# **DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)**

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance
Grantee Name: Nevada
Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 1
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	L	OW INCC	ME HOME	E ENERGY AS MODEL SF - 424 - M	. PLAN		ROGRA	M(LIHEAP)	
		* 1.b. Frequency: • Annual		* 1.c. Consolidated Application/Pl an/Funding Request? Explanation:			<ul> <li>* 1.d. Version:</li> <li>Initial</li> <li>Resubmission</li> <li>Revision</li> <li>Update</li> </ul>		
					2. Date Recei	ived:		State Use Only:	
					3. Applicant	Identifie	r:		
					4a. Federal F	Entity Ide	entifier:	5. Date Received By State:	
					4b. Federal A	Award Id	lentifier:	6. State Application Identifier:	
7. APPLICAN	NT INFO	ORMATION							
* a. Legal Na	me: Ne	vada Division o	f Welfare and Su	pportive Services					
* <b>b. Employe</b> 0022-A9	r/Taxpa	yer Identificat	ion Number (EII	N/TIN): 1-88-600-	* c. Organiza	ational D	<b>UNS:</b> 1978	64648	
* d. Address:							i		
* Street 1:		DIVISION O ES	F WELFARE &	SUPPORT SERVIC	Street 2:		1470 EAST COLLEGE PARKWAY		
* City:		CARSON CI	TY		County:				
* State:		NV			Province:				
* Country	:	United States			* Zip / Postal Co 89706 - 7924 de:		24		
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Department Nevada Depa		of Health and H	uman Services		Division Nan Division of V		and Supportive	e Services	
f. Name and c	ontact i	nformation of	person to be con	tacted on matters inv	volving this ap	oplication	1:		
Prefix:	* First betsy	Name:		Middle Name	Middle Name: * Las ranse			st Name: idell	
Suffix:	Title: Chief	, Employment &	& Supportive Serv	v Organization Division of W	al Affiliation: Velfare and Su	pportive S	Services		
* Telephone Number: (775) 684-0 552	Fax Nu	umber		* Email: bransdell@dv	wss.nv.gov				
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<b>b. Addition</b> Nevada Divis		-	portive Services,	1470 College Parkwa	y, Carson Citv	, NV 897	06-7924		
* 9. Name of 1		*	^						
				Catalog of Federal Don Assistance Number				CFDA Title:	
10. CFDA Num	bers and	l Titles	93568			Low-Inc	ome Home Er	nergy Assistance	
11. Descriptiv	e Title o	of Applicant's l	Project						
12. Areas Aff	ected by	Funding:							

Statewide							
13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	S OF:						
* a. Applicant 2		b. Program/Project: Statewide					
Attach an additional list of Program	Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.						
14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:					
<b>a. Start Date:</b> 10/01/2019	<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2020	* a. Federal (\$): b. Match (\$) \$0					
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT T	O REVIEW BY STATE UNDER E	<b>XECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>					
a. This submission was made ava	ailable to the State under the Executi	ve Order 12372					
Process for Review on :							
b. Program is subject to E.O. 123	372 but has not been selected by Stat	e for review.					
c. Program is not covered by E.C	). 12372.						
omplete and accurate to the best of	tify (1) to the statements contained in my knowledge. I also provide the req alse, fictitious, or fraudulent stateme	n the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, c uired assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I acc nts or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalti					
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c instructions.		ii.					
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Ti betsy ransdell	tle of Authorized Certifying Official	<b>18c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)</b> (775) 684-0552					
		18d. Email Address bransdell@dwss.nv.gov					
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official     18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)       09/17/2019							
	cuments as specified in	agency instructions.					

