

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

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

**Grantee Name:** PUEBLO OF ZUNI

**Report Name:** DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 2

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


**Report Status:** Submission Accepted by CO (Revision #2)

### **Report Sections**

- 1. Mandatory Grant Application SF-424**
- 2. Section 1 - Program Components**
- 3. Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE**
- 4. Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE**
- 5. Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE**
- 6. Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**
- 7. Section 6 - Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)**
- 8. Section 7 - Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4**
- 9. Section 8 - Agency Designation,, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6**
- 10. Section 9 - Energy Suppliers,, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7**
- 11. Section 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10) - Assurance 10**
- 12. Section 11 - Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, , 2605(b)(12) - Assurance 12, 2605(c)(2)**
- 13. Section 12 - Fair Hearings,2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13**
- 14. Section 13 - Reduction of home energy needs,2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16**
- 15. Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A**
- 16. Section 15 - Training**
- 17. Section 16 - Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b)**
- 18. Section 17 - Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)**
- 19. Section 18: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters**
- 20. Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**
- 21. Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying**
- 22. Assurances**
- 23. Plan Attachments**

# Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

|  |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---|
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES<br>ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES   |   | August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01<br>OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013<br>Expiration Date: 02/28/2027 |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP)</b><br><b>MODEL PLAN</b><br><b>SF - 424 - MANDATORY</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* 1.a. Type of Submission:</b><br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Plan   | <b>* 1.b. Frequency:</b><br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Annual | <b>* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request?</b><br><br><b>Explanation:</b>                             | <b>* 1.d. Version:</b><br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Initial<br><input type="radio"/> Resubmission<br><input type="radio"/> Revision<br><input type="radio"/> Update |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
|  |   | <b>2. Date Received:</b>   | <b>State Use Only:</b>   |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
|  |   | <b>3. Applicant Identifier:</b>  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
|  |   | <b>4a. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)</b><br>Y5JCNJHCRGL3  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
|  |   | <b>4b. Federal Award Identifier:</b>   | <b>5. Date Received By State:</b>  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
|  |   |  | <b>6. State Application Identifier:</b>  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>7. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>  |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* a. Legal Name:</b> PUEBLO OF ZUNI   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* b. Address:</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* Street 1:</b>   | P.O. BOX 339  | <b>Street 2:</b>   | 01 Twin Buttes Road  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* City:</b>   | ZUNI  | <b>County:</b>   | McKinley   |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* State:</b>  | NM  | <b>Province:</b>   |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* Country:</b>  | United States   | <b>* Zip / Postal Code:</b>  | 87327 -  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>c. Organizational Unit:</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>Department Name:</b><br>Zuni Education & Career Development Center  |   | <b>Division Name:</b><br>Education & Training  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>d. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: (person will be listed on Notice of Funding Awards and on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' LIHEAP contact list webpage)</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* First Name:</b><br>Bernadette   |   | <b>* Last Name:</b><br>Panteah   |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>Title:</b><br>ZECDC Director  |   | <b>Organizational Affiliation:</b><br>Pueblo of Zuni   |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* Telephone Number:</b><br>(505) 782-5998   |   | <b>Fax Number:</b><br>505-782-6080   |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* Email:</b><br>Bernadette.panteah@ashiwi.org   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* 8. TYPE OF APPLICANT:</b><br>I: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* a. Is the applicant a Tribal Consortium:</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No  |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* b. If yes please attach at least one the following documentation:</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">           Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:         </td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">           CFDA Title:         </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <b>9. CFDA Numbers and Titles</b> </td> <td style="padding: 5px;">93.568</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program</td> </tr> </table> |   |  |  |  | Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: | CFDA Title: | <b>9. CFDA Numbers and Titles</b> | 93.568 | Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program |
|  | Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:                      | CFDA Title:  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>9. CFDA Numbers and Titles</b>  | 93.568  | Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>10. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:</b><br>LIHEAP   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>11. AREAS AFFECTED BY FUNDING:</b><br>Pueblo of Zuni Reservation  |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF APPLICANT:</b><br>2  |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>13. FUNDING PERIOD:</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>a. Start Date:</b><br>10/01/2024  |   | <b>b. End Date:</b><br>09/30/2025  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| <b>* 14. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |
| a. This submission was made available to the State under Executive Order 12372   |   |  |  |  |  |             |                                   |        |   |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Process for review on:  |  |
| b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.  |  |
| c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.  |  |
| *15. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> YES<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> NO  |  |
| If Yes, explain:  |  |
| 16. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) |  |
| **I Agree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |  |
| ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.   |  |
| 17a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official<br>Bernadette Panteah  | 17c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)<br>(505) 782-5998 |
|   | 17d. Email Address<br>Bernadette.panteah@ashiwi.org                |
| 17b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official<br>   | 17e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)<br>09/30/2025        |

