

## DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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

**Grantee Name:** KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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# Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b> <b>ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</b>		August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01 OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013 Expiration Date: 02/28/2027							
<b>LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP)</b> <b>MODEL PLAN</b> <b>SF - 424 - MANDATORY</b>									
<b>* 1.a. Type of Submission:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Plan	<b>* 1.b. Frequency:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Annual	<b>* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request?</b>  <b>Explanation:</b>	<b>* 1.d. Version:</b> <input type="radio"/> Initial <input type="radio"/> Resubmission <input checked="" type="radio"/> Revision <input type="radio"/> Update						
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		<b>4a. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)</b> LRVCRNFEJA1U6							
		<b>4b. Federal Award Identifier:</b>	<b>5. Date Received By State:</b>						
			<b>6. State Application Identifier:</b>						
<b>7. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>									
<b>* a. Legal Name:</b> Kansas Department For Children and Families									
<b>* b. Address:</b>									
<b>* Street 1:</b>	555 S. Kansas Avenue, 5th Floor	<b>Street 2:</b>							
<b>* City:</b>	TOPEKA	<b>County:</b>							
<b>* State:</b>	KS	<b>Province:</b>							
<b>* Country:</b>	United States	<b>* Zip / Postal Code:</b>	66603 - 3444						
<b>c. Organizational Unit:</b>									
<b>Department Name:</b> Kansas Department for Children and Families		<b>Division Name:</b> Family Services/Economic and Employment Services							
<b>d. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: (person will be listed on Notice of Funding Awards and on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' LIHEAP contact list webpage)</b>									
<b>* First Name:</b> Shannon		<b>* Last Name:</b> Connell							
<b>Title:</b> Policy Coordination Asst. Director		<b>Organizational Affiliation:</b>							
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<b>* 8. TYPE OF APPLICANT:</b> A: State Government									
<b>* a. Is the applicant a Tribal Consortium:</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No									
<b>* b. If yes please attach at least one the following documentation:</b>									
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<b>10. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:</b> Energy Assistance									
<b>11. AREAS AFFECTED BY FUNDING:</b> Statewide									
<b>12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF APPLICANT:</b> 2									
<b>13. FUNDING PERIOD:</b>									
<b>a. Start Date:</b> 10/01/2025		<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2026							
<b>* 14. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>									
a. This submission was made available to the State under Executive Order 12372									

Process for review on:	
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.	
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
*15. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
If Yes, explain:	
16. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) <b>**I Agree</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Shannon Connell	17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)
	17d. Email Address shannon.connell@ks.gov
17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 	17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 09/10/2025

## Section 1 - Program Components

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

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 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)		Dates of Operation	
		Start Date	End Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heating assistance	01/20/2026	03/31/2026
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer crisis assistance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter crisis assistance	01/20/2026	03/31/2026
<input type="checkbox"/>	Year-round crisis assistance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance	04/01/2026	09/30/2026

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

Kansas elects to run its heating only program starting the day after the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (January 20, 2026) and running through the last business day of March 2026.

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
Heating assistance	65.00%	65.00%
Cooling assistance	0.00%	0.00%
Summer crisis assistance	0.00%	10.00%
Winter crisis assistance	10.00%	0.00%
Year-round crisis assistance	0.00%	0.00%
Weatherization assistance	15.00%	15.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	0.00%	0.00%
Administrative and planning costs	10.00%	10.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	0.00%	0.00%
Used to develop and implement leveraging activities	0.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Tribal grant recipients: direct-grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments of \$20,000 or less may use for planning and administration up to 20% of the funds payable. Grant recipients that are direct grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments over \$20,000 may use for

planning and administration purposes up to 20% of the first \$20,000 (or \$4,000) plus 10% of the funds payable that exceeds \$20,000. Any administrative costs in excess of these limits must be paid from non-federal sources.

**Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C)**

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heating assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify:)

**Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A) - Assurance 8**

**1.4 Do you consider households categorically eligible if at least one household member receives at least one of the following categories of benefits in the left column below?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If you answered "Yes" to question 1.4, you must complete the table below and answer questions 1.5 and 1.6.**

	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
TANF	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SSI	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SNAP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Means-tested Veterans Programs	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

**1.4a. Provide your definition of categorical eligibility. Please explain how households are categorically eligible (i.e, do all household members need to receive the benefits or just one member, is there a data exchange in place?) and how categorical eligibility streamlines the LIHEAP application process.**

If a household member receives one of the benefits listed above, they are considered income eligible, and we use the income already verified through that program for the LIEAP case. Kansas has a shared eligibility system, so we have access to the clients TANF and SNAP case as well has an interface with SSA to determine if they receive SSI.

