencies. Contract agencies are working on outreach efforts through back-to-school fairs and energy conservation fairs. Some contract agencies have home energy suppliers and other social service agencies such as the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), United Way, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, 211(through United Way), etc. involved with providing outreach and assistance for low-income citizens.

Outreach is also conducted by contract agencies which provide articles for faith-based organizations, media, local schools, and outreach/education programs sponsored by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and Department of Economic Development.

Agencies provide intake service through home visits or by telephone for the physically infirm (i.e., elderly or disabled).

DSS website provides outreach through the LIHEAP web page @ https://mydss.mo.gov/utility-assistance. This web page also contains a link to the LIHEAP brochure.

The LIHEAP team speaks at varied meetings/activities to share information regarding Missouri's LIHEAP.

8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a Who determines client eligibility?	Non-Profits	N/A	Non-Profits	Other
8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?	Non-Profits	N/A	Non-Profits	
8.5c Who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?	Non-Profits	N/A	Non-Profits	
8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?				Non-Profits

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?

fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

Missouri continues to contract with seventeen (17) Community Action Agencies, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, and Mid America Assistance Coalition (MAAC). Agencies enter into an agreement with the DSS for administering the LIHEAP program.

If a contracted agency is unable or unavailable to continue providing services, DSS would locate a community-based partner to provide the services. The community-based partner may be a Community Partnership which does not require a competitive bid process. DSS may also consider expanding one of the current contractor's geographic service areas as they currently have the expertise to administer the program. This expansion could be ongoing or temporary based on the agency's capacity. DSS may consider a competitive bid process in the future for all agencies which would allow bid submission from Community Action Agencies and local non-profits.

for all	agencies which would allow bid submission from Community Action Agencies and local non-profits.			
8.7 H	8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? 19			
8.8 H	ve you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?			
	Yes 🗵 No			
8.9 If	so, why?			
	Agency was in non-compliance with grant recipient requirements for LIHEAP -			
	Agency is under criminal investigation.			
	Added agency			
	Agency closed			
	Other – describe			
8.10	f a subrecipient is no longer providing LIHEAP, are you aware of prior-year LIHEAP funds being	g		
mism	anaged or misspent?			
	Yes			
8.10a	If yes, please explain:			
	If you are aware, were other federal programs impacted such as CSBG, SSBG, Head Start, TANF	,		
and D	epartment of Energy Weatherization funding, etc.			
	Yes			
8.10c	f yes, please explain:			
If any	If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the			

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#### Section 9 - Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

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**Section 9 – Energy Suppliers** 

Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

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9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?					
Heating	$\boxtimes$	Yes		No	
Cooling		Yes		No	
Crisis	$\boxtimes$	Yes		No	
Are there exceptions?	$\boxtimes$	Yes		No	
If you Describe	•				

If yes, Describe.

Direct heating payments to an applicant will only be made under the following conditions:

The energy supplier has not signed a contractual agreement with the State of Missouri to participate in the LIHEAP.

The energy supplier refuses to serve a particular account holder.

The energy supplier fails to accept or deny the LIHEAP payment by the required thirty (30) calendar day deadline.

The applicant's home energy cost is included as an undesignated portion of their regular monthly rental charge.

The applicant pays a landlord for the home energy cost that is not included in their rental agreement.

Cylinder propane is used as the home energy heat source.

Kerosene is used as the home energy heat source.

Wood/wood pellets/corn pellets are used as the home energy heat source.

In these circumstances, the applicant is responsible for making the payment and negotiating directly with the Energy Supplier to resolve their energy bill.

ECIP payments are only made to suppliers who have either signed an agreement with the DSS or with the contracted agency.

#### 9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?

The Energy Assistance (EA) Eligibility Notice (EA-6) provides the client the amount of EA assistance paid to them directly or will be paid to the supplier. The EA-6 is mailed to the client when the application is determined eligible. Copies of the computer-generated notification (EA-6) are included with the attachments to this state plan.

The Energy Assistance Payment Notice (EA-7) is mailed to the applicant after the payment is made to the supplier. It includes the date, amount of the payment, and the energy supplier paid. Copies of the computergenerated notification (EA-7) are included with the attachments to this state plan.