## Section 1 - Program Components

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

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

## Section 1 Program Components

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

| 1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program.<br>(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         | 03/15/2026 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Cooling assistance           | 04/01/2026         | 09/30/2026 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Summer crisis assistance     | 05/01/2026         | 09/30/2026 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Winter crisis assistance     | 10/01/2025         | 03/31/2026 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Year-round crisis assistance | 10/01/2025         | 09/30/2026 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Weatherization assistance    |                    |            |

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

Crisis assistance will be available year round to meet the energy related costs for the priority population. Heating assistance will be available until March 15, any funds left over will revert to crisis assistance. Funding available in Aug/September over the 10% carryover requirement will be used as a subsidy or supplemental assistance for current LIHEAP participants. Crisis assistance will be made available to any household who meets the income guidelines.

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:<br>The total of all percentages must add up to 100%. | Percentage ( % ) | Prior year totals |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| Heating assistance   | 45.00%           | 45.00%            |
| Cooling assistance   | 23.00%           | 23.00%            |
| Summer crisis assistance   | 2.00%            | 10.00%            |
| Winter crisis assistance   | 3.00%            | 0.00%             |
| Year-round crisis assistance   | 5.00%            | 0.00%             |
| Weatherization assistance  | 0.00%            | 0.00%             |
| Carryover to the following federal fiscal year   | 10.00%           | 10.00%            |
| Administrative and planning costs  | 10.00%           | 10.00%            |
| Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)   | 2.00%            | 2.00%             |

|   |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|
| Used to develop and implement leveraging activities | 0.00%   | 0.00%   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | 100.00% | 100.00% |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A household is automatically eligible where at least one member of the household receives TANF, SSI, or SNAP.

**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?**

Equity of access to LIHEAP services provides non-discriminatory practices through the use of the approved LIHEAP benefit matrix. Each household benefit level is based on benefit matrix point system. We do not award any additional points if a household is determined to be categorical eligible.

**SNAP Nominal Payments**

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

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

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

**1.7c Frequency of Assistance**

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

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

**Determination of Eligibility - Countable Income**

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

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Gross Income     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Net Income       |
| <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 type="checkbox"/>            | Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts  |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Unemployment insurance   |  |  |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/>            | Cash gifts   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Savings account balance  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.    |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Jury duty compensation   |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Rental income  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Income from work study programs  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Alimony  |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Child support  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Interest, dividends, or royalties  |  |  |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Veterans Administration (VA) benefits  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Earned income of a child under the age of 18   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdrawn without a penalty. |  |  |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Income tax refunds   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Funds received by household for the care of a foster child   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Other  |
| <p><b>If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.</b></p> |  |
| 1.10 Do you have an online application process <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No  |  |
| 1.10a If yes, describe the type of online application (Select all boxes that apply)   |  |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/>  | Other, please describe   |
| Please include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:  |  |
| 1.10b Can all program components be applied for online? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No  |  |
| If no, explain which components can and cannot be applied for online.   |  |
| 1.11 Do you have a process for conducting and completing applications by phone <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No  |  |
| 1.12 Do you or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                               |  |
| If yes, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.  |  |
| 1.13 How can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply:   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | In-person  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Mail   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Email  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Portal application   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Other, please describe   |

Hidden for Section 1

## Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

#### Section 2 - Heating Assistance

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

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

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

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

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

Do you require an Assets test? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Renters? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Renters Living in subsidized housing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

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

If yes, describe:

Renters with utilities included are eligible to apply for LIHEAP. LIHEAP staff will work with landlord and/or utility company to determine the average cost of energy applied for to determine the LIHEAP benefit amount. LIHEAP benefit will be payable to the vendor (Landlord or utility company)

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Due to limited LIHEAP funding allocation, priority assistance will be given to low-income, frail/vulnerable population: 1) Elderly (60+) during the LIHEAP application window of acceptance, priority will be given to the populations listed above.