**1.5 Do you automatically enroll households without a direct annual application?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If Yes, explain:**

We auto approve households if they meet certain criteria including age (62+), income type i.e., Social Security that results in fixed income, same address, and vendors from the prior year. Auto approval can only occur for three years after actual submission of an application before another application is required.

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

Weatherization follows DOE's categorical eligibility. There is no difference in weatherization services or treatment.

DCF uses the same calculations for income and benefit amounts across all LIEAP cases. We have aligned LIEAP income to be counted the same way as we do for TANF/SNAP cases as well, so whether we use the income from their TANF/SNAP case or we use the income provided from the LIEAP application (for non-categorical eligible), all income is calculated the same for the LIEAP case.

**SNAP Nominal Payments**

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

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

**1.7b Amount of Nominal Assistance:** \$0.00

**1.7c Frequency of Assistance**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Once Per Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	Once every five years
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:

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

**Determination of Eligibility - Countable Income**

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gross Income
<input type="checkbox"/>	Net Income
	Other - Describe

<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>1.9. Select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Self - Employment Income
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contract Income
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unemployment insurance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strike Pay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Security Administration (SSA ) benefits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Including MediCare deduction <input type="checkbox"/> Excluding MediCare deduction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI )
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Retirement / pension benefits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Assistance benefits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Loans that need to be repaid
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cash gifts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Savings account balance
<input type="checkbox"/>	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jury duty compensation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rental income
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income from work study programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alimony
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Child support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest, dividends, or royalties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legal settlements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Insurance payments made directly to the insured
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Administration (VA) benefits

<input type="checkbox"/>	Earned income of a child under the age of 18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdrawn without a penalty.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income tax refunds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds received by household for the care of a foster child
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
1.10 Do you have an online application process? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
1.10a If yes, describe the type of online application (Select all boxes that apply)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A PDF version of the application is available online and can be downloaded, filled out and mailed in for processing.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A state-wide online application that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One or more locally available online applications that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Online application that is also mobile friendly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe
Please include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:	
www.dcfapp.kees.ks.gov	
1.10b Can all program components be applied for online? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
If no, explain which components can and cannot be applied for online.	
1.11 Do you have a process for conducting and completing applications by phone? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
1.12 Do you or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
If yes, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.	
1.13 How can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-person
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Email
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Portal application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe
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## Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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#### Section 2 - Heating Assistance

##### Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2

##### 2.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the heating component:

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%

2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Heating Assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Do you require an Assets test? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe: Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Renters Living in subsidized housing? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Renters living in subsidized housing where the heating fuel costs are included in their rent are not eligible for energy assistance.

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

If yes, describe:

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)? ☐ 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:

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

Renters living in subsidized housing where the heating fuel costs are included in their rent are not eligible for energy assistance.

##### 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.

All applicants applying for energy assistance during the application period receive equally. All populations are processed the same. We do not prioritize the issuance of benefits to households with vulnerable populations. Our benefit matrix is based on the concept that all eligible households who apply during the application period will receive equally. An estimate of the number of eligible applicant households is built into the matrix to determine the benefit amounts to be issued.

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

- ☒ Income
- ☒ Family (household) size



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Home energy cost or need:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fuel type	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate/region	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual bill	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dwelling type	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy need	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:	
<p>Fuel provider: Kansas uses a matrix with fuel providers in tiers based on a range of their rates during a specific month. A rate survey is conducted every few years.</p>		
<p><b>Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)</b></p>		
<p>2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. <i>Please note: the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.</i></p>		
Minimum Benefit	\$130	Maximum Benefit \$4,301
<p>2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>		
<p>If yes, describe.</p>		
<p><b>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.</b></p>		

## Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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### Section 3 - Cooling Assistance

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

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

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1			0.00%

3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Cooling assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Do you require an Assets test? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Do you have additional/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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)? ☐ 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:

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

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

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Income
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (household) size
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home energy cost or need:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fuel type
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate/region
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual bill

<input type="checkbox"/>	Dwelling type		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy need		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:		
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)			
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. <i>Please note: the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.</i>			
Minimum Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If yes, describe.			
<p><b>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.</b></p>			

## Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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#### Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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

4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%

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

The household must have received a shut-off notice or have less than 15% fuel left in their tank. The household has no heating fuel or no energy to operate the primary heating system.

4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?

If the household also contains members using medical support equipment (e.g., dialysis machine, oxygen concentrator, intermittent positive pressure breathing machine, infant respiratory failure alarm).

Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 48Hours

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

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

	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-Round Crisis
4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Crisis Assistance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided

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Do you require an Assets test?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you give priority in eligibility to:			
Older Adults (60 years or older)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individuals with a disability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young Children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Households with high energy burdens?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In Order to receive crisis assistance:

Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:</b>			
Renters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renters living in subsidized housing?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:</b>			
<p>Our crisis program for winter includes the following eligibility requirements: 18-hour crisis include households with medical support equipment that have an immediate pending shutoff (48 hours) or are already disconnected for their primary heating fuel system. For 48-hour processing, households must have exhausted or have a very low primary heating fuel supply, or have been notified of a disconnect that will occur within the next 48 hours from their gas or electric utility service.</p> <p>Renters living in subsidized housing where the heating fuel costs are included in their rent are not eligible for energy assistance.</p>			
<b>Determination of Benefits</b>			
<b>4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Separate component		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Benefit Fast Track, no separate amount of crisis funds is issued. Rather benefits are issued to crisis customers within crisis response time frames.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:		
<b>4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount to resolve the crisis. \$0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:		
<b>Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)</b>			
<b>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?</b>			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No   Explain.			
<p>Explain. Applicants are provided with a specific mailing address to submit their application based on the county in which they reside. Applicants are also provided fax numbers and access to online application processing as the alternatives to submission of a paper application. LIEAP applications are accepted in all DCF offices and processed in a central office in each of our four management regions (Kansas City, Topeka, Garden City and Wichita).</p>			
<b>4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individuals with a disability the means to:</b>			
<b>Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?</b>			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
<b>If No, explain.</b>			
<b>Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?</b>			
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
<b>If No, explain.</b>			
<p>We do not provide travel assistance. We have an online self-service application clients can access from their phone, their home, or any local helping agency.</p>			
<b>If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please explain alternative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disabled?</b>			
<b>Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)</b>			
<b>4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.</b>			
Winter Crisis	\$4,301.00	maximum benefit	
Summer Crisis	\$0.00	maximum benefit	
Year-round Crisis	\$0.00	maximum benefit	
<b>4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?</b>			
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   If yes, Describe			
<b>4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?</b>			
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
<b>If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15.</b>			
<b>4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.</b>			

	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis
Heating system repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heating system replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooling system repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooling system replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wood stove purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pellet stove purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar panel(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with enforce a moratorium on shut offs?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

Cold weather rule - November 1 to March 31, a utility can't disconnect a customer when the temperature is forecasted to drop below 37 degrees or be in the mid to low 30s over the next 48 hours, except in certain circumstances. To prevent disconnection when it is 37 degrees or above, or to be reconnected regardless of temperature, customers must make pay arrangements with their utility. A utility may start the final notice and disconnection process if there is a 48-hour forecast above 37 degrees. On the day before disconnection, a utility must attempt to contact the customer by phone. If that fails, the utility must go by the home and notify them or leave a message on the door. Some utilities have third party notification plans. If the 48-hour forecast changes before the period ends, and there is a forecast of below 37 degrees, the utility cannot disconnect until there is another cold weather rule 48-hour forecast of temperatures above 37 degrees.

**4.18 If you experience a natural disaster, do you intend to utilize LIHEAP crisis funds to address disaster related crisis situations?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**If yes, describe**

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## Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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## 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 Household Sizes	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. Kansas Housing Resource Corporation

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

### WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules

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

- ☐ Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules
- ☐ 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- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days
- ☐ Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).
- ☐ Other - Describe:
- ☒ Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.):
- ☐ Income Threshold
- ☒ Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit.
- ☐ Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) standards.
- ☒ Other - Describe:

Other - Describe: LIHEAP funds may be used to install ductwork after all funding possibilities have been eliminated. Re-weatherization of a home is possible as long as no part of the costs were through use of DOE funds. DOE average cost per unit is used along with consideration of special allowances (through written request by the sub-grantee) if there is a need to do certain repair measures. Those measures include small (measured by cost) amounts of repair that in a normal instance would require sub-grantee to "walk away" from the home until those minor repairs are completed. LIHEAP funds may be used by weatherization agencies to purchase temporary electric space heaters for emergency "no heats". DOE's criteria for automatic qualifiers of SSI and TANF is utilized. Additionally, if the applicant received LIHEAP assistance during the most recent program cycle, the LIHEAP calculated income can be used, and the application can be considered automatically eligible. LIHEAP funds may be used to weatherize multi-family units where eligible under DOE rules. Due to lower income qualifications, 20% cap on multi-family units may be waived. "Income calculated with the previous 12 months for HUD compliance may be utilized for income documentation" in reference to multi-family properties. Either ASHRAE standard 62-1989 or ASHRAE 62-2-2016 may be used for calculating acceptable indoor air quality. LIHEAP funds can be used to purchase and provide DIY weatherization kits to income eligible clients on the weatherization waiting list as they wait for full weatherization services if full services are delayed.

LIHEAP funds can be used to install and/or replace window or central air-conditioning systems on weatherization projects for elderly, disabled, or medically at-risk homeowners when the AC is nonexistent or nonfunctional.