When an ECIP payment is made to the energy supplier, the contract agency sends a client notification letter to the applicant which advises the applicant of the date, amount of payment, and name of the energy supplier.

# 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 Supplier Agreement between Missouri Department of Social Services and Home Energy Supplier Agreement states the energy supplier, "Shall provide home energy fuels in the amount at least equivalent to the amount of pledge made by the State Agency on behalf of the eligible customer; restore and/or continue service during the service period covered by the payment for at least thirty (30) calendar days from the date of pledge made on behalf of the eligible customer for whom the Supplier has agreed to accept the LIHEAP pledge". In addition, states in part, "Shall credit, through normal billing process, the full amount of the LIHEAP payment received to an eligible customer's account".

A sample of the contracted energy suppliers is required to submit actual usage data on the previous year for every customer who receives a payment from LIHEAP. A copy of the LIHEAP Supplier Agreement between Missouri Department of Social Services and Home Energy Supplier is included with the attachments to this state plan. Requirements in this document exceed those specified in the statute and apply to all LIHEAP (EA and ECIP). A written agreement must be executed with energy suppliers prior to any payments being issued to them. 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 Supplier Agreement between the Missouri Department of Social Services and Home Energy Supplier Agreement states, "Shall not discriminate with regard to the terms or conditions of sale, availability of credit, delivery or price of home energy fuels offered to eligible customers in relation to its other residential customers". Energy supplier complaints are referred to the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for regulated suppliers and the Missouri Attorney General's Office (AGO) for unregulated suppliers. 9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?  $\times$ No Yes 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 assurances.

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

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Section 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit

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

10.1. How do you ensure proper fiscal accounting and tracking of funds? Be specific about tracking of grant award, tracking of expenditures, tracking vendor (benefit) refunds, fiscal reporting process, and fiscal software systems being used.

All expenditures of LIHEAP funds are made available under policy, procedures, rules and regulations by the Missouri Office of Administration, Department of Social Services, Division of Financial and Administrative Services and the Missouri Treasurer's Office. No expenditures for heating/cooling assistance payments for the Energy Assistance (EA) component of LIHEAP are made unless:

The eligibility of the program participant has been established and updated to the centralized computer file, which performs numerous edits to validate the accuracy of the determination and determines the amount of assistance to be paid.

The home energy supplier who is to receive payment on behalf of the household has entered into an agreement to participate in LIHEAP and has been added to the automated file of participating home energy suppliers; and

The payment to be made to the home energy supplier or the eligible household has been prepared through the Missouri automated check writing system which performs numerous edits to assure the accuracy of the payment and the eligibility of the home energy supplier or household to receive the payment.

Funds provided to the contract agencies for the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) component of LIHEAP are subject to the following conditions:

No funds are released to a contract agency unless a signed written agreement which stipulates the purpose(s) for which those funds are expended, as well as several other conditions governing the expenditures of these funds.

Contract agencies are required to submit monthly, as well as annual program/financial reports to document the expenditure of funds provided to them through LIHEAP.

The State Auditor's Office audits the Family Support Division (FSD's) LIHEAP and makes the results of their audits available at https://www.auditor.mo.gov. These audits are scheduled and conducted by the State Auditor's Office (SAO) and are independent of DSS; and