Individuals with a disability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Due to limited LIHEAP funding allocation, priority assistance will be given to low-income, frail/vulnerable population: 1) Individuals with Disabilities during the LIHEAP application window of acceptance, priority will be given to the populations listed above.

Young children? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Due to limited LIHEAP funding allocation, priority assistance will be given to low-income, frail/vulnerable population: 1) Young children under age 6 during the LIHEAP application window of acceptance, priority will be given to the populations listed above.



|   |   |                 |       |
|---|---|-----------------|-------|
| <b>Households with high energy burdens?</b>   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |                 |       |
| <b>If yes, describe:</b><br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; min-height: 80px;"> <p>Due to limited LIHEAP funding allocation, priority assistance will be given to low-income, frail/vulnerable population whose households have high energy burdens or during the LIHEAP application window of acceptance, priority will be given to the populations listed above.</p> </div>   |   |                 |       |
| <b>Other?</b>   | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |                 |       |
| <b>If yes, describe:</b><br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; min-height: 100px;"> <p><b>Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:</b></p> <p>Due to limited LIHEAP funding allocation, priority assistance will be given to low-income, frail/vulnerable population: 1) Elderly (60+) 2) Individuals with Disabilities 3) Young children under age 12 and *4)Households with high energy burdens . During the LIHEAP application window of acceptance, priority will be given to the populations listed above.Any additional funds above the 10% carry over will be used as a subsidy program for approved LIHEAP households.Renters with utilities included are eligible to apply for LIHEAP. LIHEAP staff will work with landlord and/or utility company to determine the average cost of energy applied for to determine the LIHEAP benefit amount. LIHEAP benefit will be payable to the vendor (Landlord or utility company)Language regarding the request of average cost of utilities will be included in vendor agreements.</p> </div>  |   |                 |       |
| <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><br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; min-height: 150px;"> <p>Early application period is implemented</p> <p>Outreach is coordinated with the Zuni Senior Center,Tribal TANF and other programs that serve vulnerable populations. The application period are first made available to the identified priority populations and staff at the designated locations are able to assist individuals in completing applications or LIHEAP staff are available to assist. Completed applications are received and reviewed, making our elderly and other vulnerable population a priority. During the eligiblity process, we utilize a point system. The priority population receive one (1) additional point for eligible "special condition." (see attached LIHEAP Determination form - Point system section)Priority Application window time frame (acceptance/eligibility determination):Heating AssistanceFirst two weeks: Open to Elderly Population2nd two weeks: Open to any household with children under age 6 years residing in household, and/or individuals with disabilities and households with high energy burdens (Primarily Zuni Housing Authority tenants)</p> </div> |   |                 |       |
| <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 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   | \$250   | Maximum Benefit | \$450 |
| <b>2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   |   |                 |       |
| <b>If yes, describe.</b><br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px;"></div>  |   |                 |       |

**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 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

### 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:

Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Renters Living in subsidized housing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

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

If yes, describe:

Renters with utilities included are eligible to apply for LIHEAP. LIHEAP staff will work with landlord and/or utility company to determine the average cost of energy applied for to determine the LIHEAP benefit amount. LIHEAP benefit will be payable to the vendor (Landlord or utility company)

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults (60 years or older)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Older adults 60+ who are HOH or part of LIHEAP household are given priority when LIHEAP applications are rolled out.

Individuals with a disability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Individuals with disabilities who are HOH or part of LIHEAP household are given priority when LIHEAP applications are rolled out.

Young children? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Young children under the age 6 who are part of the LIHEAP household are given priority when LIHEAP applications are rolled out.