LIHEAP funds can be used to install and/or replace central air conditioning systems in owner occupied units when weatherization replaces the connected furnace when the AC is nonfunctional, older than 15 years of age, or when the existing AC would otherwise damage the new furnace.

Weatherization operates a heating and cooling system repair and replacement assistance program that is separate from household weatherization.

<b>Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5</b>	
<b>5.6 Do you require an assets test?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for :</b>	
<b>Renters</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Renters living in subsidized housing?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Renters with utilities included in the rent?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:</b>	
<b>Older Adults?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Individuals with a disability?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Young Children?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>House holds with high energy burdens?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Other?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<p><b>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.</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>5.7 Renters are eligible for the weatherization program and the income eligibility process is the exact same as for an owner, no difference. However, in rental properties, the owner does have to grant permission and they do so by completing a Property Owner/Rental Property Agreement which grants permission for the Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program to weatherize the dwelling at the indicated address and do whatever reasonable repairs are deemed necessary within the guidelines.</p> <p>5.8 The Kansas Weatherization Program and its sub-grantees give priority to outreach methods and service to three groups of households: those with low-income elderly clients (age 60 or older), those with low-income who have disabilities (any individual who has physical or mental disability) that constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to the individual's employment, or a person who has a record of having or is regarded as having physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one of more of the individual's major life activities or someone who has a disability that would make the individual eligible to receive disability insurance benefits or supplemental social security income from SSA or developmental disability assistance from HHS, and those low-income families with children 18 years or under.</p> </div>	
<b>Benefit Levels</b>	
<b>5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per household?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$0	
<b>5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Unit (ACPU).</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amount? \$0	
<b>Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) &amp; (D)</b>	
<b>5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide ? (Check all categories that apply.)</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weatherization needs assessments/audits	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy related roof repair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caulking and insulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Major appliance repairs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm windows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major appliance replacement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows/sliding glass doors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Furnace replacement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooling system modifications/repairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Heater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water conservation measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooling system replacement
<input type="checkbox"/> Roof top solar	<input type="checkbox"/> Community solar projects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compact florescent light bulbs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<p><b>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.</b></p>	



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

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

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

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

A toll-free number is available for clients. DCF also provides weatherization a list of all recipients of LIHEAP to target services to those with potential need. DCF has an online application process to allow clients to access many of our benefit programs through the internet, including LIHEAP.

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

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

7.1 Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, WAP, etc.).



Joint application for multiple programs (indicate programs included)



**Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included)** Processing for TANF and SNAP are done in the same offices as LIEAP. TANF/SNAP workers will offer customers a LIEAP application (if in season) if the worker sees the customer has a need for assistance with their heating bill.



One - stop intake centers



Other - Describe:

Other - Describe: Up to 15% of the LIHEAP block grant may be allocated to the low-income Weatherization program. LIHEAP applicant's name, address and energy consumption data is shared with the Weatherization program. LIHEAP eligibility information is shared with the federal, state, and local governments, utilities, vendors, and non-profit organizations. Agreements are entered into with local agencies for the provision of voluntary outreach and intake services. A mass mailing of LIHEAP information that directs them to apply is sent to prior year LIHEAP recipients at the beginning of the application period.

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

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<b>Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state Grant recipients and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)</b>	
<b>8.1 How would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency?</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Administration Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commerce Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Services Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy/Environment Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:
Include current list of subrecipient name, main office address (do not list P.O. Box), phone number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and UEI number. <i>Used for Near hotline and OCS Service Provider Tool and clearinghouse.</i>	
<b>Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15</b>	
If you selected "State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable.	
<b>8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for heating assistance?</b>	
<p>The LIHEAP program uses a separate paper and online application process from the other programs. A mass mailing of LIHEAP information to potential applicants, community helping agencies and the fuel providers is conducted at the beginning of the application period. Other interested persons may obtain an application, receive information or assistance in completing the application by calling the toll-free number for the local LIHEAP office directly, utilizing the available online application process, by calling or visiting a local agency office, or by attending an in-person LIHEAP event where staff are present to assist with completing the application. The applications are ultimately received and processed in a separate department from other assistance programs. The LIHEAP program has its own call center to answer questions and provide assistance.</p>	
<b>8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for cooling assistance?&gt;</b>	
Not applicable	
<b>8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for crisis assistance?</b>	
<p>Same as in 8.2. In addition to the above, additional outreach and intake services are provided for heating and crisis assistance by many volunteer agencies statewide (e.g., Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Area Agencies on Aging, county health departments, local housing agencies, etc.)</p>	
<b>8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration.</b>	<b>Heating</b>
	<b>Cooling</b>
	<b>Crisis</b>
	<b>Weatherization</b>

8.5a Who determines client eligibility?	State Administration Agency	Non-Applicable	State Administration Agency	Community Action Agencies
8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?	State Administration Agency	Non-Applicable	State Administration Agency	
8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?	State Administration Agency	Non-Applicable	State Administration Agency	
8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?				Community Action Agencies

**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?

Not applicable for heating or winter crisis assistance. The State of Kansas administers the LIHEAP program internally. See attachment 8.5 to 8.8 for weatherization information. 8.7 also applies to the weatherization program.