10.1a Provide Definition	ns for the following	<b>;</b> :				
Obligation:	Funds that have b	Funds that have been allocated and contracted out but not dispersed.				
Expenditures:	Amount of funds	that have been dispe	rsed.			
Expenditure timeframe:	5 years from the	date of award.				
Administrative costs:	Costs to administ	er the program not to	exceed 10%			
Audit Process		1 0				
10.2. Is your LIHEAP p	rogram audited ar	nually under the Si	ngle Audit Act and C	OMB Circular A - 133?		
⊠ Yes	□ No					
10.2a If yes, describe your auditor selection process.						
In accordance with Office	e of Management an	d Budget (OMB) Un	iform Guidance Audit	s of States, Local		
Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, each contract agency secures an external audit in order to comply						
with the Single Audit Act of 1984. Copies of these audit reports are provided to the Department of Social						
Services, Family Support Division, LIHEAP Unit, and Division of Finance and Administrative Services,						
Compliance Services Unit.						
10.3. Describe any audit	findings of the gra	ant recipient (i.e., sta	ite, tribe, territory) r	rising to the level of a		
material weakness or re						
government agency revi	=			Ź		
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	l Administering Agencies
offices? Select all th	
<ul><li>✓ Local agencie</li><li>Act and OMB</li></ul>	s and district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Circular A-133.
☐ Local agencie	s and district offices are required to have an annual audit (other than A-133).
	s or district offices' A-133 or other independent audits are reviewed by Grant recipient as
part of compli	
_	at conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies or district offices.
Act and OMB	s and district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Circular A-133.
Compliance Monito	
	monitoring process for compliance at each level below. Check all that apply.
Grant recipient emp	
☐ Internal progra	
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	riew of invoices and payments
☐ Other program	n review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
	g Agencies or District Offices:
☐ On-site evalua	
☐ Annual progra	am review
	rough central database
	sting/Sampling
☐ Other progran	n review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
10.6 Explain or atta	ch a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
A copy of the L	IHEAP Contractor Monitoring guide is included as an attachment to this state plan.
10.7. Describe how y subrecipients are ut	you select local agencies for monitoring reviews. Attach a risk assessment if ilized.
Site Visits:	Missouri has nineteen (19) contract agencies. State staff performs monitoring visits once every three (3) years. Special site visits are conducted prior to the three-year cycle when special circumstances exist.  On-site monitoring may not be possible due to circumstances beyond the states control when events occur that include, but are not limited to, a natural disaster or pandemic.
Desk Reviews:	Missouri has nineteen (19) contract agencies. Grantee staff randomly select a sample of thirty (30) cases for review by each contract agency. The randomly selected cases are sent to each contract agency quarterly in order for each agency's management staff to review for compliance with policy, procedure, and time frames. At the end of each program year, agency management staff must submit the completed reviews of the thirty (30) selected cases. Grantee staff review five (5) of the thirty (30) cases to ensure accuracy of the completed case file reviews.
10.8. How often is ea	ach local agency monitored? Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed.
☐ Annually	
□ Biannually	
☐ Other,	
10.9. How many loc	al agencies are currently on corrective action plans?
If any of the above of	questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the
	ch a document with said explanation here.
U Agencies are currei	ntly on a Corrective Action Plan

#### Section 11 - Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12) - Assurance 12, 2605(c)(2)

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Section 11 – Timely and Meaningful Public Participation

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)
- ☐ Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment.

- Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised.
- $\boxtimes$  Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)
- ☐ Comments are solicited during outreach activities.
- ☐ Other Describe:

Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only

11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?

	Date	Event Description
1		
2		

- 11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)?
- 11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).

11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of public participation and solicitation of input?

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Section 12 - Fair Hearings

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?

12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed?

12.3 Describe any policy 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 or not acted upon in a timely manner.

Hearings may be requested in person, in writing (including fax), or by telephone.

Hearings can be requested by the applicant, an authorized representative, friend, relative, or legal representative.

Hearing requests can only be denied by the Division of Legal Services (DLS) Administrative Hearings Unit (AHU).

Requests for hearing are forwarded to the DLS, AHU. DLS AHU schedules a hearing and notifies all parties by letter stating the hearing date and time of hearing. The hearing will be a telephone hearing unless the claimant (applicant) refuses a telephone hearing. If the claimant (applicant) refuses the telephone hearing, an in-person hearing will be conducted.

A representative from the contract agency having first-hand knowledge about the application for services, processing, and decision being heard should attend the hearing. If it is not possible for the representative to attend the hearing, it is recommended the LIHEAP Program Director attend in his/her place.

The final decision upon completion of the hearing rests with the Family Support Division (FSD) Director. The contract agency must follow the recommendation indicated in the hearing decision.

The law also provides that a Claimant/Applicant aggreeved by the Decision and Order has the right to file an appeal within ninety (90) days from the date of the Decision and Order.

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

The LIHEAP application notifies the applicant of their right to request a hearing when a case has been denied or not acted upon in a timely manner.

Energy Assistance (EA) and Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) households are also notified of hearing rights if the application is determined to be LIHEAP ineligible.

EA households are notified of their hearing rights via the Energy Assistance Notification (EA-6). The EA-6 states, "You have the right to request a fair hearing if you do not agree with this decision and you request the hearing within ninety (90) days after the date of this letter. If you request a fair hearing, you may present information yourself or you may be represented by your own attorney."

