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## Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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

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## Section 1 - Program Components

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

### Section 1 Program Components

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

1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)		Dates of Operation	
		Start Date	End Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heating assistance	11/01/2018	05/31/2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cooling assistance	05/01/2019	09/30/2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crisis assistance	11/01/2018	09/30/2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weatherization assistance	11/01/2018	09/30/2019

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

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

1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to 100%.	Percentage ( % )
Heating assistance	60.00%
Cooling assistance	10.00%
Crisis assistance	10.00%
Weatherization assistance	0.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	10.00%
Administrative and planning costs	10.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	0.00%
Used to develop and implement leveraging activities	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify:) Carryover

**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 one household member receives one of the following categories of benefits in the left column below?**  Yes  No

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

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

Other(Specify) 1	Program Name	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
	LIHEAP	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

**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?**

SNAP Nominal Payments

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

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

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

**1.7c Frequency of Assistance**

- Once Per Year
- Once every five years
- Other - Describe:

**1.7d 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 ?**

- Gross Income
- Net Income

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

- Wages
- Self - Employment Income
- Contract Income
- Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts
- Unemployment insurance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strike Pay		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Security Administration (SSA ) benefits		
<input checked="" 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"/>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Loans that need to be repaid		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cash gifts		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Savings account balance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jury duty compensation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rental income		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income from work study programs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alimony		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Child support		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interest, dividends, or royalties		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissions		
<input checked="" 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"/>	Income tax refunds		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA		

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Funds received by household for the care of a foster child</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other</b> Per Captia payments
<p style="color: red;">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.</p>	

## Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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#### Section 2 - Heating Assistance

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

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

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	50.00%

**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

**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 |

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

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Elderly?                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Disabled?                             | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Young children?                       | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Households with high energy burdens ? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| Other?                                | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |

**Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:**

2.2-Additional Requirements are related to the following items:

- The Pokagon Band want's to insure funding is going to those most vulnerable. That population has been identified in collaboration with other like programs for our elderly, disabled and children. Application are assessed with those individuals in mind and priority given for order of completion.
- There must be a Tribal Citizen in the household
- The physical residence must be in the Service Area as identified by the Band.

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

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

Please see above. In addition-benefit amount will stay consistent with the general population for consistency and transparency reasons. Applications are prioritized based on the identified population and the submission sequence.

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

- Income
- Family (household) size
- Home energy cost or need:
  - 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)			
<b>2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2018:</b>			
Minimum Benefit	\$200	Maximum Benefit	\$500
<b>2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
<b>If yes, describe.</b>			
In collaboration with other departments-furnace repair has been provided. Other funding opportunities are also looked at depending on the winter and the shortfall.			
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

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#### Section 3 - Cooling Assistance

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

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

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60.00%

**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

**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 |

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

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Elderly?                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Disabled?                             | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Young children?                       | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| Households with high energy burdens ? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| Other?                                | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |

**Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:**

As with heating, will look to help the most identifiable population first. For cooling it would be for the elderly and disabled. All households would be eligible, but we would look to prioritize.

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

As applications come in we would prioritize elders and disabled first-based on age and household dynamics as stated on the application.

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

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

- Income
- Family (household) size
- Home energy cost or need:
  - Fuel type
  - Climate/region
- Individual bill
- 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)			
<b>3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2018:</b>			
Minimum Benefit	\$200	Maximum Benefit	\$300
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If yes, describe.			
fans, air conditioners or a combination of other funding source to assist the identified population.			
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.			

## Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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#### Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Eligibility - 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	State Median Income	60.00%

##### 4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.

Crisis require a 48 hour response and are situations where the household has received a disconnect notice, service has been disconnected and if heating with propane\* or fuel oil has an empty tank. In case of wood/pellet, family has no stock to provide heat in the home. This could also be used to make the household eligible for a deliverable. Household must have exhausted regular benefit to receive consideration through crisis assistance.

\*Less than 20 percent, as an empty tank will require a pressure test and additional funds for the family.

