

DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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Grantee Name: HEALTH SERVICES KENTUCKY CABINET FOR

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Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES		August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01 OMB Clearance No.: 0970-013 Expiration Date: 02/28/2027							
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN SF - 424 - MANDATORY									
* 1.a. Type of Submission: ☒ Plan	* 1.b. Frequency: ☒ Annual	* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request? Explanation:	* 1.d. Version: ☒ Initial ☐ Resubmission ☐ Revision ☐ Update						
		2. Date Received:	State Use Only:						
		3. Applicant Identifier:							
		4a. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) LECJQDCLHVE5	5. Date Received By State:						
		4b. Federal Award Identifier:	6. State Application Identifier:						
7. APPLICANT INFORMATION									
* a. Legal Name: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services									
* b. Address:									
* Street 1:	275 East Main Street, #5W-A	Street 2:							
* City:	FRANKFORT	County:	Franklin						
* State:	KY	Province:							
* Country:	United States	* Zip / Postal Code:	40601 - 2321						
c. Organizational Unit:									
Department Name: Policy Development Branch		Division Name: Division of Family Support							
d. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: (person will be listed on Notice of Funding Awards and on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' LIHEAP contact list webpage)									
* First Name: Vickie		* Last Name: Bowling							
Title: Public Assistance Pgm Specialist		Organizational Affiliation:							
* Telephone Number: 502-564-3440		Fax Number							
* Email: Vickie.Bowling@ky.gov									
* 8. TYPE OF APPLICANT: A: State Government									
* a. Is the applicant a Tribal Consortium: ☐ Yes ☒ No									
* b. If yes please attach at least one the following documentation:									
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10. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program									
11. AREAS AFFECTED BY FUNDING: State of Kentucky									
12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF APPLICANT: 6th District - state of Kentucky									
13. FUNDING PERIOD:									
a. Start Date: 10/01/2025		b. End Date: 09/30/2026							
* 14. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?									
a. This submission was made available to the State under Executive Order 12372									

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

Section 1 - Program Components

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN

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

Section 1 Program Components

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

1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)		Dates of Operation	
		Start Date	End Date
☒	Heating assistance	11/03/2025	12/12/2026
☒	Cooling assistance	04/14/2026	06/22/2026
☐	Summer crisis assistance		
☒	Winter crisis assistance	01/06/2026	03/27/2026
☐	Year-round crisis assistance		
☒	Weatherization assistance	10/01/2024	09/30/2026

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

We will offer cooling components and/or summer components if additional money is received.

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

1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to 100%.	Percentage (%)	Prior year totals
Heating assistance	25.00%	25.00%
Cooling assistance	6.00%	7.00%
Summer crisis assistance	0.00%	0.00%
Winter crisis assistance	38.00%	42.00%
Year-round crisis assistance	0.00%	0.00%
Weatherization assistance	15.00%	15.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	0.00%	0.00%
Administrative and planning costs	15.00%	15.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	1.00%	0.00%
Used to develop and implement leveraging activities	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL	100.00%	104.00%

Tribal grant recipients: direct-grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments of \$20,000 or less may use for planning and administration up to 20% of the funds payable. Grant recipients that are direct grant tribes, tribal organizations, or territories with allotments over \$20,000 may use for planning and administration purposes up to 20% of the first \$20,000 (or \$4,000) plus 10% of the funds payable that exceeds \$20,000. Any administrative

costs in excess of these limits must be paid from non-federal sources.				
Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C)				
1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:				
☐	Heating assistance	☒	Cooling assistance	
☐	Weatherization assistance	☒	Other (specify:) Remaining funds could also be used to provide additional components. EX: cooling subsidy or crisis.	
Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A) - Assurance 8				
1.4 Do you consider households categorically eligible if at least one household member receives at least one of the following categories of benefits in the left column below? ☐ Yes ☒ No				
If you answered "Yes" to question 1.4, you must complete the table below and answer questions 1.5 and 1.6.				
	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
TANF	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
SSI	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
SNAP	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Means-tested Veterans Programs	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
1.4a. Provide your definition of categorical eligibility. Please explain how households are categorically eligible (i.e, do all household members need to receive the benefits or just one member, is there a data exchange in place?) and how categorical eligibility streamlines the LIHEAP application process.				
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			
☐	Other - Describe			
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
☒	Strike Pay
☒	Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits
☐	Including MediCare deduction
☒	Excluding MediCare deduction
☒	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
☒	Retirement / pension benefits
☐	General Assistance benefits
☒	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits
☐	Loans that need to be repaid
☒	Cash gifts
☐	Savings account balance
☒	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.
☒	Jury duty compensation
☒	Rental income
☐	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
☐	Income from work study programs
☒	Alimony
☒	Child support
☒	Interest, dividends, or royalties
☒	Commissions
☒	Legal settlements
☒	Insurance payments made directly to the insured
☐	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate
☒	Veterans Administration (VA) benefits
☐	Earned income of a child under the age of 18
☐	Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdrawn without a penalty.
☒	Income tax refunds
☐	Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA
☐	Funds received by household for the care of a foster child