8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? 4

8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

8.9 If so, why?

☐ Agency was in noncompliance with Grant recipient requirements for LIHEAP -

☐ Agency is under criminal investigation

☒ Added agency

☐ Agency closed

☐ Other - describe

8.10 If a subrecipient is no longer providing LIHEAP, are you aware of prior-year LIHEAP funds being mismanaged or misspent? ☐ Yes ☒ No

8.10a If yes, please explain.

8.10b If you are aware, were other federal programs impacted such as CSBG, SSBG, Head Start, TANF, and Department of Energy Weatherization funding, etc. ☐ Yes ☒ No

8.10c If yes, please explain.

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

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

##### 9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?

Heating ☒ Yes ☐ No

Cooling ☐ Yes ☒ No

Crisis ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there exceptions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Describe.

All payments to natural gas, electric, and deliverable propane vendors are made directly to the vendor. All other payments are made directly to the client.

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

A notice of eligibility is sent directly to the client indicating the benefit level. The vendor also notes the LIHEAP benefit paid on the customer's next monthly billing statement

##### 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?

Vendor agreements identify expectations and procedures to be followed for heating and crisis assistance. Communication is ongoing between LIHEAP staff and every supplier throughout the program.

##### 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?

Vendor agreements identify expectations and procedures to be followed for heating and crisis assistance. Communication is ongoing between LIHEAP staff and every supplier throughout the program.

##### 9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.

Attach a copy of the template statewide vendor agreement or a policy that indicates local agreements must adhere to statewide policies and assurances.

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

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

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

The Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) uses a public assistance cost allocation plan (CAP) and further information can be found in a document which is overseen by HHS Division of Cost Allocation. Each grant is tracked by a Fund and a Budget Unit combination. Fund numbers related to a grant CFDA #. The Budget Unit is related more to grant reporting and/or specific grants using the same Fund. Program codes (also referred to as pools in the CAP) are assigned to track like costs for a similar purpose within a specific agency department that will be distributed in the CAP in the same manner. The program code may be funded with one fund-budget unit or with multiple fund-budget units, depending on its purpose. Using the LIHEAP as an example, there are two primary program codes: 25521 LIHEAP Administration and 25522 LIHEAP Assistance. Each type of revenue or expenditure is assigned an account code which defines the type of revenue such as grant award, or type of expenditure such as salaries, travel, office supplies, assistance, etc. The accounting system is maintained by the State of Kansas Department of Administration. Various databases and reports are available to provide information to DCF staff to carry out their accounting and reporting duties. The Federal Reporting unit within DCF is primarily responsible for tracking grant activity and maintaining worksheets to support claims, and filing reports. They are assisted by the Budget analyst and various program staff who provide support and reports related to client assistance and internal activities.

There is only one sub-recipient: Kansas Housing Resource Corp. who receives 15% of the basic LIHEAP award to provide weatherization services. They draw funds based on their expenditures and submit quarterly reports. Due to the timing of the weatherization program activities, they provide information for their sub-contracts at the end of the first federal fiscal year. Responses in 10.4 are related to the Weatherization program.

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

###### Obligation

A future expenditure is obligated either through the purchase order process or through the approval process of a client benefit against a specific program code.

###### Expenditures

The accounting system uses program codes to record expenditures. Benefit refunds are deducted from the same cost pool expenditures in which they were issued and reduce the federal claim.

###### Expenditure timeframe

90% of the award is expended and/or obligated within the first year of the award.

###### Administrative costs

Direct LIHEAP administrative costs are recorded in a specific cost pool. Indirect administrative costs that are charged to the LIHEAP program may be distributed in several ways from various agency cost pools: 1) by agency FTE (full-time equivalent employee counts), 2) by specific time reports (for example IT services), 3) by beneficiary case counts of persons served, and 4) by random moment time studies.