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

Life-threatening crisis require an 18 hour response and are medical conditions that require a certain climate control as identified on a doctor's note. Lack of service, in the home that could result in harm to one's well-being. Lack of services would include, natural gas, electricity, propane, fuel, pellets or wood.

##### 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)

4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?  Yes  No

##### 4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each

Do you require an Assets test ?  Yes  No

Do you give priority in eligibility to :

Elderly?  Yes  No

Disabled?  Yes  No

Young Children?  Yes  No

Households with high energy burdens?  Yes  No

Other?  Yes  No

In Order to receive crisis assistance:

Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?  Yes  No

Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?  Yes  No

Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?  Yes  No

Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have  Yes  No

<b>received an eviction notice ?</b>	
<b>Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Other?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Do you have additional / differing eligibility policies for:</b>	
<b>Renters?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Renters living in subsidized housing?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Renters with utilities included in the rent?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:</b>	
<p>For most of the items, please see the statements in 4.2 and 4.3.</p> <p>Elderly, disabled and young children are always going to the highest priority. At the time of request applications are going to be processed in order of those priorities.</p> <p>All situations will be assessed-disconnect notice, already disconnected, impacts ones health-with doctor note.</p>	
Determination of Benefits	
<b>4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Separate component
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fast Track
<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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe: Crisis situations benefits are a flat maximum amount of \$200 for everyone.
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)	
<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 <b>Explain.</b>	
The Tribe has offices in other locations that Tribal Citizens may have better access to. Those could include other departments, offices, etc.	
<b>4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically disabled 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>	
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)	
<b>4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.</b>	
Winter Crisis	\$200.00 maximum benefit
Summer Crisis	\$200.00 maximum benefit
Year-round Crisis	\$0.00 maximum benefit
<b>4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?</b>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <b>If yes, Describe</b>	
As mentioned previously furnace repair, fans, a/c units have all been provided with in-kind funding. Collaboration with other programs is done to access other funding sources.	

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

Yes  No

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

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

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

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

Yes  No

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

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

This is not a LIHEAP specific issue. This is more related to the relationship with certain vendors. If pledges are made on accounts a vendor may give a certain length of time before disconnect. In some situations it could be until payment is received. In others it could be 10 days.

**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 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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#### Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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

5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the Weatherization component

Add	Household Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60.00%

5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a WEATHERIZATION component?  Yes  No

5.3 If yes, name the agency.

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  Yes  No

Renters living in subsidized housing?  Yes  No

5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Elderly?  Yes  No

Disabled?  Yes  No

Young Children?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
House holds with high energy burdens?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input 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 checked="" type="radio"/> No	
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$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"/> Compact florescent light bulbs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
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**Section 6 - Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)**

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

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

Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc.

Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.

Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance.

Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients.

Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.

Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups.

Other (specify):

Information provided at monthly meetings, annual meeting. Information provided on the web page and at elder luncheons.

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

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Joint application for multiple programs</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Intake referrals to/from other programs</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>One - stop intake centers</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other - Describe:</b>

The Deptment of Social Services within the Band conducts almost 100% of the programs for "low-income" households. So basically it is a one stop intake-for the programs the departmnet is involved with. Referrals are made to other programs outside of the department. The Band is able to collaborate with the State TANF program to coordinate services.

The department conducts cross-checks with State agencies and other tribal departments.

The Tribes uses a data base system that identifies program participation for Social Services that helps coordinate services.

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

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Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees 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"/>	Welfare Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - Describe:

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

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

8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?

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?				

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

8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?

8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use?

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

- Yes
- No

8.9 If so, why?

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

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

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

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

Heating  Yes  No

Cooling  Yes  No

Crisis  Yes  No

Are there exceptions?  Yes  No

If yes, Describe.

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

Clients are notified at the time of application. If Applications are mailed, faxed or just dropped off-applicants are phoned, emailed and we have started to text. If no telephone number is provided applicants are mailed out the determination.

##### 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 Band does not have any vendor agreements with any of the current vendors. Payment amounts are based on participants bills. That process has already been completed prior to the Band's involvement. Bill amount is verified when intake staff make contact with the vendor. Bills in the Band's service area are comparable to those of non-eligible households based on a comparative review of like vendors.