☐	Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid
☐	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)
☐	Other
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.	
1.10 Do you have an online application process ☐ Yes ☒ No	
1.10a If yes, describe the type of online application (Select all boxes that apply)	
☐	A PDF version of the application is available online and can be downloaded, filled out and mailed in for processing.
☐	A state-wide online application that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.
☐	One or more locally available online applications that allows a customer to complete data entry and submit an application electronically for processing.
☐	Online application that is also mobile friendly
☐	Other, please describe
Please include a link(s) to a statewide application, if available:	
1.10b Can all program components be applied for online? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
If no, explain which components can and cannot be applied for online.	
At this time, Kentucky does not offer online applications.	
1.11 Do you have a process for conducting and completing applications by phone ☐ Yes ☒ No	
1.12 Do you or any of your subrecipients require in person appointments in order to apply ☐ Yes ☒ No	
If yes, please provide more information regarding why in-person appointments are required and in what circumstances they are required.	
In person applications are strongly encouraged, accommodations are made for homebound, working poor, and individuals unable to travel to the office.	
1.13 How can applicants submit documentation for verification? Select all that apply:	
☒	In-person
☒	Mail
☒	Email
☐	Portal application
☒	Other, please describe
Software allows for applicants to submit documents securely.	

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Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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Section 2 - Heating Assistance

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

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

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

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

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

Do you require an Assets test? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Renters? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Renters Living in subsidized housing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

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

If yes, describe:

Verification from the landlord is required to verify utilities are included as part of the rent.

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

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

If yes, describe:

Adults 60 and older on a fixed income may pre-register for heating assistance.

Individuals with a disability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Disabled individuals in a household with fixed incomes may pre-register for heating assistance.

Young children? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Children in households with fixed incomes may pre-register for heating assistance.

Households with high energy burdens? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Other? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

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

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

The highest assistance is given to the lowest, based on family size and fuel type.

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

☐ Climate/region

☐ Individual bill

☐ Dwelling type

☒ Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)

☐ Energy need

☒ Other - Describe:

Benefit levels differ between individuals residing in subsidized and unsubsidized housing types.

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

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

Minimum Benefit	\$41	Maximum Benefit	\$250
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2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?2 ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe.

CAAs may purchase fulk blankets, sleeping bags, etc. Space heaters are loaned to participants and are tracked.

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Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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Section 3 - Cooling Assistance

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

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

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

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

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

Do you require an Assets test? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:

Renters? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Renters Living in subsidized housing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

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

If yes, describe:

Do you give priority in eligibility to:

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

If yes, describe:

Individuals with a disability? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Young children? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Households with high energy burdens? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Those clients with the highest energy burden and lowest income and considering household size, will receive a higher benefit based on their fuel type.

Other? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe:

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

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

Benefit amounts are based on income and household size. Cooling assistance provides electric benefits only. The highest benefits are awarded to the lowest income household size.

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			
☐ Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)			
☐ Energy need			
☒ Other - Describe:			
Benefit levels differ between individuals residing in subsidized and unsubsidized housing types.			
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)			
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies. <i>Please note: the maximum and minimum benefits must be shown in the payment matrix.</i>			
Minimum Benefit	\$41	Maximum Benefit	\$250
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
If yes, describe. During extreme heat emergencies and if funding permits, air conditioners may be purchased. A medical statement is required.			
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	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%

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

The household has a past due or disconnect notice, if electric or natural gas is the primary heating or cooling source. The household is within 4 (four) days of running out of bulk fuel (coal, wood, kerosene, fuel oil, or propane) is bulk fuel is the primary heating source. Have 10 (ten) or less days of pre-paid electric.

4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?

Kentucky's definition of life-threatening situation is in the state regulations: (13): Life-threatening means, at the time of application, a household is or will be without heating or cooling within eighteen (18) hours and temperatures are at a dangerous level as determined by the National Weather Service. In addition to this language, if a household has no heating/cooling source or has a disconnection notice for their primary source of heating/cooling and the health or wellbeing of a household member would be in danger if the heating/cooling crisis is not alleviated. Each application is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is a crisis and whether it is life-threatening. Other factors taken into consideration are weather conditions, extreme temperatures, ages of household members and household members' health

Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

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

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

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

	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-Round Crisis
4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for Crisis Assistance?	☒	☐	☐

4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided
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Do you require an Assets test?	☐	☐	☐
Do you give priority in eligibility to:			
Older Adults (60 years or older)?	☐	☐	☐
Individuals with a disability?	☐	☐	☐
Young Children?	☐	☐	☐
Households with high energy burdens?	☐	☐	☐
Other (Specify):	☐	☐	☐

In Order to receive crisis assistance:

Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?	☒	☐	☐
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	☐	☐	☐
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	☐	☐	☐
Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice?	☐	☐	☐

