

## DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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

**Grantee Name:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

**Report Name:** DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 1

**Report Period:** 10/01/2025 to 09/30/2026

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# Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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

<p>* 1.a. Type of Submission: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Plan</p>	<p>* 1.b. Frequency: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Annual</p>	<p>* 1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request?  Explanation:</p>	<p>* 1.d. Version: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Initial <input type="radio"/> Resubmission <input type="radio"/> Revision <input type="radio"/> Update</p>
		<p>2. Date Received:</p>	<p>State Use Only:</p>
		<p>3. Applicant Identifier:</p>	<p>4a. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) K8EFN11DHKH3</p>
		<p>4b. Federal Award Identifier:</p>	<p>5. Date Received By State:  6. State Application Identifier:</p>

### 7. APPLICANT INFORMATION

\* a. Legal Name: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

\* b. Address:

* Street 1:	2608 GOVERNMENT CENTER DR	Street 2:	
* City:	MANTSTEE	County:	
* State:	MI	Province:	
* Country:	United States	* Zip / Postal Code:	49660 - 8302

c. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Members Assistance	Division Name: Human Services
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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)

* First Name: Kathleen	* Last Name: Bowers
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\* 8. TYPE OF APPLICANT:

I: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)

\* a. Is the applicant a Tribal Consortium:  Yes  No

\* b. If yes please attach at least one the following documentation:

	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	CFDA Title:
9. CFDA Numbers and Titles	93.568	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

10. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:  
LRBOI LIHEAP

11. AREAS AFFECTED BY FUNDING:

Manistee, Mason, Lake, Wexford, Oceana, Newaygo, Muskegon, Kent, Ottawa counties.

12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF APPLICANT:

Michigan's 2nd Congressional District

13. FUNDING PERIOD:

a. Start Date: 10/01/2025	b. End Date: 09/30/2026
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\* 14. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?

a. This submission was made available to the State under Executive Order 12372

Process for review on:	
<p>b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.</p> <p>c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.</p>	
<b>*15. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?</b>	
<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
If Yes, explain:	
<p>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)</p> <p><b>**I Agree</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>** 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.</p>	
17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Kathleen Bowers	17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)
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17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 09/09/2025	

## Section 1 - Program Components

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THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant. 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	10/01/2025	09/30/2026
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer crisis assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter crisis assistance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Year-round crisis assistance	10/01/2025	09/30/2026
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance	10/01/2025	09/30/2026

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

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

1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to 100%.	Percentage ( % )	Prior year totals
Heating assistance	30.00%	30.00%
Cooling assistance	0.00%	10.00%
Summer crisis assistance	0.00%	35.00%
Winter crisis assistance	0.00%	0.00%
Year-round crisis assistance	45.00%	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 type="checkbox"/>	Heating assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): Not applicable

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 type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SSI	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
SNAP	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" 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			

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.

LRBOI defines categorical eligibility as one member of the household receiving either TANF, SSI or SNAP benefits, and applies for the program.

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

If Yes, explain:

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

Benefit levels and payments are consistent for all households, which ensures consistency regardless of public assistance status. LRBOI uses a benefit matrix that evaluates household size and monthly countable income, and makes program requirements available to applicants. Applicants are reviewed for prior assistance to access changes in household make-up and utility vendor. LRBOI has an appeal process for denials to ensure fairness.

**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?

N/A

**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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe

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

<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 type="checkbox"/> Including MediCare deduction <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jury duty compensation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rental income
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income from work study programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alimony
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interest, dividends, or royalties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal settlements
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Administration (VA) benefits
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other  LRBOI per capita payments generated from gaming revenues that are distributed in accordance with an DOI approved revenue allocation plan. This does not include revenues held in trust by the Secretary of Interior, or funds distributed under the General Welfare Exclusion Act.

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

1.10 Do you have an online application process  Yes  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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Online application that is also mobile friendly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe  Applications are available in our local tribal offices in Manistee and Muskegon counties, and can be sent to applicants via email or USPS.

Please include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:

1.10b Can all program components be applied for online?  Yes  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  Yes  No

1.12 Do you or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply  Yes  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 type="checkbox"/>	Portal application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe  Applicants working with LRBOI Family Services may provide proofs to that department with an accompanying application.

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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:

N/A

Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Renters Living in subsidized housing?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Renters with utilities included in the rent?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

LRBOI Tribal elders begin at age 55, and they are given older adult status under this program, and applicants are identified for priority processing.

Individuals with a disability?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

LRBOI members that have a medically determined disability, or meet the definition of disabled under SSA are identified for priority processing.