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

The vendors used in the community are the same vendors utilized by both the State of Indiana and the State of Michigan, as well as all other charitable organizations throughout the area. Vendors are accustomed to working with the Band. Our ability to pay in a timely fashion will help to ensure that participants are treated fairly. The Band does not have formal agreements in place specifying treatment of participants. Notifying a vendor that a household is receiving LIHEAP could actually cause that vendor to treat that family differently. The Band seeks to keep a family's information confidential and given the fact that 96% of all payments are made through an automated system, the adverse treatment is avoided. It is a matter of reputation, organization and follow through that ensure respectable treatment on our part.

##### 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.

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

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

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

The Pokagon Band has a full financial dept. Staff in social services processes the applications and submit a request for payment to the Department of Finance for those payments that require an actual check. Payments are made by that department- before an actual payment goes out, social services staff are able to review and sign off that the request is correct. As mentioned previously the department pays 96% of all transactions through an automated system, using a credit card. At the end of each month the card is reconciled to ensure accuracy by both the finance and social service department. This is a very nice check and balance.

Spreadsheets are utilized to track LIHEAP separate from other programs and is broke down into separate categorizes with in LIHEAP-heating, emergency, etc. LIHEAP is assigned a separate account code for tracking of dollars spent to ensure that funds are spent with in the grant cycle. Financial staff meet monthly with program staff to reveiw transactions.

**Audit Process**

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

Yes  No

**10.3. Describe any audit findings rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the A-133 audits, Grantee monitoring assessments, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews of the LIHEAP agency 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 Grantee as part of compliance process.
- Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices

**Compliance Monitoring**

**10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and procedures: Select all that apply**

Grantee employees:

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

**Local Administering Agencies / District Offices:**

On - site evaluation

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.**

**10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.**

Site Visits:

Desk Reviews:

**10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?**

**10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? OPTIONAL**

**10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? OPTIONAL**

**10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues?**

**10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues?**

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

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**Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)**

**11.1 How did you obtain input from the public in the development of your LIHEAP plan?  
 Select all that apply.**

- Tribal Council meeting(s)
- Public Hearing(s)
- Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment
- Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment
- Comments from applicants are recorded
- Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised
- Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)
- Comments are solicited during outreach activities
- Other - Describe:

Facebook  
 Webform  
 Tribal Census was completed in 2018

**11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation?**

Added cooling-2017  
 Have a consistent start date.

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

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

	Date	Event Description
1		Request for public comment

**11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 0**

**11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).**

Comments we have heard through out the year:

- Guidelines are too low
- Payment amount is not enough
- Should be outside the service area
- Program should start sooner in the fall
- Split payment is a great idea

**11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments received at the public hearing(s)?**

Nothing to note this current cycle.

Some of those complaints are beyond our control. Over the years what we have done is had a more static date to start and we have added the cooling piece over this last year.

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

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

**12.1 How many fair hearings did the grantee have in the prior Federal fiscal year?** 0

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

**12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last Federal fiscal year as a result of fair hearings?**

N/A

**12.4 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are denied.**

Denied applicants have the right to a meeting with the Band's Social Services Director for an expedited resolution. The meeting would include a review of the information that was submitted to make the initial determination.

We ask that appeals are submitted in writing and the denial letter is attached.

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

At the time of application. This is also a standard practice with all programs within the tribe.

**12.6 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are not acted on in a timely manner.**

This actually has never been an issue. Our application has a 10 days disclaimer on it. Within that time period if all documentation has been submitted-staff have 10 days to act on that application. That has never been an issue because applications are completed within just a few hours when submitted.

as stated on the application--

6. I understand that a decision will be made concerning my application within 10 working days of receiving all required documentation.

7. I understand that I have the right to appeal any decision made on this application at any time.

appeal process-Administrative Appeal--

- Any applicant or recipient denied benefits or who feels their application was not acted on appropriately, has the right to appeal and request a hearing to review such matters.