	☒	☐	☐
Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?	☐	☐	☐
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?	☐	☐	☐
Other (Specify):	☐	☐	☐
Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:			
Renters?	☐	☐	☐
Renters living in subsidized housing?	☐	☐	☐
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	☐	☐	☐
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:			
In order to receive crisis, the household must have received a shut off notice or have near an empty tank; renters with heating costs included in the rent, must have an eviction notice.			
Determination of Benefits			
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?			
☒	Separate component		
☐	Benefit Fast Track, no separate amount of crisis funds is issued. Rather benefits are issued to crisis customers within crisis response time frames.		
☒	Other - Describe: Crisis situations will be addressed by CAK within 48 hours.		
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?			
☒	Amount to resolve the crisis. \$400		
☒	Other - Describe: Crisis benefit amounts are determined by the amount of funds it takes to get the client out of crisis. We do have a maximum benefit amount of \$400. Clients can receive up to this maximum dollar amount in one or more crisis events.		
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)			
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?			
☒ Yes ☐ No Explain.			
Offices are located in all 120 (one hundred twenty) KY counties.			
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are individuals with a disability the means to:			
Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?			
☒ Yes ☐ No			
If No, explain.			
Virtual or home interviews may be conducted for clients in these situations. Laptops are taken with the worker to the client to complete the application. Return of required documents and appropriate signatures allow completing the application.			
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?			
☒ Yes ☐ No			
If No, explain.			
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?			
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)			
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.			
Winter Crisis	\$400.00	maximum benefit	
Summer Crisis	\$0.00	maximum benefit	
Year-round Crisis	\$0.00	maximum benefit	
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?			
☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, Describe			

Currently, there is one agency distributing blankets to clients.

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	☐	☐	☐
Heating system replacement	☐	☐	☐
Cooling system repair	☐	☐	☐
Cooling system replacement	☐	☐	☐
Wood stove purchase	☐	☐	☐
Pellet stove purchase	☐	☐	☐
Solar panel(s)	☐	☐	☐
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups	☐	☐	☐
Other (Specify):	☐	☐	☐

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.

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

If yes, describe

Benefits may be replaced if lost if lost to a natural disaster.

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	HHS Poverty Guidelines	200.00%

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

5.3 If yes, name the agency and attach a copy of the Internal Agreement or Contract. Kentucky Housing Corporation

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

WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules

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

☒ Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules

☐ Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules

☒ Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply):

☐ Income Threshold

☐ Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days

☐ Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).

☐ Other - Describe:

☒ Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.):

☐ Income Threshold

☒ Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit.

☒ Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) standards.

☒ Other - Describe:

Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structures is permitted if at least 66% of units are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days.

Weatherization program allows for 200% FPL.

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

5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Older Adults?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Individuals with a disability?	☒ Yes ☐ No

Young Children?	☒ Yes ☐ No
House holds with high energy burdens?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Other?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If you selected "Yes" for any of the options in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field below. Kentucky doesn't require an ACPU for LIHEAP funding so that more funding can be spent the units and needed measures. We also do not cap H&S percentages for LIHEAP funding which allows Kentucky to do more H&S measures in the homes as well. Kentucky also allows SIRs for LIHEAP funding at .6 or higher so that we do not lose measures we were funding before COVID.	
Benefit Levels	
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per household? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
5.9a If yes, what is the maximum? \$0	
5.10 Do you use an Average Cost per Unit (ACPU). ☐ Yes ☒ No	
5.10a If so, what is the ACPU amount? \$0	
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)	
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide ? (Check all categories that apply.)	
☒ Weatherization needs assessments/audits	☒ Energy related roof repair
☒ Caulking and insulation	☒ Major appliance repairs
☐ Storm windows	☒ Major appliance replacement
☒ Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs	☐ Windows/sliding glass doors
☒ Furnace replacement	☐ Doors
☒ Cooling system modifications/repairs	☒ Water Heater
☐ Water conservation measures	☐ Cooling system replacement
☒ Roof top solar	☐ Community solar projects
☒ Compact florescent light bulbs	☐ 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.
- ☒ Web Posting
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Texting
- ☐ Events
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Other (specify):

The Division of Family Support sends a memorandum to each of the local Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) offices notifying field staff of dates, times, and locations of the agencies in order to recipients to apply. This information is posted in the lobby or waiting rooms for each DCBS office. Information regarding cooling changes will be posted to the Cabinet for Health and Families (CHFS) website, Community Action Kentucky (CAK) website, and 22 local Community Action Agencies' websites, as well as Louisville Metro Community Action Partnership's web page and FaceBook. Outreach materials will be distributed to places in the community where low-income citizens are likely to see them such as: Facebook pages, websites, resource sites, Senior Citizen Centers, Head Start Centers, State Offices, Community Centers, DCBS Offices, Department for Employment Services Offices, Courthouses, County Extension Offices, Post Offices, libraries, local vendors, other non-profit Social Service Agencies (Red Cross, Salvation Army, Legal Aid etc.), grocery stores, laundromats, etc

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Section 7 - Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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MODEL PLAN****Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4****7.1 Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, WAP, etc.).**☐**Joint application for multiple programs (indicate programs included)**☒**Intake referrals to/from other programs (indicate programs included)** weatherization☐**One - stop intake centers**☒**Other - Describe:**

Community Action Agencies are the service providers for LIHEAP and administer other energy assistance programs, i.e., the Weatherization Assistance Program, and privately fuel funded energy assistance programs. Each local community action agency will coordinate the various available energy assistance programs and make referrals to other agencies and programs. Households experiencing high energy costs are referred for weatherization 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 Grant recipients and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)

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

☐	Administration Agency
☐	Commerce Agency
☐	Community Services Agency
☐	Energy/Environment Agency
☐	Housing Agency
☒	State Department of Welfare (administers TANF, SNAP, and/or Medicaid)
☐	Economic Development Agency
☐	Other - Describe:

Include current list of subrecipient name, main office address (do not list P.O. Box), phone number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and UEI number. *Used for Near hotline and OCS Service Provider Tool and clearinghouse.*

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

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

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

Community Action Agencies administer programs for heating assistance. The agencies provide outreach and intake throughout the state for all components of the program.