Young children?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

LRBOI members who have children under 6 years of age are given priority status and applications are given priority processing status.

Households with high energy burdens?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

LRBOI members who utilize electricity as their primary energy source for heating purposes are given priority processing status.

Other?  Yes  No

<b>If yes, describe:</b> N/A			
<b>Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:</b> <p>LRBOI members 55 and older, households with children under six (6) years of age and households with high energy burden due to electrical primary heating costs are identified in the review of income resources compared to total household expenditures.</p>			
<b>Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)</b>			
<b>2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.</b> <p>Initial review of vulnerable population applications that identify crisis situations may receive maximum benefits, that could create a credit balance on existing utility accounts. In general, applications are reviewed and determinations regarding benefit amounts are made within five (5) days.</p>			
<b>2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Dwelling type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy need <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:			
<b>Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)</b>			
<b>2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. Please note: the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.</b>			
Minimum Benefit	\$1	Maximum Benefit	\$1,800
<b>2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?2</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
<b>If yes, describe.</b> N/A			
<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 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	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%

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:

N/A

##### Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Renters Living in subsidized housing?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Renters with utilities included in the rent?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

##### Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Individuals with a disability?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Young children?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Households with high energy burdens?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A

Other?  Yes  No

If yes, describe:

N/A				
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above: N/A				
3.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of cooling assistance to vulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc. N/A				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family (household) size <input type="checkbox"/> Home energy cost or need: <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel type <input type="checkbox"/> Climate/region <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual bill <input type="checkbox"/> Dwelling type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy need <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  N/A				
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>				
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Minimum Benefit</td> <td>\$0</td> <td>Maximum Benefit</td> <td>\$0</td> </tr> </table>	Minimum Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0
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 checked="" type="radio"/> No				
If yes, describe. N/A				
<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 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.

LRBOI defines a crisis as an energy related need that may impact the health and/or safety of a household. Eligibility for energy-related crisis is based on the household's demonstration of an immediate need for assistance with home heating fuel, electricity, energy related home repairs or medically necessary energy service. Crisis means one (or more) of the following:

- An individual or household has a past-due or shut off notice on an energy bill for his/her household.
- Residential fuel tank is less than 25% of its capacity, or fuel tank over 25% has been locked by the provider and payment on account will remove the threat.
- Individual or household has a stated need for a non-traditional fuel source (wood, corn, cherry pits, wood pellets).
- Individual or household has received notice that prepayment on account is below \$100.00.
- Notice from a licensed service provider that the homeowners furnace is inoperable and in need of repair.

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

LRBOI defines a life-threatening energy crisis as:

- The household has experienced a disconnect of gas/electric service, run out of propane or non-traditional heating source, or has a statement from a licensed provider that the furnace is inoperable or needs replacement.
- Service restoration is medically necessary for in-home medical equipment.
- The household does not have a temporary housing option while the emergency is resolved.
- The household is not protected under the MI Winter Protection Plan.
- The household has a precipitating factor that required the household choose between paying the energy bill over another vital need such as food, medical expenses or clothing for children in the household.

### Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

#### 4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 18Hours

#### 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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#### Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Individuals with a disability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Young Children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Households with high energy burdens?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>In Order to receive crisis assistance:</b>			
Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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>			
N/A			
<b>Determination of Benefits</b>			
<b>4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Separate component		
<input 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: N/A		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:  Applicants for crisis assistance must show current need for assistance based on past-due/shut-off notices. Once need is established, payment may be made up to the fiscal year maximum, which could result in a credit balance on the energy account, funding permitted.		
<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.		
LRBOI has offices in Manistee and Muskegon counties, and applications may be completed and submitted online, via fax, mailed or delivered to Members Services directly.			
LRBOI also works with social service entities to provide applications for enrolled members residing within our service delivery counties.			
<b>4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individuals with a disability the means to:</b>			
Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If No, explain.			
N/A			
<b>Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?</b>			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If No, explain.			

N/A

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?

N/A

**Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)**

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

Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit

Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit

Year-round Crisis \$1,800.00 maximum benefit

**4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?**

Yes  No If yes, Describe

N/A

**4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?**

Yes  No

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

**4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.**

	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis
Heating system repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Heating system replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cooling system repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cooling system replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wood stove purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pellet stove purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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): N/A	<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.**

State of Michigan Disconnect Policy, protection dates November 1 to April 15. This policy reflects PA 95 of 2013; "An electric utility, municipality owned electric utility, or cooperative electric utility may elect to not collect low-income energy assistance funding by annually filing a notice with the MI Public Service Commission by July 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the act, an electric utility, municipally owned electric utility or cooperative electric utility that elects to NOT collect a low-income energy assistance funding under this section SHALL NOT SHUT OFF SERVICE to any residential customer from November 1 to April 15 for non-payment of delinquent account."