Households with high energy burdens? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

LIHEAP households who have a high energy burden are provided priority when applications are rolled out.

Other? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

Due to limited LIHEAP funding allocation, priority assistance will be given to low-income, frail/vulnerable population: 1) Elderly (60+) 2) Individuals with Disabilities 3) Young children under age 6 and \*4) Households with high energy burdens

During the LIHEAP application window of acceptance, priority will be given to the populations listed above.

Renters with utilities included are eligible to apply for LIHEAP. LIHEAP staff will work with landlord and/or utility company to determine the average cost of energy applied for to determine the LIHEAP benefit amount. LIHEAP benefit will be payable to the vendor (Landlord or utility company) Language regarding the request of average cost of utilities will be included in vendor agreements.

Priority Application window time frame (acceptance/eligibility determination):

First two weeks: Open to elderly population

2nd two weeks: Open to any household with children under age 6 years residing in household, and/or individuals with disabilities and households with high energy burdens (Primary Zuni Housing Authority tenants)

5th week: Open to the community (if applicable based on funding availability)

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

Outreach is coordinated with the Zuni Senior Center, Tribal TANF and other programs that serve those specific populations. Application period are first made available to the identified priority populations and staff at the designated locations are able to assist individuals in completing applications or LIHEAP staff are available to assist. Completed applications are received and reviewed, making our elderly and other vulnerable population a priority. During the eligibility process, we utilize a point system. The priority population receive one (1) additional point for eligible "special condition." (see attached LIHEAP Determination form - Point system section)

Priority Application window time frame (acceptance/eligibility determination): First two weeks: Open to elderly population 2nd two weeks: Open to any household with children under age 6 years residing in household, and/or individuals with disabilities and households with high energy burdens (Primary Zuni Housing Authority tenants) 5th week: Open to the community (if applicable based on funding availability)

**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 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 type="checkbox"/>            | Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Energy need                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other - Describe:                                |

**Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)**

**3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. Please note: the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.**

|                 |       |                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Minimum Benefit | \$225 | Maximum Benefit | \$325 |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|

**3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? ☐ Yes ☒ No**

If yes, describe.

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

## Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

#### 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.

Households that are at risk for hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions related to their energy system are considered crisis. A household can also be considered crisis should there be unavailability of heating or cooling resources if fuel supply is no longer available, is shut down or will be shut down or caused by a situation beyond the household's control (i.e. financial hardship due to unforeseen expenses).

Eligible households will be provided some form of assistance that will resolve their energy crisis no later than 48 hours after a household applies; but no later than 18 hours if circumstance is considered, "life threatening."

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

All eligible households with priority individuals (elderly, young children under age 6, individuals with disabilities and/or high energy burden) must provide: a written disconnection notice from vendor, proof of non-delivery or sale of fuel, proof of repossession of propane tank from vendor due to household's inability to pay for energy related costs. The requirement to use energy for the use of medical equipment or refrigeration of medication may also be considered as "life threatening" crisis.

##### Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

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

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

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

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

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

0

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

##### In Order to receive crisis assistance:

|   |                                     |                                     |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