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN SF - 424 - MANDATORY						
Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Washington, DC 20201 August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01 OMB Approval No. 0970-0075 Expiration Date: 09/30/2020 THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is req uired in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in years in which the grantee is not permitted to file an abbreviated plan. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time fo r 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 cur						
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	10/01/2019	09/30/2020				
Cooling assistance	10/01/2019	09/30/2020				
Crisis assistance	10/01/2019	09/30/2020				
Weatherization assistance	Weatherization assistance     10/01/2019					
Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary						
Nevada has a combined year-round heating and cooling program. All of the information will be provided in the Heating Assistance sectio n.						
Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16	Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16					
.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages nust add up to 100%.						
Heating assistance 78.0						
Cooling assistance 0.0						
evoling assistance	Crisis assistance 2.00					
Crisis assistance		2.00%				
Crisis assistance Weatherization assistance		5.00%				
Crisis assistance Weatherization assistance Carryover to the following federal fiscal year		5.00%				
Crisis assistance Weatherization assistance Carryover to the following federal fiscal year Administrative and planning costs		5.00% 8.00% 7.00%				
Crisis assistance Weatherization assistance Carryover to the following federal fiscal year		5.00%				

Section 1 - Program Components

Alteri	nate Use of Crisis Assistance Fi	unds, 260	)5(c)(1)(	(C)							
1.3 Tł	e funds reserved for winter cr	isis assis	tance th	at have not been	expend	ded by M	arch 15 wi	ill be r	reprogrammed to	:	
1	Heating assistance	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	Cooli	Cooling assistance							
	Weatherization assistance		Other	Other (specify:) See attachment for Section 1 for heating and cooling assistance explanation							
1.4 Do mn be	orical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A o you consider households cate clow? O Yes O No answered "Yes" to question 1	gorically	eligible	if one household	memb	oer receiv	es one of t			of be	nefits in the left colu
n you	answered res to question r	. <b>-</b> , you n	lust con	Heating			oling	s 1.5 a	Crisis	1	Weatherization
TANF				C Yes C No		OYes	Ŭ	C	Yes ONo	0	Yes ONo
SSI						OYes			O Yes O No		Yes O <sub>No</sub>
SNAP				$O_{\rm Yes} O_{\rm No}$		O Yes			Yes ONo		Yes O <sub>No</sub>
	-tested Veterans Programs			O Yes O No		O Yes			Yes O No		Yes ONo
	- -	mom Non	20	Heat		~ 103	Cooling	~	Crisis	~	Weatherization
Other	Specify) 1	gram Nan	uC	C Yes C	0	0	Yes ON	2	O Yes O No		O Yes O No
	you automatically enroll hous								NO 1 es NO INO		V Tes V No
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											
1.7d F	Other - Describe:	ousehold	receivir	ng a nominal pay	ment h	as an ene	ergy cost o	r need	?		
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 ?         Image: Constant Constan											
Net Income											
1.9. S	elect all the applicable forms of	f countal	ole incor	ne used to detern	nine a l	househol	d's income	eligih	ility for LIHEAP	,	
	Wages							- ingin			
	Self - Employment Income										
<b>&gt;</b>	Contract Income										
<b>~</b>	Payments from mortgage or S	ales Con	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts								

>	Unemployment insurance
>	Strike Pay
V	Social Security Administration (SSA ) benefits
$\square$	Including MediCare deduc       Image: Second control of the second con
>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI )
>	Retirement / pension benefits
<b>&gt;</b>	General Assistance benefits
<b>&gt;</b>	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
	Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) benefits
<ul> <li></li> </ul>	Loans that need to be repaid
<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>	Cash gifts
	Savings account balance
<ul> <li></li> </ul>	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.
>	Jury duty compensation
>	Rental income
<b>&gt;</b>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
<b>&gt;</b>	Income from work study programs
<ul> <li></li> </ul>	Alimony
<ul> <li></li> </ul>	Child support
>	Interest, dividends, or royalties
<b>&gt;</b>	Commissions
<b>&gt;</b>	Legal settlements
<b>&gt;</b>	Insurance payments made directly to the insured
	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate
<ul> <li></li> </ul>	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
$\mathbf{>}$	Funds received by household for the care of a foster child
$\mathbf{>}$	Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid
	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)
<	Other
	Personal Property Income, Military Income, Property Income, Church/Charitable Support, etc.
	Income is any type of payment that is a gain or benefit to a household. When determining eligibility, any income not specifically lis ted as exempt is counted.
	ny of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