1) Salaries and related costs of the staff of the Lead Agency or other agencies engaged in the administration and implementation of the program. Program administration and implementation include the following types of activities:

- i. Planning, developing, and designing the Low-income Household Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- ii. Providing local officials and the public with information about the program, including the conduct of public hearings;
- iii. Preparing the state model plan.
- iv. Updating/maintaining vendor agreements
- v. Developing agreements with sub grantees to carry out program activities.
- vi. Monitoring program activities for compliance with program requirements;
- vii. Preparing reports and other documents related to the program for submission to the Secretary;
- viii. Coordinating the resolution of audit and monitoring findings.
- ix. Evaluating program results.
- x. Program personnel management
- xi. Financial and Performance reporting; accounting processes

- 2) Administrative services, including such services as accounting services, performed by grantees or subgrantees or under agreements with third parties.
- 3) Audit services
- 4) IT systems related to agency operations.
- 5) Indirect costs as applied through federally approved cost allocation plan.
- 6) Other operating costs directly related to the activities listed above would be considered administrative costs. This would include supplies, rent, utilities, travel, etc.

The following activities do not count towards the 10 percent limitation on administrative expenditures in paragraph (a) of this section:

- 1) Establishment and maintenance of computerized LIHEAP information systems.
- 2) Eligibility determinations.
- 3) Preparation / participation in judicial hearings.
- 4) Training for LIHEAP staff.
- 5) IT systems development and operations related to eligibility determination.
- 6) Other operating costs related to LIHEAP eligibility determination and the staff performing these duties, including but not limited to travel, supplies, rent, equipment, etc., would not apply to the administrative limit.

#### Audit Process

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

While the LIHEAP program isn't selected as a major program every year, it is included in the SEFA report and single audit every year conducted by an independent audit firm for the state of Kansas. HHS has not designated LIHEAP as a high-risk program, so unless it becomes high risk for other reasons, it is subjected to the 3-year cycle and audited as a major program like the other type A programs. The audit firm is selected by the Department of Administration for the statewide single audit through a procurement process.

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

No Findings ☒

Finding	Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1				

#### 10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies

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

- ☒ Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133
- ☐ Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit (other than A-133)
- ☒ Local agencies/district offices' A-133 or other independent audits are reviewed by Grant recipient as part of compliance process.
- ☒ Grant recipient conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices
- ☒ Local agencies and district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133

#### Compliance Monitoring

#### 10.5. Describe your monitoring process for compliance at each level below. Check all that apply.

Grant recipients have a policy in place for appropriate separation of duties and internal controls.

- ☒ Internal program review
- ☒ Departmental oversight
- ☐ Secondary review of invoices and payments
- ☐ Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:

#### Local Administering Agencies/District Offices:

- ☒ On - site evaluation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual program review
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitoring through central database
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desk reviews
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Client File Testing/Sampling
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
State administered LIHEAP program for heating and winter crisis assistance; there are no local administering agencies for these components. The responses above for local administering agencies are those used for the weatherization component.
<b>10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.</b>
<p>Kansas self-administers the program (no outside agency handling eligibility) for the energy assistance component; monitoring is handled by management staff in each of the four agency offices where applications are processed. This is done via a random ongoing case-read process during the application processing period where managers do periodic reads of case files processed across all workers in their location. In addition, lessons-learned conversations occur following each program year to assess issues identified and work to develop solutions for those issues. We also review every case on which we receive an appeal, prior to the appeal hearing, to determine if the handling of the case was appropriate. If determined that there was a processing error made, we take corrective action, notifying the client as well as noting the issue for discussion during staff sessions and the lessons-learned process.</p> <p>The templates used for monitoring subrecipients in the weatherization component are included as three attachments beginning with 10.6.</p>
<b>10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews. Attach a risk assessment if subrecipients are utilized.</b>
<p><b>Site Visits:</b></p> <p>Programmatic, fiscal, and technical monitoring is conducted on each subrecipient agency annually.</p>
<p><b>Desk Reviews:</b></p> <p>Desk reviews of all submitted projects are conducted monthly.</p>
<b>10.8. How often is each local agency monitored? Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed.</b>
Annually
<b>10.9. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans? 0</b>
<b>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.</b>



## 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, 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
- ☐ Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment
- ☐ Comments from applicants are recorded
- ☒ Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised
- ☐ 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

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

	Date	Event Description
1	08/07/2025	Virtual TEAMS Meeting

11.3. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 1

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

An energy vendor commented that they would like for DCF to consider starting the LIHEAP season October 1 every season.

There was a total of 7 attendees at our public hearing on 8/7/2025. Only 1 attendee provided a comment. (see comment above)

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

None at this time.

**If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.**

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

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

12.1 How many fair hearings did the Grant recipient have in the prior federal Fiscal Year? 14

12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? 0

12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last federal Fiscal Year as a result of fair hearings?

None

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

Requests for a fair hearing must be made in writing and received by the agency or the Kansas Office of Administrative Hearings within 90 days of the application date. Generally, the hearing is held within 45 days after the request is filed with the agency. Notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing will be sent at least 10 days before the hearing. The hearings are usually conducted by telephone. A presiding officer from the Office of Administrative Hearings conducts the hearing. Each case is given the opportunity for a prehearing conference to attempt to resolve any issues prior to the hearing. This in no way changes the client's opportunity to have the fair hearing as requested.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Households' ineligible for assistance are informed of the reason(s) using a system generated notice once the determination has been made. The system-generated notice also advises the household of their right to request a fair hearing. The application form ES-3500 and all notices to households for approvals, denials, and requests for further information contain the appeal rights.