|  |  |                          |                          |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice?   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Specify):   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:   |  |                          |                          |
| 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"/> |
| Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:   |  |                          |                          |
| <p>Due to limitation of funding, the frail/vulnerable population are given priority in the crisis assistance component. For a household to be eligible for Crisis Assistance, they must provide or demonstrate one of the following: 1) written shut off/disconnection notice (provided with application) or have a near empty tank or; 2) household utility has been shut off or has an empty tank.</p>   |  |                          |                          |
| <b>Determination of Benefits</b>   |  |                          |                          |
| <b>4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?</b>  |  |                          |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Separate component   |                          |                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | Benefit Fast Track, no separate amount of crisis funds is issued. Rather benefits are issued to crisis customers within crisis response time frames. |                          |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Other - Describe:  |                          |                          |
| <b>4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?</b>  |  |                          |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Amount to resolve the crisis. \$0  |                          |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Other - Describe:  |                          |                          |
| <b>Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)</b>  |  |                          |                          |
| <b>4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?</b>  |  |                          |                          |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Explain.   |  |                          |                          |
| <p>The Pueblo of Zuni is a small rural tribal community and the ZECDC-LIHEAP office is accessible via walking distance. The only exception is for individuals with disabilities. When requested, a home visit is made by the LIHEAP staff member to provide the individual (with a disability) the opportunity to apply for LIHEAP services or the LIHEAP staff work with the individual's Personal Care Provider in completing application and interview for eligibility.</p> |  |                          |                          |
| <b>4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individuals with a disability the means to:</b>   |  |                          |                          |
| <b>Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?</b>  |  |                          |                          |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No  |  |                          |                          |
| <b>If No, explain.</b>   |  |                          |                          |
| <b>Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?</b>   |  |                          |                          |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No  |  |                          |                          |
| <b>If No, explain.</b>   |  |                          |                          |
| <b>If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please explain alternative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disabled?</b>  |  |                          |                          |
| <b>Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)</b>   |  |                          |                          |
| <b>4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.</b>   |  |                          |                          |
| Winter Crisis  | \$350.00   | maximum benefit          |                          |
| Summer Crisis  | \$350.00   | maximum benefit          |                          |
| Year-round Crisis  | \$400.00   | maximum benefit          |                          |
| <b>4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?</b>  |  |                          |                          |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No If yes, Describe   |  |                          |                          |

| <b>4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?</b>  |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   |                          |                          |                          |
| If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15.  |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.</b>   |                          |                          |                          |
|   | Winter<br>Crisis         | Summer<br>Crisis         | Year-round Crisis        |
| Heating system repair   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heating system replacement  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cooling system repair   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cooling system replacement  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wood stove purchase   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pellet stove purchase   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Solar panel(s)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Utility poles / gas line hook-ups   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Specify):  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with enforce a moratorium on shut offs?</b>  |                          |                          |                          |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No   |                          |                          |                          |
| If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17.   |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.</b>   |                          |                          |                          |
| <p>The Continental Divide Electric Co-op includes in the monthly electricity billing statements or on their website, Smart Hub phone app, information regarding a household's qualification of having services protected from disconnection between November 15 through March 15. Per CDEC, "Your service will not be disconnected from November 15 through March 15, annually if you meet the qualification for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). To avoid potential disconnection of services, please contact the New Mexico Human Services Department for LIHEAP eligibility information. If you qualify for LIHEAP, bring your paperwork and your service will not be disconnected during the stated time period, if your account has no past due amounts and you remain current on any settlement or installment agreement for amounts due, as of November 15, annually."</p> |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>4.18 If you experience a natural disaster, do you intend to utilize LIHEAP crisis funds to address disaster related crisis situations?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   |                          |                          |                          |
| If yes, describe  |                          |                          |                          |
| <p><b>If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.</b></p>   |                          |                          |                          |

## Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

## Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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

5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the Weatherization component

| Add | Household Size | Eligibility Guideline | Eligibility Threshold |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1   |                |                       | 0.00%                 |

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.)

- ☐ Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules
- ☐ Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules
- ☐ Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply):
- ☐ Income Threshold
- ☐ Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days
- ☐ Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).
- ☐ Other - Describe:
- ☐ Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.):
- ☐ Income Threshold
- ☐ Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit.
- ☐ Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR ) standards.
- ☐ Other - Describe:

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

5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:

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



|   |  |
|---|--|
| Other?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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.             |  |
| Benefit Levels  |  |
| 5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per household? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No                                   |  |
| 5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$0   |  |
| 5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Unit (ACPU). <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Weatherization needs assessments/audits  | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy related roof repair  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caulking and insulation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Major appliance repairs     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storm windows  | <input type="checkbox"/> Major appliance replacement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Windows/sliding glass doors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furnace replacement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Doors                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling system modifications/repairs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Heater                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water conservation measures  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling system replacement  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roof top solar   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community solar projects    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compact florescent light bulbs   | <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 6 - Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

## 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:

- |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc.                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance.                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients.  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Web Posting   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Email   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Texting   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Events  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Social Media  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (specify):<br><br>Participation in community outreach events;Health/Community Fairs;Divison Director Meetings; Pueblo of Zuni Director Meetings |