1. The applicant or recipient must file a written request for an appeal/hearing with the Department of Social Services.
2. The applicant or recipient must include in the written statement why they believe in action towards their case was in error and copies of supporting documents that support the explanation.
3. The review will be completed by the Director of Social Services. The Director's decision will be final.
4. A decision on the appeal/hearing will be provided within 30 days of the filing of the appeal/request for hearing.

**12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?**

At the time of application-it is documented in the section for applicant's signature.

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

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

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

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

**13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.**

**13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.**

**13.5 How many households applied for these services?**

**13.6 How many households received these services?**

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## Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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

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

Yes  No

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

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

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

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## Section 15 - Training

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#### Section 15: Training

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

**a. Grantee Staff:**

Formal training on grantee policies and procedures

How often?

Annually

Biannually

As needed

Other - Describe:

Employees are provided with policy manual

Other-Describe:

**b. Local Agencies:**

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

Cross-check training between Band and State agency

**c. Vendors**

Formal training conference

How often?

Annually

Biannually

As needed

Other - Describe:

<input type="checkbox"/> Policies communicated through vendor agreements
<input type="checkbox"/> Policies are outlined in a vendor manual
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other - Describe:</b> Communications with staff from Band program and vendor.
<b>15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.</b>

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

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

**16.1 Describe your progress toward meeting the data collection and reporting requirements of the four required LIHEAP performance measures. Include timeframes and plans for meeting these requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.**

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

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

##### 17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms

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

- Online Fraud Reporting
- Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline
- Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee 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:

Each application has information about fraud. Each departments address, email and phone numbers are posted in the Tribal newsletter and website. The Band employees have an open door policy where Tribal Citizens are free to share. The Band holds monthly meetings for public comments.

In FY2016 the Band has an agreements with all counties within the Tribal service area for cross-checking applications. This information can be presented to Tribal Police for investigation or to the Fraud Department within the State system.

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

- Printed outreach materials
- Addressed on LIHEAP application
- Website

Other - Describe:

Newsletter

##### 17.2. Identification Documentation Requirements

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

Type of Identification Collected	Collected from Whom?					
	Applicant Only		All Adults in Household		All Household Members	
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Required
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requested

Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	<input 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

	Other	Applicant Only Required	Applicant Only Requested	All Adults in Household Required	All Adults in Household Requested	All Household Members Required	All Household Members Requested
1	Note: someone in the identified household must be a Tribal Citizen of the Pokagon Band and a Tribal ID must be on file.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.**

Crisis situations-items would be on file.

Foster care children SS card is not required-requested

**17.3 Identification Verification**

Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply

- Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration
- Match SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency
- Match SSNs with state eligibility/case management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)
- Match with state Department of Labor system
- Match with state and/or federal corrections system
- Match with state child support system
- Verification using private software (e.g., The Work Number)
- In-person certification by staff (for tribal grantees only)
- Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal grantees only)
- Other - Describe:

**17.4. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification**

What are your procedures for ensuring that household members are U.S. citizens or aliens who are qualified to receive LIHEAP benefits? Select all that apply.

- Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or legal residency
- Client's submission of Social Security cards is accepted as proof of legal residency
- Noncitizens must provide documentation of immigration status
- Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport
- Noncitizens are verified through the SAVE system
- Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card
- Other - Describe:

**17.5. Income Verification**

What methods does your agency utilize to verify household income? Select all that apply.