**If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.**

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

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

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

No activities conducted at this time.

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

Not applicable.

13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous federal Fiscal Year.

Not applicable.

13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous federal Fiscal Year.

Not applicable.

13.5 How many households received these services? 0

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## Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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

14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Resource	What is the type of resource or benefit ?	What is the source(s) of the resource ?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?
1			

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## Section 15 - Training

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## Section 15: Training

15.1 Describe the training you provide for each of the following groups:

**a. Grant recipient Staff:**

☒ Formal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or formal training conference

How often?

☒ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☒ Employees are provided with policy manual

☐ Other, describe:

**b. Local Agencies:**

☐ Formal training provided virtually, on-site, and/or formal training conference

How often?

☐ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☐ On-site training

How often?

☐ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☐ Employees are provided with policy manual

☐ Other, describe:

**c. Vendors**

☒ Formal training conference

How often?

☐ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☒ **Other, describe:** Virtual meeting annually with vendors to review online application and answer questions prior to the season start.

☒ Policies communicated through vendor agreements

☐ Policies are outlined in a vendor manual

<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe:	
15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
<input type="radio"/> No	
<b>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.</b>	

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

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#### Section 16: Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b) - Required for States Only

**16.1 Describe your progress toward meeting the data collection and reporting requirements of the four required LIHEAP (Benefit Targeting Index, Burden Reduction Targeting Index, Restoration of Home Energy Service, and Prevention of Loss of Home Energy Service). Include timeframes and plans for meeting these requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.**

Agency continues to progress in data collection activities related to LIHEAP performance measures. We continue to work with our primary vendors (4 vendors comprise roughly 85%+ of our caseload). This is an ongoing effort.

Kansas is continuing to work on improvements to our eligibility system that will help us gather all the requested data more efficiently and accurately. Kansas is hoping to learn from other states around what their best practices are and where they have found success working with vendors to gather the needed data for the required performance measures. We have already reached out to one state and have schedule a meeting.

Kansas will review all performance measure data to determine if there are any program improvements we could incorporate in the next LIHEAP season.

**If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.**

## Section 17 - Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)

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

### 17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms

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

- ☐ Online Fraud Reporting
- ☒ Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline
- ☒ Report directly to local agency/district office or Grant recipient office
- ☒ Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General
- ☒ Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse
- ☐ Other - Describe:

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

- ☒ Printed outreach materials
- ☒ Posted in local administering agencies offices.
- ☒ Addressed on LIHEAP application
- ☒ Website
- ☐ Other - Describe:

### 17.2. Identification Documentation Requirements

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

Type of Identification Collected	Collected from Whom?					
	Applicant Only		All Adults in Household		All Household Members	
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Other	Applicant Only Required	Applicant Only Requested	All Adults in Household Required	All Adults in Household Requested	All Household Members Required	All Household Members Requested
1 In Kansas, roughly 80%-85% of						



<p>our LIHEAP caseload also receives other public benefits and is therefore already known to the agency. We have access to identify verifications from those programs and utilize that verification process for LIHEAP since we share the same eligibility system. Verifications for the remaining caseload is obtained when needed.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17.3. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification</b>						
What are your procedures for ensuring LIHEAP recipients are U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens who are eligible to receive LIHEAP benefits? Select all that apply.						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Client's submission of certain Social Security Administration cards is accepted as proof of U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Citizens must provide documentation of immigration status					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-Citizens are verified through the SAVE system					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:					
<b>17.4. Income Verification</b>						
What methods does your agency utilize to verify household income? Select all that apply.						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Require documentation of income for all adult household members					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pay stubs					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Security award letters					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bank statements					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tax statements					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zero-income statements					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unemployment Insurance letters					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computer data matches:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Security income verified with SSA					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Utilize state directory of new hires					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:					
b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.						
<b>17.5 Identification Verification</b>						
Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Match SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Match SSNs with state eligibility/case management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Match with state Department of Labor system					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Match with state and/or federal corrections system					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Match with state child support system					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Verification using private software (e.g., The Work Number)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	In-person certification by staff (for tribal Grant recipients only)					

<input type="checkbox"/> Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal Grant recipients only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality</b>
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee training on confidentiality for:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient employees
<input type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient employees
<input type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical files are stored in a secure location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic files are protected in a secure location.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>17.7. Verifying the Authenticity</b>
What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:
<b>17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities</b>
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.
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicants must submit current utility bill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account ownership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consumption
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balances
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment history
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account is properly credited with benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
<input type="checkbox"/> Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism

<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors</b>
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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client
<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the grant recipient.
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions</b>
Describe the Grant recipients procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients, staff, or vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to state Inspector General
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices or Grant recipient conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process 1. Agency establishes overpayments to recoup funds from future benefits. 2. Agency works with fraud division to determine other possible program involvement and pursues legal action if appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/> Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned?
<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>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.</b>

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

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

**Instructions for Certification**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

##### **Instructions for Certification**

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

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later

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

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

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

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

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

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

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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

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

**(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.**

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

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

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645(a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central 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 recipients drug-free workplace requirements.
6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the Grant recipient shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grant recipients attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:



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

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

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

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

#### **Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**

##### **Alternate I. (Grant recipients Other Than Individuals)**

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

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Grant recipients workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The Grant recipients policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a

central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

(B) The Grant recipient may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

**Place of Performance ( *That this must be physical address. No PO Boxes allowed.* )**

555 S. Kansas Avenue  
**\* Address Line 1**

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Topeka <b>* <u>City</u></b>	KS <b>* <u>State</u></b>	66603-3444 <b>* <u>Zip Code</u></b>
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**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]

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## Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

#### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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## Assurances

### Assurances

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

**(A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5);**

**(B) intervene in energy crisis situations;**

**(C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective energy-related home repair; and**

**(D) plan, develop, and administer the State's program under this title including leveraging programs, and the State agrees not to use such funds for any purposes other than those specified in this title;**

**(2) make payments under this title only with respect to--**

**(A) households in which one or more individuals are receiving--**

**(i) assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;**

**(ii) supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act;**

**(iii) food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or**

**(iv) payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978; or**

**(B) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of -**

**(i) an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or**

**(ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of the State median income;**

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

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

**(4) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs administered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income**

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

(5) provide, in a timely manner, that the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that the State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the households described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;

(6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the designation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any other provision of law on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that -

(A) the State shall, before giving such special consideration, determine that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by the State; and

(B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;

(7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedures to --

(A) notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf;

(B) assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment made by the State under this title;

(C) assure that the home energy supplier will provide assurances that any agreement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements; and

(D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local Grant recipients and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligible for benefits under this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the risks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals receiving financial assistance for home energy costs;

**(8) provide assurances that,**

**(A) the State will not exclude households described in clause (2)(B) of this subsection from receiving home energy assistance benefits under clause (2), and**

**(B) the State will treat owners and renters equitably under the program assisted under this title;**

**(9) provide that--**

**(A) the State may use for planning and administering the use of funds under this title an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the funds payable to such State under this title for a fiscal year; and**

**(B) the State will pay from non-Federal sources the remaining costs of planning and administering the program assisted under this title and will not use Federal funds for such remaining cost (except for the costs of the activities described in paragraph (16));**

**(10) provide that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be established as may be necessary to assure the proper disbursal of and accounting for Federal funds paid to the State under this title, including procedures for monitoring the assistance provided under this title, and provide that the State will comply with the provisions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the "Single Audit Act");**

**(11) permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 2608;**

**(12) provide for timely and meaningful public participation in the development of the plan described in subsection (c);**

**(13) provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for assistance under the plan described in subsection (c) are denied or are not acted upon with reasonable promptness; and**

**(14) cooperate with the Secretary with respect to data collecting and reporting under section 2610.**

**(15) \* beginning in fiscal year 1992, provide, in addition to such services as may be offered by State Departments of Public Welfare at the local level, outreach and intake functions for crisis situations and heating and cooling assistance that is administered by additional State and local governmental entities or community-based organizations (such as community action agencies, area agencies on aging and not-for-profit neighborhood-based organizations), and in States where such organizations do not administer functions as of September 30, 1991, preference in awarding grants or contracts for intake services shall be provided to those agencies that administer the low-income weatherization or energy crisis intervention programs.**

**\* This assurance is applicable only to States, and to territories whose annual regular LIHEAP allotments exceed \$200,000. Neither territories with annual allotments of \$200,000 or less nor Indian tribes/tribal organizations are subject to Assurance 15.**

**(16) use up to 5 percent of such funds, at its option, to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and**

**thereby the need for energy assistance, including needs assessments, counseling, and assistance with energy vendors, and report to the Secretary concerning the impact of such activities on the number of households served, the level of direct benefits provided to those households, and the number of households that remain unserved.**



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

## Plan Attachments

PLAN ATTACHMENTS
The following documents must be attached to this application
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooling component benefit matrix, if applicable</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes, notes, or transcripts of public hearing(s).</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy Manual.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subrecipient Contract.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Model Plan Participation Notes for Tribes.</li></ul>