ECIP households are notified of their hearing rights in writing on the contract agency's denial letter which is sent by the contract agency. Hearings requested in relation to a decision regarding ECIP are also handled by the DLS AHU using the same procedures.

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

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**Section 13 – Reduction of Home Energy Needs** 

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?

The State of Missouri LIHEAP does not use LIHEAP funds for these services.

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? Impact can be measured in many different ways: using logic models, data tracking systems, process evaluation, impact evaluation, number of households served versus applied, and performance management for example.

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 – Leverag	ing Incentive Program				
Section 14: Leveraging In	centive Program, 2607(A)					
14.1 Do you plan to subm	it an application for the lev	eraging incentive program?				
□ Yes		⊠   No				
14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource						
information and retaining records.						
N/A						
14.3 For each type of resource 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:				
	What is the true of	What is the same of a of	How will the resource be			
Resource	What is the type of	What is the source(s) of	integrated and coordinated			
	resource benefit?	the resource?	with LIHEAP?			
If any of the above question	ons require further explana	tion or clarification that cou	ld not be made in the			
	ocument with said explanat					
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#### **Section 15 - Training**

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		ibe the training you provide for each of the fo	ollowi	ing groups:
a. Gra		ecipient Staff:		
$\boxtimes$	For	rmal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or	forma	ıl training conference
How o	_			
$\boxtimes$	_	nually		
		nnually		
$\boxtimes$	As	needed		
	Oth	ner - Describe:		
$\boxtimes$	Em	ployees are provided with policy manual		
	Oth	ner - Describe:		
b. Loc		gencies:		
$\boxtimes$		rmal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or	forma	ıl training conference
How o	_			
$\boxtimes$	_	nually		
		innually		
$\boxtimes$		needed		
$\boxtimes$		ner - Describe: Self-paced trainings are available	e on th	he LIHEAP Training website
$\boxtimes$				
	Oth	ner - Describe:		
c. Ven				
$\boxtimes$		rmal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or	forma	ıl training conference
How o				
		nually		
		needed		
$\boxtimes$	Oth	ner - Describe: Self-Paced Trainings available of	n LIH	EAP training website
$\boxtimes$		licies communicated through vendor agreements	S	
$\boxtimes$	Pol	icies are outlined in a vendor manual		
15.2 D	oes	your training program address fraud reporti	ng an	d prevention?
$\boxtimes$		Yes		No

#### Section 16 - Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b)

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**Section 16 – Performance Goals and Measures** 

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.

onsite visit and recommendations for Missouri Information System (MIS) to provide data file instead of aggregated report totals for crisis component for LIHEAP for performance management data collection. Performance management data verified and validated for FFY 2019 report.

FFY2021, continued use of Missouri Information System (MIS) to provide data file for crisis component of LIHEAP for performance management data collection. Performance management data verified and validated for FFY 2020 report.

FFY2022, continued use of Missouri Information System (MIS) to provide data file for crisis component of LIHEAP for performance management data collection. Performance management data verified and validated for FFY 2021 report.

FFY2023, continued use of Missouri Information System (MIS) to provide data regarding the crisis component of LIHEAP for performance management data collection. Performance management data verified and validated for FFY 2022 report.

FFY2024, continued use of Missouri Information System (MIS) to provide data regarding the crisis component of LIHEAP for performance management data collection. Performance management data verified and validated for FFY 2023 report.