Winter protection policy: Elderly sixty-five (65) or older, recipients of Medicaid, Food Stamps or Department of Human Services cash assistance, full-time active military personnel or persons needing critical care or having a certified medical emergency. Households with income less than one hundred fifty (150) percent of the federal poverty guidelines must be in a payment plan.

Disconnection delay of twenty one (21) days with medical certificate if health of household member would be adversely impacted. Certification of medical condition may be renewed another forty-two (42) days, and date for utility bills extended twenty-two (22) days. Year round shut off protection is available to all residents regardless of income with initial down payment of ten (10) percent of a customer's total bill on monthly budget plan. Customers called to full-time active military service during declared national or state emergency or war, may apply for shut off protection for ninety (90) days, and may request extensions by reapplying.

Deferred payments: Low-income customers must make monthly payments of at least seven (7) percent of their estimated annual bill along with a portion of any past due amount, November 1 through March 31. Consumers Energy, DTE Energy and Cherryland Electric observe the MI Disconnect policy. Propane vendors do not, but will work with our program to ensure households have heating if obligations are made to pay part or all of the balance due.

There are no special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients.

**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

Crisis funds would be used to assist those affected by the natural disaster based on funds available to restore service, replace damaged equipment or purchase interim energy generating equipment for households with medically necessary energy needs.

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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	State Median Income	60.00%

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.

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.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply):
<input type="checkbox"/> Income Threshold
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Income Threshold
<input type="checkbox"/> Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit.
<input type="checkbox"/> Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) standards.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:

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

5.6 Do you require an assets test?  Yes  No

##### 5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for :

Renters	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Renters living in subsidized housing?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

##### 5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Individuals with a disability?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Young Children?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Households with high energy burdens?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Other?

Yes  No

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

LIHEAP priority assistance is given to elderly fifty-five (55) and older, single parent households with children under six (6) years of age, and individuals or households with medical conditions.

Renters: Weatherization agencies may weatherize a building containing rental dwelling units wherein occupants meet income eligibility requirements and where;

- Written permission of the owner or authorized agent is given, and
- An agreement is signed by both parties, owner/agent and tenant witnessed by the Weatherization agency, that the tenant will not be subject to rent increases or eviction for a period of not less than eighteen (18) months.
- The weatherization work shall not enhance the value of the dwelling units.

#### Benefit Levels

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

5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$10,000

5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Unit (ACPU)?  Yes  No

5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amount? \$0

#### Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)

5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check all categories that apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weatherization needs assessments/audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy related roof repair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caulking and insulation	<input checked="" 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 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 fluorescent light bulbs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:

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## 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/fliers 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):  
LRBOI holds bi-annual member meetings, and Members Assistance has LIHEAP information available describing program benefits, and takes on-site applications. Members Assistance also publishes information in the LRBOI Currents newsmedia, and places information on the LRBOI website.

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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.).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint application for multiple programs (indicate programs included)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included) LRBOI Family Services, LRBOI Housing, LRBOI Food Nutrition Programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	One - stop intake centers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:

LRBOI coordinates with local MI DHHS offices in the respective service delivery counties, local service non-profit agencies, charitable organizations that have human services, 211 agencies and other Tribal entities and their departments that share counties in our service delivery area (Gun Lake Band and Huron Potowatomi).

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

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

##### 8.1 How would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency?

<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 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. *Used for Near hotline and OCS Service Provider Tool and clearinghouse.*

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

If you selected "State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable.

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

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

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

8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a Who determines client eligibility?				
8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?				
8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?				
8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?				

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

**number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and UEI number.**

If any of your LIHEAP components are not centrally-administered by a state agency, you must complete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and, if applicable, 8.9.

8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?

8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use?

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

Yes  
 No

8.9 If so, why?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency was in noncompliance with Grant recipient requirements for LIHEAP -
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency is under criminal investigation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Added agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency closed
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

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

LRBOI LIHEAP recipients receive copies of the vendor letter that identifies the amount of assistance, the account to be credited, service address and household account owner.

##### 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?

Members Assistance requires applicants bring in existing utility bills for review, and to assure that the beneficiary resides in the household that the assistance is requested for. The bills are reviewed, and the amounts verified with the vendor via CPASS (Consumers Energy) or vendor account service hotlines. A minimum obligation is then put into the vendor system to ensure disruption of services is not continued, pending full approval after review. The service address must match the application request.