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	Section 2 - Heating Assistance							
Eligibility, 26	05(b)(2) - Assurance 2							
2.1 Designate	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 ha EATING ASS	ive additional eligibility requirements fo SITANCE?	r H 💽 Yes	O No					
2.3 Check the	appropriate boxes below and describe t	he policies fo	r each.					
Do you requi	re an Assets test ?	C Yes	💽 No					
Do you have a	additional/differing eligibility policies for	r:						
Renters	:?	C Yes	© No					
Renters Living in subsidized housing ?		💽 Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
Renters with utilities included in the rent ?		💽 Yes	ONO					
Do you give p	priority in eligibility to:							
Elderly	?	• Yes	C <sub>No</sub>					
Disable	d?	• Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
Young	children?	💽 Yes	CNo					
Househ	olds with high energy burdens ?	C Yes	© No					
Other?	Fast-Track	• Yes	ONo					
Other?	Fast-Track	💽 Yes	C No					

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

See attachment for section 2 or read below:

#### 2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for HEATING ASSISTANCE?

1. Identification of the applicant is required. If the utility bills are not in the applicant's name, identification of the individual named on the utility bills will be required.

2. Applications must be submitted by the person whose name appears on the utility bill or the applicant must provide written authorizati on, from the individual whose name is printed on the bill, to act on their behalf. The applicant must be the person who is responsible for paying th e cost of energy for the household.

(Exceptions to the additional eligibility requirements may be granted by the Chief of Employment and Support Services if a hardship exist

s.)

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

Renters living in subsidized/public housing where all utilities are included in the rent and they are not billed separately for their energy cos ts are ineligible for an EAP benefit. If the utility account(s) are in the landlord's name and the utilities are included in the rent, and the residence is not master-metered, an eligible household may receive the minimum payment of \$180 paid directly to the household if all other eligibility criteria are met.

Eligible households with a solar vendor are eligible for the minimum payment of \$180 for the solar vendor.

## Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Prior recipient households consisting of elderly and/or disabled members will be mailed a simplified re-determination application about 30 days preceding the date they may be eligible for a current year benefit. Applications received by households consisting of elderly, disabled, and/or have a child less than 6 years of age should be processed within 30 days (rather than 60 days) of receipt.

The Fast-Track Component provides expedited application processing for eligible households whose energy source is in danger of being in terrupted. Specific eligibility criteria must be met to qualify. In addition to other qualifying criteria, the household must have experienced an une xpected loss or reduction of income during the last 2-5 months that equals at least 15 percent of the gross household income.								
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) -	Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
		nerable populations,e.g., benefit amount	ts, early application periods, etc.					
	cap benefit will apply to household n 30 days of receipt of the application	ds with an elderly, disabled, and/or have a ion.	child less than 6 years of age mem					
2.5 Check the variables you use to dete	rmine your benefit levels. (Check	all that apply):						
Income								
Family (household) size								
Home energy cost or need:	Mome energy cost or need:							
Fuel type								
Climate/region								
Individual bill								
Dwelling type								
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)								
Energy need								
Other - Describe:								
<ul> <li>See attachment for section 2 or read below: <ol> <li>Eligible households having a Fixed Annual Credit (FAC) benefit of zero to, and including, \$179 will receive a payment of \$180.</li> <li>Eligible households residing in master metered residences will have the following rules applied: </li> <li>If all utilities are in the landlord's name and included in the rent, and the household does not reside in subsidized housing, and does not receive a separate bill that includes consumption and dollar usage, the household will receive a payment of \$180.</li> <li>If all utilities are in the landlord's name but the household receives a separate bill that includes consumption and dollar usage, the household receives a separate bill that includes consumption and dollar usage, the household receives a separate bill that includes consumption and dollar usage, the household receives a separate bill that includes consumption and dollar usage, the household receives a separate bill that includes consumption and dollar usage, the household receives a separate bill that includes consumption and dollar usage, the household's name and one is in the household's name, the household will receive a fixed annual credit based on the utility in the household's name payable to the household's utility, unless the household receives a separate bill from the landlord that includes e nergy consumption and dollar usage.</li> <li>If the household receives both, the household may receive a fixed annual credit based on both utilities payable to the household's utility not to e xceed the annual usage, and the remainder payable to the household.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Bligible households with a solar vendor are eligible for the minimum payment of \$180 for the solar vendor.</li> </ul>								
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance - 2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels fo								
2.0 Describe estimated bencht revels to	111 2020.	Ĩ						
Minimum Benefit	\$180	Maximum Benefit	\$3,136					
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blank	ets, space heaters) and/or other fo	orms of benefits? 💽 Yes 🔘 No						
If yes, describe.								
<ul> <li>2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2019: See attachment for Section 2</li> <li>2.7 Do you provide in-kind e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?</li> <li>Funds may be utilized to provide emergency supplies to households experiencing loss of electricity and/or heating for an extended period o f time.</li> </ul>								
If any of the above questio the fields provided, attach		lanation or clarification tha explanation here.	t could not be made in					