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

Community Action Agencies will be the service provider for cooling assistance as well. The agencies provide outreach and intake throughout the state for all components of the program.

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

Same as 8.2 and 8.3

8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a Who determines client eligibility?	Community Action Agencies	Community Action Agencies	Community Action Agencies	State Housing Agency
8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?	Community Action Agencies	Community Action Agencies	Community Action Agencies	

8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?	Community Action Agencies	Community Action Agencies	Community Action Agencies	
8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?				State Housing Agency

Include a current list of subrecipient(s) name, main office address (do not list P.O. Box), phone number, county(s) served, Congressional District, and UEI number.

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

8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS or Cabinet) Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) has been the single state agency responsible for administering the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program since FY1982, as well as administering other federal and state energy programs in preceding years. Under contract with CHFS, Community Action Kentucky, Inc. (CAK) subcontracts with twenty-two (22) community action agencies, and one local government agency to operate LIHEAP statewide. CAK has operated the Crisis component since FFY 1986 and the Subsidy component since 1990 and has received federal funds for the administration of energy assistance programs both prior to and after the date of enactment of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act. CAK has and will continue to subcontract the local community action agencies to provide assistance in all 120 counties of the state. 921 KAR 4:116 authorizes the contract with CAK and local agency delegation.

8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? 23

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

☐ Yes
☒ No

8.9 If so, why?

☐	Agency was in noncompliance with Grant recipient requirements for LIHEAP -
☐	Agency is under criminal investigation
☐	Added agency
☐	Agency closed
☐	Other - describe

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

8.10a If yes, please explain.

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

8.10c If yes, please explain.

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Section 9 - Energy Suppliers,, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Expiration Date: 02/28/2027**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP)
MODEL PLAN****Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7****9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?**Heating ☒ Yes ☐ NoCooling ☒ Yes ☐ NoCrisis ☒ Yes ☐ NoAre there exceptions? ☒ Yes ☐ No**If yes, Describe.**

Payments will be authorized to the energy provider, including landlords where heating is included as an undesignated portion of the rent, by one party check upon delivery of fuel, restoration or continuation of service, household receipt of blankets, sleeping bags, or emergency lodging. The only exception would be if the landord or vendor refuses to accept payment or voucher.

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

At the time of application, all households that are determined eligibile for assistance receive a written notification advising them of the amount of assistance for which they are eligible and to whom the payment will be made upon approval of the application.

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?

All vendors are required to sign a vendor agreement. Contingent on signing the agreement, the vendor will be required to comply with the Kentucky Administrative Regulation 921 KAR 4:116, Section 10 and Section 2605(b)(7) of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 as amended

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?

All vendors are required to sign a vendor agreement. The vendor agrees to comply with the Kentucky Administrative Regulation 921 KAR 4:116. Also, Community Action Agencies are required by contractual agreement to monitor vendors once within a five (5) year period.

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.**

For unregulated fuel sources (wood, coal, propane, fuel oil and kerosene) payment will not be made until the fuel source has been delivered or provided and the vendor has submitted documentation that the consumer has accepted the fuel.

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

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

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

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

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) receives an audit of their Weatherization Assistance Program (including LIHEAP funded Weatherization) as part of the Statewide Audit of the Commonwealth, performed by Kentucky's Auditor of Public Accounts. DCBS reviews the statewide audit for any findings related to the program.