**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 7 - Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

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

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



Joint application for multiple programs (indicate programs included) ZECDC 477 Intake application - serves cash assistance recipients



Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included)



One - stop intake centers



Other - Describe:

Specific days are set for coordination with the Zuni Senior Center Program. Pueblo of Zuni LIHEAP will coordinate with local programs to include but not limited to: Zuni Senior Center, Continental Divide Electric Co-Op, Zuni Housing Authority to promote LIHEAP services to the priority populations. LIHEAP application process is included in our monthly ZECDC program orientation as an available service.If

**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 8 - Agency Designation,, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

#### 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?

☐

Agency was in noncompliance with Grant recipient requirements for LIHEAP -

☐

Agency is under criminal investigation

☐

Added agency

☐

Agency closed

☐

Other - describe

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

8.10a If yes, please explain.

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

8.10c If yes, please explain.

**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 9 - Energy Suppliers,, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

#### 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?

Verbal notice - after phone or in person interview and eligibility determination;

Written notice - A letter is mailed to the applicant indicating the approved LIHEAP benefit amount that will be paid directly to the vendor; during the heating assistance season a note is indicated that any credit to the vendor must be used by March 15

##### 9.3 How do you assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment?

The LIHEAP program provides an authorization memo to vendors which include name, account number and approved LIHEAP benefit amount to assure energy supplier does not exceed the specified amount in crediting account. Should there be a difference in the actual cost, the LIHEAP household is responsible to pay the amount exceeded or the LIHEAP benefit must be expended by March 15, should there be a credit.

Vendor agreements include language that indicates that any utility credit (from LIHEAP benefit) not used after March 15 will be sent back to the Zuni LIHEAP program. Language in the vendor agreements specify that the LIHEAP applicant shall not be treated differently and be charged the reasonable cost of energy as they would a non-LIHEAP customer. (See attached sample vendor agreement)

##### 9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance?

Vendor agreements are in place with propane and our electricity suppliers that includes the following language,

" 13. Treat LIHEAP applicants/households the same as any other company customer;14. Not discriminate against LIHEAP customers, in either the usual or customary cost of goods supplied or the normal services provided."

##### 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.

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

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

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

The Pueblo of Zuni (POZ) Finance department follows the generally accepted accounting and finance practices and principles, OMB Super Circular and the POZ Finance Department Accounting and Financial policies and procedures manual are adhered by ZECDC. This policy requires adequate documentation for all transactions including payments to vendors on behalf of clients.

The POZ finance department keeps efficient tracking of LIHEAP expenditure transactions and records via their software system called MIP that assigns and manages separate account numbers for each budget line item expenditure. The MIP software tracks all administrative and direct expenses. Reconciliation of LIHEAP cuff account against the finance detailed general ledger is completed on a monthly basis by LIHEAP/ ZECDC Administrative Services Manager.

Internal processes include the following: Accounts payable (AP) are made payable to vendors via Microix electronic processing which require a 3 approval levels (Director, Accountant and Finance Director) - AP attachment includes a list of approved LIHEAP Household Applicant with approved LIHEAP benefit amount. Finance department Accounts Payable processes payments and mails payments directly to the vendors.

The POZ finance dept initiates a tracking system and appropriate budgetary and accounting controls to identify grant or contract transactions which includes establishment of account numbers for revenue and expenditures and monthly reconciliation of accounts. Projected expenditures for services are included in the internal budget approval process to ensure funds are obligated/liquidated (expended) accordingly based on contractual program period.

The POZ tracks obligations through the use of contracts, purchase orders and/or approval notice/agreements (of LIHEAP benefits) obligations to vendors.

Tracking of vendor refunds - If vendor refunds are received, the funds are reobligated based on language in approved LIHEAP plan, for example winter crisis refund is reobligated to year round crisis.

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

###### Obligation

Obligation of funds is when LIHEAP household or any related LIHEAP funds are encumbered which is a legal commitment to pay an expense in the future via contract, approval letter, memo vendor approval list, purchase order, invoice and so forth.

###### Expenditures

Means the actual payment of the funds that were encumbered via obligation by the program.