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	Secti	on 3 - (	Cooling Assis	stance		
Eligibility, 2605(	c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2					
3.1 Designate Th	e income eligibility threshold used for th	ne Cooling o	component:			
Add	Household size		Eligibi	lity Guideline	Eligibility Thresho	old
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guid	elines		150.00%
3.2 Do you have a OOLING ASSIT	additional eligibility requirements for C VANCE?	💽 Yes	C No			
3.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the	policies for	each.			
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	C Yes	💽 No			
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:	<u>.</u>				
Renters?		C Yes	💽 No			
Renters Liv	ving in subsidized housing ?	• Yes	O <sub>No</sub>			
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	• Yes	C No			
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:					
Elderly?		• Yes	O <sub>No</sub>			
Disabled?		• Yes	ONO			
Young chil	dren?	• Yes	ONO			
Household	s with high energy burdens ?	O <sub>Yes</sub>	• No			
Other? Fas	st Track	• Yes ONo				
Explanations of 1	policies for each "yes" checked above:					
Ne	vada has a year-round program. See Heat	ing Assistan	ce for details.			
3.4 Describe how	you prioritize the provision of cooling a	assistance to	ovulnerable populat	tions.e.g., benefit amou	nts, early application perio	ods. etc.
	vada has a year-round program. See Heati					,
Determination of	P. Dama #42 2005(b)(5) Agamman as 5 2005	(a)(1)( <b>D</b> )				
	f Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605 riables you use to determine your benefi		heck all that apply):			
Income			•PP2J			
	usehold) size					
	type					
	••					
	nate/region					
	vidual bill					
🗹 Dwe	lling type					
🗹 Ener	Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)					

Energy need						
Other - Describe:						
Nevada has a year-round program. See Heating Assistance for details.						
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for F	Y 2020:					
Minimum Benefit \$180 Maximum Benefit \$3,136						
Minimum Benefit						
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air o	conditioners) and/or other for	ns of benefits? • Yes O No				
	conditioners) and/or other for	ns of benefits? 💽 Yes 🔘 No				
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air o If yes, describe.	conditioners) and/or other for gram. See Heating Assistance fo					

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Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE						
	)4(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)					
-	he income eligibility threshold used for the crisis compo					
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold			
1	All Household Sizes H	HS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%			
lity and been denied. The second means a household is in crisis when annual gross income exceeds the current income limit except allowable qua ifying expenses attributable to the crisis reduces the income to the current income limit or less. The third means a household that has an established arrearage on their account with their heating and/or cooling vendor and such arrearage may result in utility shut-off. "Energy emergency" for Housing Division purposes means the household's primary heating system is unsafe or inoperable duing the winter r months, or the household's primary cooling system is unsafe or inoperable during the summer months. In the event of an unexpected 'emergency' such as a weather-related event or a supply shortage the DWSS Administrator has the discreation n to authorize use of LIHEAP funding to assist eligible receipients with in-kind and energy related needs. <b>4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?</b> If the loss of energy causes a life-threatening situation; for household member's a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible requires eligible receipients with member's a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible requires eligible receipients as a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible requires eligible receipients is a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible requires eligible receipients with member's a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible receipients with member's a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible receipients with member's a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible receipients with member's a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible receipients with the requires eligible receipients with the requires a serious illness or other medical condition that requires eligible receipients with the requires of the receipients with the requires of the r						
ectrical medical equipment or life support or which would otherwise be aggravated by interrupution or termination of electrical service. 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						
-	ty, 2605(c)(1)(A) e additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSIST	Yes CNo				
ANCE?						
	appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each	h O Yes  O No				
	e an Assets test ?	V Yes W No				
Elderly?	iority in eligibility to :	• Yes O No				
	2	• Yes • No				
Disabled						
Young C		⊙ Yes ◯ No				
	lds with high energy burdens?	O Yes O No				
	Other? Fast-Track O Yes O No					