Program Monitoring: CAK will monitor the local Community Action Agency's LIHEAP program at least once during the program year to ensure the appropriate delivery of services and documentation of case actions and billings. Monitoring reports will be completed for each agency and will include a summary of program and financial performance. A description of any corrective action to be taken will be included, if necessary. CAK will send reports to DCBS Program Specialist for LIHEAP to review and approve before mailing to agency. CAK will follow up on all correction plans and report resolutions to DCBS for approval. DCBS has engaged the CHFS Office of Inspector General to perform quality reviews of CAK and all Kentucky Community Action Agencies audit reports. DCBS, Division of Administration and Financial Management (DAFM), Contract Performance Branch, will monitor CAK during the year to assure that the operation of the program is in compliance with all contract requirements and federal statutes. Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) receives an audit of their Weatherization Assistance Program (including LIHEAP funded Weatherization) as part of the Statewide Audit of the Commonwealth, performed by Kentucky's Auditor of Public Accounts. DCBS reviews the statewide audit for any findings related to the program. KHC will monitor the local Community Action Agencies weatherization programs at least once during the program year. The purpose of the monitoring is to assess program compliance with the Kentucky Weatherization Assistance Program (KWAP) requirements. Monitoring reports completed for each CAA will include a description of concerns, observations or findings, which will require a corrective action plan. A copy of each monitoring report, including corrective action plans will be provided to DCBS for review. See the attached monitoring tool and checklist utilized by KHC. The DAFM Contract Performance Section monitors DCBS contractors for compliance review and approval with contractual provisions and federal/state laws. The Contract Performance Section prioritizes the annual monitoring of all contractors whose funding total require the contractor to undergo an annual audit performed in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200 Subpart F. All DCBS contractors receive an on-site monitoring no less than once every three years or are monitored more frequently upon request of DCBS program staff. Fiscal Monitoring: Methods and procedures are in place for properly charging the costs of administration under the plan and are maintained in accordance with Federal requirements as specified in 45 CFR 205.150 and 45 CFR Part 95 Subpart E, including identifying costs applicable to each of the separate federal programs. Revisions in such methods and procedures are submitted by CHFS on a timely basis for approval by the Department of Health and Human Services. Procedures for determining reasonableness, allowability and allocability of costs are in accordance with provision P.L 97-35, as amended, 45 CFR Parts 75 and 96 as applicable, 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E and federal agency implementing agencies as applicable and applicable state laws. These requirements are applicable to subcontractors who will be required to report to CAK in a manner that meets CAK's reporting requirements to the Cabinet. The DFS LIHEAP Public Assistance Program Specialist (PAPS) participates on-site reviews with a minimum of 20% of annual reviews. The PAPS also reviews a copy of each monitoring report and approves prior to CAK notifying the local agency. DAFM chooses agencies that were not chosen during the previous year. DCBS tracks LIHEAP expenditures through a daily report emailed to DFS and DAFM. The report includes the following details per local CAA: Total Allocation, Expenditures, percentage of allocation spent, remaining benefits, anticipated days left of funds to be available, date running out, number of applications, and number of households approved.

10.1a Provide your definitions of the following:

Obligation

A binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately or in the future. This can either be in the form of a contract, memorandum of agreement, memorandum of understanding, or in a state plan. Budgetary resources must be available before obligations can be incurred legally. (see Section 20.5) OMB Circular No. A-11 (2021) page 8 of section 20. Funds are considered obligated when they are placed in contracts or contract modifications.

Expenditures

The disbursement of funds in contracts or funds obligated in a state plan to pay for services incurred.

Expenditure timeframe

Expenditure timeframe references the time period in which expenditures are posted and which grant period they align.

Administrative costs

Any expenditure for governmental functions normally associated with administration of a public assistance program must be included in determining administrative costs subject to the statutory limitation on administrative costs, regardless of whether the expenditure is incurred by State, a subrecipient, a grantee, or a contractor of the state.

Audit Process

10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A - 133?
☒ Yes ☐ No
10.2a - if yes, describe your auditor selection process.

A single audit is required for non-federal entities that expends more than \$750K or more in Federal funds during the fiscal year. The audit is performed by a public auditing firm, per the contract the agency sends the audit engagement letter to Community Action Kentucky and Cabinet for Health and Family Services. This is to ensure the agency has engaged with a public firm to perform the audit. Then a copy of the audit when it is completed. It must be completed annually. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) is a part of the audit.

10.3. Describe any audit findings of the grant recipient (i.e. State/Tribe/Territory) rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the single audits, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews from the most recently audited fiscal year.
 No Findings ☒

Finding	Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
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10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies

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

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

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

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

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

DCBS monitors invoices monthly and reconciles against the daily scheduled report.

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.

CAK monitors the local Community Action Agencies which operate LIHEAP at least once during the program year to ensure the appropriate delivery of services and documentation of case actions for each monitoring visit. This will include a description of corrective actions to be taken. By contractual agreement, CAK will follow up on all corrective action plans and report the resolution to DCBS. Please see the attached monitoring tool. Schedule is pending.

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

The monitoring schedule is developed with CAK to visit all sites each year. Should an agency have findings in their monitoring review or a change in leadership, an on-site review will be conducted. However, this coming Federal Fiscal Year, all agencies will be monitored on-site.

This is to ensure every agency is following the same procedures across the state.
Desk Reviews: Desk reviews are now the exception and will be used sparingly should the agency be affected by extreme weather as was the case when Kentucky experienced the devastating tornados and flooding.
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored? <i>Please attach a monitoring schedule if one has been developed.</i> Annually
10.9. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans? 0
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Section 11 - Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, , 2605(b)(12) - Assurance 12, 2605(c)(2)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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MODEL PLAN****Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)****11.1 How did you obtain input from the public in the development of your LIHEAP plan? Select all that apply.***Note: Tribes do not need to hold a public hearing but must ensure participation through other means.*

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

We plan to hold the public hearing in July 2025. Agenda and minutes will be added at a later date.

Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only**11.2 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?**

	Date	Event Description
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11.3. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 0**11.4 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).****11.5 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of public participation and solicitation of input?****If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.**

Section 12 - Fair Hearings,2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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MODEL PLAN****Section 12: Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13****12.1 How many fair hearings did the Grant recipient have in the prior federal Fiscal Year? 0****12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? 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 and/or not acted upon in a timely manner.