- Require documentation of income for all adult household members
  - Pay stubs
  - Social Security award letters
  - Bank statements
  - Tax statements
  - Zero-income statements

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Unemployment Insurance letters</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other - Describe:</b> Self-employed documentation-ledgers, tax returns, spread sheets Employer letters Court orders Award letter-subsidies child support statement
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Computer data matches:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Security income verified with SSA</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Utilize state directory of new hires</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other - Describe:</b> Computer matches with private employers and within the tribal structures child support bank statements
<b>17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality</b>
<b>Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Employee training on confidentiality for:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Grantee employees</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Local agencies/district offices</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Employees must sign confidentiality agreement</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Grantee employees</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Local agencies/district offices</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Physical files are stored in a secure location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other - Describe:</b> LIHEAP files are also colored coordinated to further ensure program integrity.
<b>17.7. Verifying the Authenticity</b>
<b>What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grantee and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:</b>
<b>17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities</b>
<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.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicants must submit current utility bill</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Data exchange with utilities that verifies:</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account ownership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consumption
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balances
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment history
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account is properly credited with benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
<input 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 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 Grantee
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:
<b>17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions</b>
Describe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refer to state Inspector General
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process
Cases can also be referred to Tribal Police and to the Band's prosecutor.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:

Tribal employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated

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

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

**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

### 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 grantee 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 grantee 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 grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.**
- 4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.**
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee 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 grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.**
- 6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).**
- 7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee 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. Grantees' 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 grantee 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 grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).**

#### Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

##### Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee 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 grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

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

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

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -(1)

Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

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

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

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

**Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)**

58620 Sink Road, Cass County

**\* Address Line 1**

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Dowagiac

**\* City**

MI

**\* State**

49047

**\* Zip Code**

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

**Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)**

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

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other

**designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.**

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

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

## Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

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

#### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any

**person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.**

**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 grantees 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.

**Plan Attachments**

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

## List of Cell Level Attachments

	File Name	Location
1	Pokagon Delegation of Authority.pdf	Plan Attachments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.</b></li> </ul>
2	2019 Matrix-H.docx	Plan Attachments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable</b></li> </ul>
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August 28, 2018

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO SIGN ASSURANCES FOR THE LIHEAP PLAN**

Dear LIHEAP Administrator:

By means of this letter, I, Matthew Wesaw, Pokagon Band Tribal Council Chairperson, delegate the authority to sign the required LIHEAP program assurances to **Mark Pompey, Pokagon Band Director of Social Services.**

The effective date of this delegation is August 28, 2018. It shall run until I revoke it, until Mr. Pompey no longer serves as the Director of Social Services, or until a new delegation letter is required by the LIHEAP program, whichever comes first. The authority delegated in this document shall not be sub-delegated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Date: 8/28/2018

Matthew Wesaw  
Pokagon Band Tribal Council Chairperson  
[delegating official]

Acknowledged and agreed:

[Signature]

Date: 8/28/18

Mark Pompey  
Pokagon Band Director of Social Services  
[delegate]

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
LIHEAP Income Guidelines 2018-2019

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limit</u>	
	IN	MI
1	\$23,732-	\$25,456
2	\$31,034-	\$33,288
3	\$38,336-	\$41,121
4	\$45,638-	\$48,953
5	\$52,940-	\$56,785
6	\$60,242-	\$64,618

For family units of more than 6 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional household member and multiply by IN-45,638 or MI-48,953.

(Example: 7 - 132% + 3% = 135% X \$47,446 = \$64,052.10)

Procedures for Determining Benefits:

1. Document annual income for household.
2. Determine, using \*most recent tax return or 3 most recent check stubs, if annual gross income is within the income guidelines proceed to #3. If not, the household is not eligible for benefits. \*
3. Divide annual gross income by the income guidelines for the household size, to determine the percentage of State Median income.
4. Determine benefit on Benefits Levels Matrix using the percentage of state median income and household heating fuel type.

**BENEFIT LEVEL MATRIX**

<u>Percentage of State Median Income</u>	<u>Fuel</u>			
	<u>Oil</u>	<u>Propane</u>	<u>Electric/Pellets</u>	<u>Natural Wood/Gas</u>
Under 50%	400	500	300	450
50.1 to 75%	370	450	250	400
75.1 to 100%	340	400	200	370

For dwellings with two or more heating sources, the benefit will be determined by averaging the benefits. Example: an individual qualifies for \$500 propane and \$300 electric (500 + 300 = 800 / 2 = 400). Their total award to be split is \$400.