The applicants information must match the identification submitted and enrollment with the Band is verified in Enrollment.

The amount paid is the amount the client is eligible to receive to prevent shut-off, up to the maximum benefit allowed which may create a credit balance to the account.

LRBOI Members Assistance does not have separate vendor agreements, and all information regarding the client account status is documented in the beneficiaries record, with screen shots, printed documents and written notes where applicable.

##### 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?

LRBOI provides assistance to underserved Native American households, and relies on the non-discrimination agreements in place through the State of Michigan with energy vendors.

All home repair services must be performed by entities licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The provider must agree to non-discrimination provisions in their agreement and proposals.

##### 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?

LRBOI LIHEAP adheres to the fiscal controls and accounting procedures that have been established by the LRBOI Tribal government, the OMB A-133 circular and Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) measures.

Members Assistance as the LIHEAP administration agency for LRBOI monitors expenses by reviewing obligations and expenditures through the revenue and expense reports, and by a spreadsheet that identifies beneficiaries, obligated amounts, payment and vendors.

The accounting system (MIP) is set up to reflect the award amounts, time frame for expenditures in the granting period, and calculates a percent spend for tracking to ensure fiscal utilization is consistent with the grant period. The revenue and expense reports detail amount expended, program sub account code, recipient tribal ID, vendor and the account number.

Vendors must be registered with LRBOI's purchasing department, via W-9 tax identification information to be eligible for payment.

Quarterly reports are provided to the agency, demonstrating the obligated funding and cumulative spend totals. All funds are obligated by fiscal year program with an assigned fund number, and expenditures are made under program guidance identifying administrative costs, carry-over (as applicable), as well as un-obligated amounts.

In program tracking via the MIP accounts system, vendor refunds are re-obligated (credited) back to the sub award category for LIHEAP, and re-obligated to new applicants/beneficiaries throughout the grant cycle.

Members Assistance reviews revenues and expenditure reports weekly and maintains records of obligations in the beneficiaries files.

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

##### Obligation

Obligations are funds set aside or committed for a specific use. In this program, funds are obligated by percentage for each area of use (heating, year round crisis, weatherization and administrative costs) up to 100% of the total award, and the use is defined in writing. Funds obligated for a specific use cannot be used for something else unless they are reallocated for that use. LRBOI establishes obligations by:

- Approval letters to clients/notice to vendors.
- Purchase orders and check requests for LIHEAP expenditures.
- Signed contracts with vendors for work to be performed, including specific amounts for certain work and completion of work.
- Payments recorded in the program General Ledger, revenue and expense sheets.

##### Expenditures

Expenditures are the payment of funds, processed and approved for the purpose defined. Expenditures include payments to vendors, operational administrative costs, contracted work, employee salaries, and are accounted for in the fiscal record system (revenue and expense reports).

##### Expenditure timeframe

An expenditure timeframe is the specified period in which available funds can be obligated for a specific purpose. The LIHEAP grant award documents specify a grant period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and all funds must be obligated, expensed and accounted (paid out) by that date.

##### Administrative costs

Administrative costs are those costs associated with the management of the program. LRBOI uses administrative costs to pay employee salaries, benefits and supplies necessary to run the LIHEAP program.

##### Audit Process

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

Yes  No

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

LRBOI seeks bids from independent auditing firms licensed to perform the duties, and awards a contract for a period of up to three years to perform the single audit.

**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:

N/A

Local Administering Agencies/District Offices:

- On - site evaluation
- Annual program review
- Monitoring through central database
- Desk reviews
- Client File Testing/Sampling
- Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:

N/A

**10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.**

N/A

**10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews. Attach a risk assessment if subrecipients are utilized.**

Site Visits:

N/A

Desk Reviews:

N/A

**10.8. How often is each local agency monitored? Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed.**  
Annually

10.9. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans? 0

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## 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:

Members Assistance participates bi-annually in the larger LRBOI membership meetings and provides an opportunity for beneficiaries to provide feedback on current program administration. No comments were received regarding the LIHEAP program.

##### 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		

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

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

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

Benefit amounts were increased, crisis assistance was changed to year round and the percentage increased, heating assistance remained a primary benefit with 30% of the program obligations, and weatherization continues to be needed and is obligated at 15% of the total award in the FY 2026 grant cycle.