Requests for a hearing must be in writing. The Community Action Agency may assist the claimant in submitting the request. Time allowed for claimants to file for a hearing in thirty (30) days from the date of the notice of the eligibility decision.

CAK staff will meet with the claimant to discuss the issue for which a hearing is requested in an attempt to rectify the situation prior to an actual hearing in held.

An opportunity for a hearing is made available in accordance with Community Action Agency's appeal procedures as stated in the LIHEAP manual. A hearing will be granted to any individual requesting a hearing because his claim for assistance is denied or not acted upon in a timely manner. The Community Action Agency may assist the claimant in submitting the request. Time allowed for claimants to file for a hearing in thirty (30) days from the date of the notice of the eligibility decision. If dissatisfied with the Community Action Agency's decision, the claimant may further appeal to CAK. If dissatisfied with the decision of CAK, the claimant may appeal through CHFS. Hearings are conducted at a reasonable time, date and place. Adequate preliminary written notice is given. The hearings are conducted by an impartial official or designee of the agency who has not been directly involved in the initial determination of the action in question. The claimants, or their representatives, are given adequate opportunity to examine the contents of the case file, all documents, and records to be used at the hearing, to present the case themselves or with the aid of an authorized representative to bring witnesses, to establish all pertinent facts and circumstances to advance arguments without undue interference, and to question or refute testimony or evidence including the opportunity to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.

Recommendations or decisions of the hearing officer are based exclusively on evidence and other material introduced at the hearing. The transcript or recording of testimony and exhibits, all papers and requests filed in the proceeding and the recommendation or decision of the hearing office constitute the exclusive record. The record is made available to the claimants or representatives at an accessible place and at a reasonable time. Decisions by the hearing authority will specify the reasons for the decision and identify the supporting evidence and regulations. When a hearing decision is appealed any individual involved in making the original decision may not take part in making the decision on the appeal. Final administrative action will be taken within ninety (90) days from the date of the request for a hearing and the claimant is notified in writing of the action. When the decision is adverse to the claimant, the notice will inform the claimant of the right to appeal to the appeal board and to judicial review. When the decision is favorable to the claimant, the agency shall promptly make a payment. Subject to provision for safeguarding public assistance information, all hearing decisions of the agency are accessible to the public. Weatherization: The Community Action Agencies are responsible for resolving all client complaints, including applicant denials, project deferrals, and work quality issues. Each agency establishes a clear, objective, and prompt dispute resolution process that includes mediation and arbitration should internal procedures fail to remedy a complaint. Clients must be informed at time of application of their right to file a grievance. Agencies will also be responsive to requests for information regarding the dispute resolution process. Clients may withdraw a grievance at any time with the understanding they may re-enter the process at the point they withdrew if a complaint is not resolved. KHC approves and monitors the agency's dispute process and is available to provide technical assistance and consultation.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

All claimants are informed at the time of application, and at the time of any action affecting their claim, of their right to a hearing, the method of obtaining it, and their right to be represented by others or to represent themselves. An appeal rights information sheet is provided to clients at the beginning of the application process, before the entry of any information for the application.

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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?

Every Community Action Agency is given the opportunity to provide counseling to help reduce the households's energy bills. The agencies that do utilize LIHEAP funds for Assurance 16 will provide energy reduction solutions and education, including but not limited to the completion of and follow up on Weatherization applications. The CAAs will provide services based on the needs in their area, assisting household with the thorough and long-term plan to reduce energy usage and energy burden. These plans include energy saving information, energy budgeting, Financial Literacy classes

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

Community Action Council budgets and monitors expenses to ensure they don't spend more than the budgeted amount. This is monitored at least bi-weekly to ensure charges aren't exceeding 5%. The cost of developing and providing such services does not count toward the maximum benefit level for any single household. CAK assists all Community Action Agencies interested in providing such services in developing plans for the use of such funds for review and approval by DCBS prior to the provision of services. Final approval of such plans shall be given by DCBS.

An assurance is written into the contract with CAK, and the subcontracts between CAK and the community action agencies, that a community action agency may use up to 5% of the crisis allocation to provide services to encourage households to reduce their energy costs. Community Action Council budgets and monitors expenses to ensure they don't spend more than the budgeted amount. This is monitored at least bi-weekly to ensure charges aren't exceeding 5%. The cost of developing and providing such services does not count toward the maximum benefit level for any single household. CAK assists all Community Action Agencies interested in providing such services in developing plans for the use of such funds for review and approval by DCBS prior to the provision of services. Final approval of such plans shall be given by DCBS. Staff hours are tracked on a bi-weekly basis through our time management system, Paycom, to ensure we do not exceed the allotted amount of LIHEAP Crisis funding. The agency can pull from a cluster of funding sources that help support the education services provided through the Financial Empowerment Program. In partnership with our largest energy provider, Duke Energy, and HUD/KHC, we can extend energy savings education year-round. With the additional LIHEAP crisis funds the agency staff can target households that are capable of moving past the crisis situation and look to a long-term plan for financial stability.