Section 17 - Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95,

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17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanis		,(==)							
a. Describe all mechanisms avail		the public for	repoi	rting	cas	ses of suspected	l was	te,	
fraud, and abuse. Select all that						-			
	g Hotli	ne							
⊠ Report directly to local ag	ency/d	istrict office or (	Grant	recipi	ient	t office			
⊠ Report to State Inspector €	Genera	l or Attorney Ge	eneral						
Forms and procedures in prefraud, waste, and abuse	lace fo	or local agencies	/distri	ict off	fices	es and vendors to	repo	ort	
☐ Posted in local administer	ng age	encies offices							
Other - Describe:									
b. Describe strategies in place fo	r adve	rtising the abov	ve ref	erenc	ed	resources. Sele	ect all	that	
apply									
☐ Printed outreach materials	1								
☐ Addressed on LIHEAP ap	olicatio	on							
☐ Printed outreach materials									
Other - Describe:									
The LIHEAP contract between Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) and LIHEAP contractors has an entire section titled, Fraud and/or Abuse is currently under review.									
The LIHEAP Supplier Agreement between DSS and Home Energy Supplier contains an entire section titled, "Fraud Prevention and Reporting" which advises the Energy Supplier how to report suspected issues of fraud as well as making the Energy Supplier aware of the consequences they would face if they concealed any confidential information at their disposal.									
The LIHEAP Policy and I and Reporting Departmen							eport	ing LIH	IEAP Fraud
17.2. Identification Documentation	on Re	quirements							
a. Indicate which of the followin						ed or requested	d to b	e	
collected from LIHEAP applica	its or 1	their household	men			. 1.0	2		
Tymo of Identification Callett				Col		ted from Whom ll Adults in	.!	A 11 T	Hannah et 1
Type of Identification Collected		Applicant Only	,		Н	Household		M	Household Iembers
Social Security card is		Required				equired		_	quired
photocopied and retained		Requested		☐ Requested		_	⊠ Requested		
Social Security number (Without		Required				Required		□ Required	
actual Card)		Requested			Re	equested		□ Requested	
Government-issued identification		Required			R	equired		Red	quired
card (i.e., driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)		Requested				equested	×		quested
Apr	licant	Applicant	All	Adul	ts	All Adults		All	All
	nly	Only	II	in 150ho	1.4	in Household		sehold	Household Members
Requi		Requested		iseho quire		Requested		mbers quired	Requested
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b. Describe any exceptions to the			I					_	

Any household member that does not have a Social Security Number (SSN) must be advised to access www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber to apply for or replace one through the Social Security Administration. Once the application for a SSN has been documented, a pseudo number for that household member can be assigned. Documentation will consist of a signed and dated statement or SS-5 from the Social Security website or a Receipt for a Social Security Number (SSA-5028). The applicant must be advised to provide the statement, SSA-5028 or copy where it must be retained in the case record. The applicant must be advised to report the assigned Social Security Number once it is received. If the applicant does not provide documentation within the specified time frame, the application will be denied.

frame,	the application will be denied.
There	are two exceptions to this requirement:
1) If th	ne household member applied for or is receiving Income Maintenance (IM) services
2) If th	ne household member is one year of age or younger from the month prior to the date of the application
	dentification Verification
	ibe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients usehold members. Select all that apply
	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 Department of Labor system
	Match with state and/or federal corrections system
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	Match with state child support system
	Verification using private software (e.g., The Work Number)
	In-person certification by staff (for tribal grant recipients only)
	Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal grant
	recipients only) Other - Describe:
	Citizenship or Legal Residency Verification
	are your procedures for ensuring that household members are U.S. citizens or qualified itizens who are qualified to receive LIHEAP benefits? Select all that apply.
	Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen.
	Client's submission of Social Security cards is accepted as proof of U.S. citizen or qualified
	non-citizen.
$\boxtimes$	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 through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card.
	Other - Describe:
	The Code of Mineral Property of the Code o
	The State of Missouri's current eligibility system, FAMIS, contains application information from the Food Stamp Program and may also be used to verify whether a household member is considered a Legal
	Permanent Resident or whether they are excluded from the Food Stamp case for reason, "Citizenship".
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	methods does your agency utilize to verify household income? Select all that apply.
W Hat	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:
	Unier - Describe'

	Household income is verified by:
	Verbal verification from a current or past employer. (Verification must be documented in the case file.)
	Employee wage documentation report.
	Statement from employer with current date.
	Income maintenance payroll information.
	Copy of benefit check.
	Child Support payment records.
	Rent records.
	Contracts.
	Signed and dated statement from tenant or cancelled checks.
	Computer data matches:
$\boxtimes$	Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)
$\boxtimes$	Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor
$\boxtimes$	Social Security income verified with SSA
	Utilize state directory of new hires
	Other - Describe:
	Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality
	be the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against
	per 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
$\boxtimes$	Physical files are stored in a secure location.
	Electronic files are protected in a secure location.
	Other - Describe:
	State policies to protect client information:
	Logging off the system prior to leaving workstation.
	Paying attention to who can see your computer screens and what information is being displayed.
	Use Departmental Client Numbers (DCN) instead of SSN for emails or any internet transmission.
	Encryption is required when any email is sent which contains confidential information.
$\boxtimes$	Never share passwords.
	Shredding confidential information that is being discarded.
	Safe at Home (SAH) program available through the Secretary of State's Office for survivors of sexual assault, rape, stalking, and domestic violence. SAH provides an assigned address for mail. This mail is then sent to the member(s) from the Secretary of State's Office.
	Confidential information provided only to those household members.
	Information may be released to a limited amount of people such as State Legislators, Personal Representatives or Advocates.