In Order to receive crisis assistance:	
Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?	⊙ <sub>Yes</sub> O <sub>No</sub>
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	C Yes O No
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	C Yes O No
Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have receiv ed an eviction notice ?	O Yes ⊙ No
Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?	C Yes O No
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipm ent?	O Yes ⊙ No
<b>Other?</b> Nevada has the following crisis components available for F Y15: 1) Fast Track, 2) Crisis Intervention, 3) Arrearage Payment (When fun ding permits at the discretion of the Administrator).	⊙ Yes CNo
Do you have additional / differing eligibility policies for:	
Renters?	C Yes O No
Renters living in subsidized housing?	• Yes O No
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	• Yes O No
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:	n

#### See attachment for section 4 or see below:

#### 4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. Identification of the applicant is required. If the utility bills are not in the applicant's name, identification of the individual named on the utility bills will be required.
- 2. Applications must be submitted by the person whose name appears on the utility bill or the applicant must provide written authorization, from t he individual whose name is printed on the bill, to act on their behalf. The applicant must be the person who is responsible for paying the cost o f energy for the household. (Exceptions to the additional eligibility requirements may be granted by the Chief of Employment and Support Serv ices if a hardship exists.)

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

## Do you give priority in eligibility to:

Prior recipient households consisting of elderly and/or disabled members will be mailed a simplified re-determination application about 30 days preceding the date they may be eligible for a current year benefit. Applications received by households consisting of elderly, disabled, and/o r have a child under 6 years of age should be processed within 30 days of receipt.

The Fast-Track Component provides expedited application processing for eligible households whose energy source is in danger of being in terrupted. Specific eligibility criteria must be met to qualify. In addition to other qualifying criteria, the household must have experienced an une xpected loss or reduction of income during the last 2-5 months that equals at least 15 percent of the gross household income.

#### Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?

Fast Track:

The household must 1) have received a 48-hour disconnect notice from their heating or electric service, or 2) have been disconnected, or 3) be in need of heating fuel and have less than 10% in their tank, or 4) need a deposit to establish service, or 5) have a life-threatening situation if th ey lose energy; and, 6) have paid at least \$25 on their utility bill(s) during the sixty (60) days prior to the emergency; and 7) have requested a pay ment plan and been denied or already have a payment plan established but are unable to meet the payment requirements.

Other:

Nevada has the following crisis components available: 1) Fast Track, 2) Crisis Intervention, and 3) Arrearage Payment (When funding per mits at the discretion of the Administrator).

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

Renters living in subsidized/public housing where all utilities are included in the rent and they are not billed separately for their energy cos ts are ineligible for an EAP benefit.

If the utility account(s) are in the landlord's name and the utilities are included in the rent, and the residence is not master-metered, and elig ible household may receive the minimum payment of \$180 paid directly to the household if all other eligibility criteria are met.

Eligible households with a solar vendor are eligible for the minimum payment of \$180 for the solar vendor.

#### **Determination of Benefits**

4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?