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## 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? 0

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

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

N/A

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

The LRBOI LIHEAP appeals process includes the following steps:

- An initial review of redetermination is made at the administrative level. If the determination is upheld, the beneficiary requests an appeal.
- Review of the appeal by the Members Assistance Director, a caseworker not involved with the determination, and a representative of the Ogema's office (Tribal Manager/Lead Staff).
- All materials related to the determination are reviewed, including program eligibility and award criteria.
- Interviews are conducted with the beneficiary and the benefit administrator/determination staff.
- The panel must reach consensus of 2/3 on the determination, and issue a written determination within 14 days.
- The determination is sent to the beneficiary and a copy is kept in the beneficiary file.
- Determinations by the review panel that overturn the Members Assistance administrative decision must be put in writing and the funds are obligated for payment.
- Beneficiaries have the right to appeal denials by the review panel to the Ogema and Tribal Council for final disposition. If that step is taken, the determination is in writing and final.
- Determinations by the Ogema/Tribal Council that overturn a denial, are sent in writing to the Members Assistance department and obligated for payment, with copies to the beneficiary of the same.
- Determinations that uphold a denial are sent in writing to the Members Assistance department, copied to the beneficiary and kept in the beneficiary record.

A denial determination or an appeal does not prohibit the beneficiary from subsequent benefits or re-application to the program should there be a change in primary circumstances impacting the individual or the household.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are informed of these rights at the time of application, at the time of denial of services and upon request.

**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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

13.5 How many households received these services? n/a

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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.

LRBOI maintains fiscal records of funds directly paid by LRBOI resources to supplant LIHEAP funded scopes of work.

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	LRBOI Members Assistance program components; Low-Income Energy Assistance program and Home Repair.	LRBOI generated Tribal revenues.	The funds will be integrated into payment for energy conservation, weatherization and utility needs.

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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:

As funding permits, Members Assistance administrative staff and employees are permitted to attend regional LIHEAP conferences and consultations, national conferences and webinars.

###### b. Local Agencies:

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

###### How often?

Annually

Biannually

As needed

Other, describe:

On-site training

###### How often?

Annually

Biannually

As needed

Other, describe:

Employees are provided with policy manual

Other, describe:

###### c. Vendors

Formal training conference

###### How often?

Annually

Biannually

As needed

Other, describe:

Policies communicated through vendor agreements



Policies are outlined in a vendor manual



Other, describe:

Policies are explained in phone conferences with providers and written vendor notifications.

**15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?**

Yes  
 No

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

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

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

N/A

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

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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:

LRBOI Whistleblower policy requires that fraud and abuse be reported and investigations are conducted by the Tribal prosecutor.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Other	Applicant Only Required	Applicant Only Requested	All Adults in Household	All Adults in Household	All Household Members

				Required	Requested	Required	Requested
1		<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 type="checkbox"/> Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Non-Citizens are verified through the SAVE system <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zero-income statements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Insurance letters <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  N/A  <input type="checkbox"/> Computer data matches: <input type="checkbox"/> Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF) <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security income verified with SSA <input type="checkbox"/> Utilize state directory of new hires <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  N/A							
<b>b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.</b>							
<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 type="checkbox"/> Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Match SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency <input type="checkbox"/> Match SSNs with state eligibility/case management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF) <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Verification using private software (e.g., The Work Number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person certification by staff (for tribal Grant recipients only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal Grant recipients only) <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:							

**17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality**

Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.

- Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
- Grant recipient LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
- Employee training on confidentiality for:
  - Grant recipient employees
  - Local agencies/district offices
- Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
  - Grant recipient employees
  - Local agencies/district offices
- Physical files are stored in a secure location
- Electronic files are protected in a secure location.
- Other - Describe:

**17.7. Verifying the Authenticity**

What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.

- All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.
- All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form
- Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household
- Grant recipient and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors
- Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:

**17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities**

What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.

- Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
- Applicants must submit current utility bill
- Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
  - Account ownership
  - Consumption
  - Balances
  - Payment history
  - Account is properly credited with benefit
- Other - Describe:
- Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
- Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
- Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
- Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
- Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
- Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
- Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
- Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
- Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
- Other - Describe:

**17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors**

What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood,

and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.

<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 type="checkbox"/> Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
<input checked="" 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:

#### 17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions

Describe the Grant recipients procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients, staff, or vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to state Inspector General
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices or Grant recipient conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? 1 year
<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:

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

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

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

##### Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Instructions for Certification**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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.* )**

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

**\* Address Line 1**

2608 Government Center Drive  
Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Manistee <b><u>* City</u></b>	MI <b><u>* State</u></b>	49660 <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]

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

## Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

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

### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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## Assurances

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

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

(B) intervene in energy crisis situations;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local 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

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<b>The following documents must be attached to this application</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable</b></li></ul>
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