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

The increase in home energy costs due to the continued lingering effects of COVID related issues have continued to be devastating for many families/individuals again this year. In addition to the natural disaster(s) and increase in utility costs, we have continued to see an increase in home energy eligible and ineligible families for LIHEAP assistance. Many are still dealing with the loss of employment, eviction, foreclosures, and/or excessive utility arrearages. Through LIHEAP assistance and education/information provided through energy counseling.

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

*12 clients received specific budgeting assistance tailored to their needs; *10 clients received future planning, including health insurance, afterlife planning, information on AARP, LIFE insurance, burial insurance, senior centers, senior programs, and referrals. *10 clients received more specific suggestions on how to use a monthly calendar as a reminder for bill pay, to-do lists, and to help with organization. *6 clients received more in-depth case management, including resume development, job coaching, job searches, and direct resources and referrals for jobs from the BCTC job fair help in May. Eviction assistance, including referrals for financial assistance and landlord mediation.

Families/individuals were able to access various programs throughout the year through LIHEAP and CSBG funds.

Referrals were made to weatherization 50 referred 8 approved and 8 completed

13.5 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. § 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	Winter Care Program	This is a utility customer contribution fuel fund program.	Administered by Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas counties to supplement LIHEAP funds when LIHEAP benefits are insufficient to meet the needs of the household.
2	Winterhelp	This is a utility customer contribution program that receives donations from the community and a matching percentage from the local utility company to be distributed to the households in the Louisville/Jefferson county area.	One-time payments are made to the vendor, Louisville Gas and Electric for customers who are facing a utility crisis and the maximum crisis benefit in LIHEAP are exhausted for LIHEAP funds are not available.
3	Columbia Gas Energy Assistance Program	This program provides cash benefits and discounts on heating bills to Columbia Gas low-income customers.	This resource serves households that are eligible for and receive LIHEAP subsidy. An agreement between Columbia Gas of Kentucky and Community Action Council specific eligibility criteria, benefit levels, period of operation, and how LIHEAP resources are integrated.
4	Delta Gas Energy Assistance Program	Cash benefits for low-income Delta customers which provides a credit to their Delta Gas account for five heating months (November - March).	Resource serves households who are eligible for and receive LIHEAP subsidy. An agreement between Delta Natural Gas and Community Action Council specifies eligibility criteria, benefit levels, period of operation, and how LIHEAP resources are integrated.
5	Salvation Army, United Way, Schools Ministerial Associations, Churches, and other non-profit organizations.	Private cash donations or in-kind donations.	Funds will be used to supplement LIHEAP or used when LIHEAP funds are expended.
6	Demand Side Management	Demand Side Management programs are utility sponsored energy efficiency program to lower the current demand for energy.	Enhances low-income households by providing weatherization services
7	Distribution of fans, air conditioners, and payments toward utility bills.	Private cash donations or in-kind donations by community action agencies, utility companies, city and county government and civic operations.	Funds will be used to supplement LIHEAP or used when LIHEAP funds are expended.
8	Project Warm and other similar resources	Provided by local non-profit organizations and utility companies.	Provides weatherization activities and energy audits, window replacements, and insulation materials to low-income households.
9	Affordable Energy Corporation	Provides year-round monthly cash benefits to LG&E customers.	All clients must participate in energy education conservation, and weatherization services.
10	Certificate of Need (CFN)	Governed by the Public Service Commission and administered by CAAs to	Clients must meet criteria for LIHEAP and agree to apply for the weatherization program, if applicable.

		either give a 30-day extension or a reconnection for services for a natural gas or electric household.	
11	Miscellaneous leveraging activities	Waivers of utility applications, reconnect fees, late payment charges, security deposits, reimbursement for energy efficient appliances, and reduced cost of fuel.	Client must meet the criteria for LIHEAP.
12	Columbia Gas Warm Wise	Replacement of furnaces with more energy efficient furnaces.	By replacing old furnaces with low energy efficient ratings with more energy efficient furnaces, the consumption of gas for the operation of a furnace will be reduced leading to lower utility costs which should result in less dependence on LIHEAP.
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Section 15 - Training

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Section 15: Training

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

a. Grant recipient Staff:

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

How often?

☒ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☒ Employees are provided with policy manual

☒ Other, describe:

Employees are provided with supplemental changes to the manual when and if they occur.

b. Local Agencies:

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

How often?

☒ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☒ On-site training

How often?

☒ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☒ Employees are provided with policy manual

☒ Other, describe:

CAK may provide teleconferences as needed to provide training and technical assistance.

c. Vendors

☒ Formal training conference

How often?

☒ Annually

☐ Biannually

☐ As needed

☐ Other, describe:

☐ Policies communicated through vendor agreements

☐	Policies are outlined in a vendor manual	
☒	Other, describe: Agencies hold vendor meetings prior to Fall Subsidy. Policies are provided to vendors through vendor agreements.	
15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
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 16 - Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b)

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

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

Community Action Kentucky collects data for performance measures from appropriate fuel vendors to compile the data for the Performance Measures Report. CAK will request the performance measures data from the appropriate bulk fuel vendors in order to complete the Performance Measures Report. These reported measures may reveal information that could assist our agencies in potential areas where some of the citizens of the commonwealth may be overlooked. CAK also provides metered fuel type information for the report. These measures can sharpen our focus on better serving the most vulnerable populations of our state.