\*Please note: Tax returns will not be accepted between May and December 2019.

For those applications received in January thru April the tax return for 2019 must be submitted (tax return submissions only).

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Procedures for Determining Benefits:

1. Participants of LIHEAP heating are categorically eligible for summer cooling.
2. Document annual income for household.
3. Determine, using \*most recent tax return or 3 most recent check stubs, if annual gross income is within the income guidelines proceed to #3. If not, the household is not eligible for benefits.
4. Divide annual gross income by the income guidelines for the household size, to determine the percentage of poverty income.
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**BENEFIT LEVEL MATRIX**

<u>Percentage of State Median Income</u>	<u>Electric</u>
Under 50%	300
50.1 to 75%	250
75.1 to 100%	200

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LIHEAP FY2019

#### Public Comment Feedback

- Again this year we ran the request for public comment through Facebook and the Band's webpage as part of a webform.

This one posted from last year is some very nice feedback-

“The problem with most of the programs of the tribe, is the income requirements. With my husband job and making higher income than is allowed, we are unable to utilize the programs, even though we live paycheck to paycheck like everyone else. We could use the money like anyone else.

Emergencies come up just like others have, but since we are penalized for working for a living and to make a good wage we cannot get assistance. program we were able to actually use. Don't get me wrong I so appreciate the per cap, but that puts a lot of people over the limit to get help with the programs that are offered. So its like either live off the per cap and get help with all the programs the tribe has or work and get the per cap and get nothing pretty much. Sometimes I feel these programs are just making people not want to work so they can get the help, granted there are some that truly do need it and all don't get me wrong. I hope this helps your understand where I am coming from with the programs the tribe has to offer”.  
thank you.

Previously posted-

We do have an “open-door” policy within the Band, so we do get feedback through the year; honestly this is where most of the comments come from.

- The amount should be more
- It should start earlier in the fall-say 10/1
- The income guidelines are too low
- Ability to split payment is great
- We should be able to help folks outside the service area
- Would be nice to use it twice a year-heating
- Cooling was the best, would like this to continue

As of August 31, 2018 we have had no new feedback

Mark Pompey

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

FY2019

Household Count

The **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians** for purposes of distributing funds for FY2019 certifies the total number of eligible households in the Tribal Service Area should be recognized as 1453.

Indiana: 245 for the following counties:

Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph

Michigan: 1208 for the following counties:

Allegan, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren

Certified by:



Signature

Daniel Hosster

Print

Enrollment Supervisor

Title

8/29/18

Date

### List of Form Level Attachments

	File Name
1	POKAGON-MICHIGAN AGREEMENT.PDF
2	2017 MATRIX-C.DOCX
3	2017 MATRIX-H.DOCX
4	DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY-2017.PDF



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
LANSING

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

NICK LYON  
DIRECTOR

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services hereby agree that for the purpose of distributing funds from the fiscal year 2017 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant, the total number of eligible households in the Community's service area should be recognized as 1,132.

The 1,132 total eligible households represent the service area in the following Michigan Counties:

Allegan, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Beth Edelberg  
Signature, Enrollment Coordinator

8/19/16  
Date

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Jimmy Bain  
Signature

8/26/16  
Date

**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
LIHEAP Income Guidelines 2016-2017**

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limit</u>	
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2	\$29,946-	\$31,709
3	\$36,992-	\$39,170
4	\$44,038-	\$46,631
5	\$51,084-	\$54,092
6	\$58,130-	\$61,553

For family units of more than 6 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional household member and multiply by IN-43,379 or MI-45,427.

(Example: 7—132% + 3% =135% X \$46,631= \$62,952)

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August 11, 2015

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Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John P. Warren in cursive script.

[Signature]

Date: 8-11-15

John P. Warren  
Pokagon Band Tribal Council Chairperson  
[delegating official]

Acknowledged and agreed:

Handwritten signature of Mark Pompey in cursive script.

[Signature]

Date: 8/11/15

Mark Pompey  
Pokagon Band Director of Social Services  
[delegate]