In addition to the above the LIHEAP systems and reports masks SSN's by only allowing the last four (4) of the SSN to be visible at any given time on each LIHEAP screen. A Release of Information form to be signed by the applicant is required before any information is released to any requesting party. LIHEAP agency contracts include Information Security Management Requirements. 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.  $\boxtimes$ Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household.  $\boxtimes$ Grant recipient and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors. Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above: Policies/process for vendor authenticity: The DSS Home Energy Supplier Agreement contains an entire section titled, "Debarment Certification" which certifies that the Supplier is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded from participation, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for  $\times$ participation under federal assistance programs. The DSS Home Energy Supplier Agreement, Business Compliance states, "The provider must complete and submit Exhibit #3 Registration of Business Name (if applicable) with the Missouri Secretary of State, prior to award of contract." The vendor may access this information at http://www.sos.mo.gov/records (Select Business Services, then Business Search from the drop-down box). 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. XData exchange with utilities that verifies:  $\boxtimes$ Account ownership  $\boxtimes$  $\times$ Consumption Balances XPayment history Account is properly credited with benefit  $\times$ Other - Describe: To protect against fraud, the LIHEAP Eligibility Energy Assistance (EA) System includes online transactions to standardize addresses with United States Postal Service verification program Code One Plus to prevent duplicate addresses from receiving more than one EA payment for the same household for a different fuel source. In addition, staff are not allowed to proceed with application processing until they  $\times$ determine that a duplicate address issue does not exist. If the case does not have a duplicate address issue, the manager may override the system and provide an explanation in the LIHEAP Case Notes (E1CN) screen. Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities.  $\times$ Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level.  $\times$ Separation of duties between intake and payment approval. Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of  $\boxtimes$ payments. Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy.  $\boxtimes$ 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.  $\times$ 

$\boxtimes$	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 vendor list.		
	Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors.		
$\boxtimes$	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 is 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 recipient's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud,			
and any sanctions placed on clients, staff, or vendors found to have committed fraud. Select			
	t apply.  Refer to state Inspector General.		
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	Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General.  Refer to U.S. 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.		
	For potential client fraud, notification is sent to the clients of overpayments. The client has ninety (90) days to either sign a repayment agreement or request a hearing. If FSD receives no response, the		
	overpayment is entered into the Claims and Restitution System (CARS). The amount is added to the		
$\boxtimes$	computer system and an offset is set up against any future Energy Assistance (EA) payments.		
	For agencies or employees that commit fraud, the FSD and DSS Welfare Investigator will conduct onsite		
	and case review monitoring and interviews to determine if victims need to be referred to their local prosecuting attorney. The onsite monitoring may reveal systemic agency issues that need to be corrected.		
	Claims of home energy supplier fraud are referred to state Attorney General Office Consumer Protection hotline.		
	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.		
$\boxtimes$	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

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

#### **Instructions for Certification**

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

method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01 OMB Clearance No.: 0970-0075 Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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**Section 19 – Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements** 

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 STATEWIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point 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 recipient'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 grant recipient shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

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 recipient's 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 recipient's 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 recipient'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 grant recipient'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 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 (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

#### \* Address Line 1, do not enter P.O. Box

State of Missouri Department of Social Services Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Address Line 2

3705 Missouri Blvd 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Address Line 3

*City	*State	*Zip Code
Jefferson City	MO	65102

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**

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Section 20 - Certification Regarding Lobbying

**Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying** 

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

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

**Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance** 

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

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

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

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#### **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; 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 providing the certification set out above.

### **Plan Attachments**

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#### **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).

Optional: Policy Manual

Optional: Subrecipient contract

Optional: Model Plan Participation notes for Tribes