###### Expenditure timeframe

The Pueblo of Zuni follows the POZ Finance department accounts payable schedule, in most cases AP is processed and fully approved by Friday, expenditures are paid out and checks are mailed to the vendor within a one week timeframe.

###### Administrative costs

Means expenses incurred by grant recipient in support of day-to-day operations of the program. For example costs for personnel (salaries, benefits, fringe for administrative staff), supplies such as office supplies, equipment, insurance, rent/office space costs, travel/training related costs and utilities for office space.

##### 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.

The finance department follows the Purchasing and Procurement policies for Request for Bid (RFB) for auditor selection. Bids received are reviewed and ranked by selected members and notice of bid offer is given to the highest ranked vendor. Then a contract is solidified for auditing services.

##### 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:

Internal monthly reviews of LIHEAP applications/files are completed by the assigned LIHEAP staff. Internal reviews are conducted randomly by ZECDC Director and/or ZECDC Support Services/Case Mgmt. Coordinator to ensure program compliance.

Two reviews are conducted: 1) Initial intake and review includes approval or denial 2) Second review is done by another staff person to ensure program compliance, program integrity, concurrence of determination and then award or denial letters are mailed to applicant.

During the initial intake of applicant eligibility determination process, applicants are informed that a second review will be completed to ensure accuracy prior to mailing of their determination letter. If there are discrepancies or errors in initial eligibility determination, the applicant is contacted and informed of any changes to LIHEAP benefit amount (if applicable)

#### 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:

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

On a quarterly basis quality assurance reviews are performed by ZECDC staff.

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

##### Site Visits:

Our Pueblo administers LIHEAP from only one program, Zuni Education & Career Development Center

##### Desk Reviews:

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

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



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

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

|  |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES<br>ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES   | August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01<br>OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013<br>Expiration Date: 02/28/2027 |                   |
| <b>LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP)<br/>MODEL PLAN</b>  |  |                   |
| <b>Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)</b>   |  |                   |
| <b>11.1 How did you obtain input from the public in the development of your LIHEAP plan? Select all that apply.</b><br><i>Note: Tribes do not need to hold a public hearing but must ensure participation through other means.</i> |  |                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Council meeting(s)  |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing(s)   |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment  |  |                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment   |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comments from applicants are recorded   |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised  |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)   |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comments are solicited during outreach activities   |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:   |  |                   |
| LIHEAP plan is made available to the Tribal Administrator, Governor and Tribal Council for review and input as well as to Pueblo of Zuni Directors/Managers. LIHEAP Plan posted on program social media platform                   |  |                   |
| <b>Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only</b>   |  |                   |
| <b>11.2 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?</b>   |  |                   |
|  | Date   | Event Description |
| 1  |  |                   |
| <b>11.3. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)?</b>  |  |                   |
| <b>11.4 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).</b><br><br>No comments received for any changes other than their appreciation for services.   |  |                   |
| <b>11.5 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of public participation and solicitation of input?</b>   |  |                   |
| <b>If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.</b>   |  |                   |

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

## 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 Pueblo of Zuni provides opportunity for a fair hearing/appeal to applicants that have been denied. Prior to any fair hearing, the LIHEAP Coordinator will handle complaints, questions received from applicant informally to discuss issues regarding LIHEAP denial. Applicants are allowed to review their LIHEAP file and records. The informal process will alleviate a need for an appeal. If the applicant requests for a fair hearing in writing, it must be submitted within 10 working days of receipt of denial letter. The fair hearing will be honored and scheduled within 30 days of receipt of written request. The applicant will have the right to review their file. The hearing will be conducted by another ZECDC staff member that was not involved in the eligibility determination. The outcome of the hearing will be documented and a notice will be mailed to the applicant via US postal mail. After the fair hearing, the final decision cannot be changed.

Fair hearing for Crisis applications:Crisis applications must be acted on and determined for eligibility via Fast Track within a specified time frame (48 or 18 hours if life threatening). If a crisis application is denied, the applicant will be provided the opportunity to appeal the decision immediately. The LIHEAP Coordinator will review appeal, investigate and make a decision within 48 hours or sooner.12.5 When

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are informed of their rights and responsibilities on their application upon in-peson pick up and an informational sheet is provided for their records. The fair hearing procedures are outlined on all outgoing LIHEAP applicant correspondence.