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

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

17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms

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

☐

Online Fraud Reporting

☐

Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline

☒

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

☒

Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General

☒

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

☐

Other - Describe:

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

☒

Printed outreach materials

☒

Posted in local administering agencies offices.

☒

Addressed on LIHEAP application

☒

Website

☒

Other - Describe:

Posters which include the Office of Inspector General's Fraud Hotline are posted in community action agencies. Also, it is addressed on the client's denial notification.

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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	☐	Required	☒	Required	☐	Required
	☐	Requested	☐	Requested	☒	Requested
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	☐	Required	☐	Required	☐	Required
	☐	Requested	☐	Requested	☐	Requested
Government-issued identification card	☒	Required	☐	Required	☐	Required

(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	☐	Requested	☐	Requested	☐	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		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

17.3. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification

What are your procedures for ensuring LIHEAP recipients are U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens who are eligible to receive LIHEAP benefits? Select all that apply.

☐ Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen

☒ Client's submission of certain Social Security Administration cards is accepted as proof of U.S. Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen.

☒ Non-Citizens must provide documentation of immigration status

☐ Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport

☐ Non-Citizens are verified through the SAVE system

☐ Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card

☐ Other - Describe:

17.4. 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

☒ Unemployment Insurance letters

☒ Other - Describe:

Most recent DCBS award letter for KTAP, State Supplementation, or Kinship Care.

Pension statement

Internal Revenue Service records Veterans Administration records

Railroad Retirement records Court support records,

Union records

SSA verification forms

College financial aid award documents

Contracts for sale of property

Statement from absent parent or copy of checks from absent parent for support payments.

Statement from individual providing income to the consumer.

Employer statement or contract

Records maintained by individual or self-employment income

Contracts

Records of income and expenses on farm or rental income Bank statements are only used to verify interest income

Computer data

☐ Computer data matches:

☐ Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)

☐ Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor

☐ Social Security income verified with SSA

☐ Utilize state directory of new hires

☐ Other - Describe:
b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.
17.5 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 Grant recipients only)
☐ Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal Grant recipients only)
☐ Other - Describe:
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
☒ Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
☒ Grant recipient LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
☒ Employee training on confidentiality for:
☒ Grant recipient employees
☒ Local agencies/district offices
☒ Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
☒ Grant recipient employees
☒ Local agencies/district offices
☒ Physical files are stored in a secure location
☒ Electronic files are protected in a secure location.
☒ Other - Describe:
Per contractual agreement CAK and the CAAs are required to maintain confidential information acquired from the applicants or provided by the Cabinet consistent with the KRS 194A.060. Confidentiality of Records and Reports, KRS 205.175. Confidential treatment of information and records, and KRS 205.177 information may be shared by state and local government agencies.
17.7. Verifying the Authenticity
What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.
☐ All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.
☒ All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form
☒ Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household
☐ Grant recipient and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors
☐ Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:
17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities
What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.
☒ Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
☒ Applicants must submit current utility bill
☒ Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
☒ Account ownership

☐	Consumption
☒	Balances
☒	Payment history
☒	Account is properly credited with benefit
☐	Other - Describe:
☐	Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
☒	Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
☒	Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
☒	Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
☒	Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
☒	Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
☐	Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
☒	Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
☒	Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
☐	Other - Describe:
17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors	
What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.	
☒	Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list
☒	Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors
☐	Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery
☐	Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor
☐	Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
☒	Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client
☐	Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors
☐	Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the grant recipient.
☒	Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
☒	Other - Describe: CAAs are responsible for obtaining pricing from vendors in writing prior to the start of LIHEAP and any subsequent changes in fuel pricing should also be done in writing during LIHEAP season. During crisis, CAK is required to provide the cabinet with a bulk fuel pricing report that compares fuel prices from local vendors with the US Energy Information Administration. CAAs are responsible for obtaining pricing from vendors in writing prior to the start of LIHEAP. Any changes in fuel pricing should also be sent to the CAA writing during LIHEAP season.
17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions	
Describe the Grant recipients procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients, staff, or vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.	
☒	Refer to state Inspector General
☐	Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General
☐	Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)
☐	Local agencies/district offices or Grant recipient conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
☐	Grant recipient attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process
☐	Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned?
☐	Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated
☐	Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP
☐	Other - Describe:

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

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

Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Instructions for Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grant recipients Other Than Individuals)

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

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Grant recipients workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The Grant recipients policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a

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

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

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

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

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

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

275 E Main Street

*** Address Line 1**

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Frankfort

*** City**

KY

*** State**

40621

*** Zip Code**

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

Alternate II. (Grant recipients Who Are Individuals)

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

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

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



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Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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Assurances

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

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

(B) intervene in energy crisis situations;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(8) provide assurances that,

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

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

(9) provide that--

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Plan Attachments

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The following documents must be attached to this application
Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.
Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable
Cooling component benefit matrix, if applicable
Minutes, notes, or transcripts of public hearing(s).
Policy Manual.
Subrecipient Contract.
Model Plan Participation Notes for Tribes.