**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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

## 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?**

Applicants are given access to resources during one-on-one in-person interviews, including informal financial literacy coaching and brochures with advice on cutting energy expenses. A few more things to do are provide self-weatherization kits and participate in financial literacy workshops. In order to create energy-efficient homes, energy companies also offer resources on conservation techniques.

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

With limited funding, other resources are used to provide educational information on energy conservation.

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

The number of LIHEAP households that realized how important it is to build energy-efficient homes in order to lower household energy use increased. (for example, disconnecting wires, caulking windows and crevices, purchasing and installing energy-efficient light bulbs). Information on budgeting and several energy-saving strategies that would eventually lower utility costs was given during informal financial literacy and counseling sessions conducted during the interviews. The cost of energy was outrageously high due to major anomalies in our local electricity department's billing system, despite the fact that many people comprehend it.

**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**

**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 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

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

**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 15 - Training

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

## Section 15: Training

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

**a. Grant recipient Staff:**

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

How often?

☐ Annually

☐ Biannually

☒ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☐ Employees are provided with policy manual

☐ Other, describe:

**b. Local Agencies:**

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

How often?

☐ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☐ On-site training

How often?

☐ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☐ Employees are provided with policy manual

☐ Other, describe:

**c. Vendors**

☐ Formal training conference

How often?

☐ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☒ Policies communicated through vendor agreements

☐ Policies are outlined in a vendor manual

☐ Other, describe:

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  |  |
| 15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?  |  |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes<br><input type="radio"/> No   |  |
| <b>If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.</b> |  |

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

#### 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.

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



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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01  
OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

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

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

### 17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms

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

☐

Online Fraud Reporting

☒

Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline

☒

Report directly to local agency/district office or Grant recipient office

☐

Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General

☐

Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse

☐

Other - Describe:

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

☒

Printed outreach materials

☐

Posted in local administering agencies offices.

☒

Addressed on LIHEAP application

☐

Website

☒

Other - Describe:

Flyers of alleged LIHEAP fraud are posted in the community during LIHEAP season.

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

|   | Required                 | Requested                | Household Required       | Household Requested      | Members Required         | Members Requested        |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>17.3. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification</b>   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| What are your procedures for ensuring LIHEAP recipients are U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens who are eligible to receive LIHEAP benefits? Select all that apply. |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:<br>Child support payment receipts, Self Employment wage records, pension/retirement award letters.                |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <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:  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>17.5 Identification Verification</b>   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply                   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal Grant recipients only)                                       |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |

|   |
|---|
| <b>17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality</b>  |
| Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee training on confidentiality for:   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient employees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employees must sign confidentiality agreement   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient employees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical files are stored in a secure location  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic files are protected in a secure location.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  |
| <b>17.7. Verifying the Authenticity</b>   |
| What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant recipient and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:  |
| <b>17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities</b>   |
| What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicants must submit current utility bill   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data exchange with utilities that verifies:   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account ownership   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumption  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balances  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment history   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account is properly credited with benefit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separation of duties between intake and payment approval  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  |
| <b>17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors</b>  |
| What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood,                  |

|   |
|---|
| and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list  |
| <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  |
| <b>17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions</b>   |
| Describe the Grant recipients procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients, staff, or vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to state Inspector General   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices or Grant recipient conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public  |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:  |
| <b>If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.</b>                            |

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

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

**Instructions for Certification**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

01 Twin Buttes Road  
**\* Address Line 1**

PO BOX 339  
**Address Line 2**

**Address Line 3**

Zuni  
**\* City**

New Mexico  
**\* State**

87327  
**\* Zip Code**

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

**Alternate II. (Grant recipients Who Are Individuals)**

(a) The Grant recipient certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

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

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

## Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

### Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

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

#### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

## Assurances

### Assurances

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(8) provide assurances that,**

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

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

**(9) provide that--**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



## Plan Attachments

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