	Separate component				
>	Fast Track				
>	Other - Describe:				
	See attachment for section 4 or see below:				
	Fast Track:				
	The Fast-Track Component is the expedited processing of an energy assistance application to respond in emergent situations.				
	Application Processing Times:				
	a) When an eligible household, if having a loss of energy causes a life-threatening situation, applies for energy cri sis benefits their case will be processed within 18 hours of receipt of their application and proof of eligibility.				
	b) If an eligible household has received a 48-hour disconnect notice their case will be processed within 48 hours o f receipt of their application and proof of eligibility.				
	Other:				
	The Crisis Intervention Component assists households experiencing a special circumstance or crisis and whose gro ss annual income exceeds the current income limits to be set by the Administrator, not to exceed 150% of poverty except f or allowable qualifying expenses that reduce the annual income to the current income limits of poverty or less.				
	Qualifying expenses may include: 1) Unreimbursed medical expenses for medical emergencies or long-term, chro nic medical conditions; 2) Unreimbursed compulsory and necessary home repairs; 3) Automobile repairs only if transport ation is needed for ongoing medical care, the repairs are critical to the operation of the vehicle, and, it is the only registere d vehicle in the household. Regular maintenance is excluded, including tire purchases. The qualifying expense must be su pported by valid and verifiable documentation, and must create a financial hardship for a period of no less than three (3) months.				
	A household that meets the criteria for Fast Track or Crisis Intervention receives the amount to which they are entitled based on the FAC benefit not to exceed the benefit cap for the household's size and income.				
	And/or Arrearage Payment Component:				
	This component enables targeted low-income households to achieve energy self-sufficiency through a combined o ne-time arrearage payment and an ongoing FAC benefit. The DWSS Administrator has the flexibility to restrict the Arrea rage Payment Component to special households (child under 6, elderly, or disabled) or suspend the program entirely when program funding is limited following a 30 day public notice period.				
	The arrearage payment is an amount eliminating the applicant's debt owed to their heating and/or cooling vendor(s ). The following criterion applies:				
<ol> <li>The household's income must not exceed the current income limits of the federally designated level sign as determined by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.</li> <li>An eligible household may receive an arrearage payment only once in a lifetime. The only exceptions at ith chronic, long-term medical conditions that create a financial hardship and/or increase energy consuntime payment may be for both energy vendors. However, a subsequent request for an arrearage payment a later date in the event the previous arrearage payment did not cover one of the household's energy vendors.</li> </ol>					
	An eligible household that meets the criteria for the Arrearage Payment Component, receives both an arrearage pa yment [the amount necessary to satisfy the past due debt incurred with their energy vendor(s) and their regular FAC (not t o exceed the cap) benefit.				
4.9 If you have a sepa	rate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?				
	Amount to resolve the crisis.				
	Other - Describe:				
Crisis Requirements,	2604(c)				
	plications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?				
🖲 Yes 🔘 No E	• Yes O No Explain.				
The Div the State of Nev	ached explanation or see below: rision of Welfare and Supportive Services has 30 servcie provider contracts with approximately 40 intake site locations throughout vada to provide outreach and intake services to applicants. Intake sites provide information about the Energy Assistance Program i eligibility rules, assisting clients in completing the application, copying all required verifications and documentation, and making p				

the State of Nevada to provide outreach and intake services to applicants. Intake sites provide information about the Energy Assistance Program i ncluding basic eligibility rules, assisting clients in completing the application, copying all required verifications and documentation, and making p rovisions for clients who are homebound to receive the same services utilizing home visits and/or telephone calls. Intake Sites are required to mail or fax completed applications and related documentation to the nearest LIHEAP/EAP office. The Intake Sites include senior centers and senior pr ograms, human/social service agencies, family resource centers, not-for-profit neighbor programs, churches, housing authorities and development programs, various agencies serving the disabled, community coalitions, Native American tribal assistance agencies, Hispanic services agencies, an d legal aid agencies. 4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically disabled the means to:

Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?

• Yes O No If No, explain.

Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?

C 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 disa bled?

Applications can be mailed/faxed/emailed to any Welfare office.

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

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

Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit

Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit

Year-round Crisis \$3,136.00 maximum benefit

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

• Yes O No If yes, Describe

4.12 See 4.8 for complete benefit explanation for Year-round Crisis benefit amount.

4.13 Funds may be utilized to provide emergency supplies to households experiencing loss of electricity and/or heating for an extended per iod of time.

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

O 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 C risis	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 ex	nforce a mo	ratorium on	shut offs?
• Yes O No			
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must 4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and an			17. eceived by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.
See attachment for section 4 or see below:			

The moratorium period for all customers is temperature-based, above 105 degrees or below 15 degrees unless the household has an elderly or disabled person the temperature-base is above 95 degrees or below 20 degrees.

Special dispensation received by all customers:

Disconnection is delayed for 30 days, with one renewal, if medical emergency.

Customer must pay bill in installments within the next 90 days.

Elderly and handicapped must have 48-hour notice.

Disconnection is delayed if customers agree to pay bill in installments within the next 90 days.

Consumer Bill of Rights: http://puc.nv.gov/Consumers/Be\_Informed/Consumer\_Bill\_of\_Rights/

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	Sectio	on 5: WEATHE	RIZATION ASSISTANCE	
	c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assur			
5.1 Designate the	income eligibility thresho	ld used for the Weatheriz	ation component	
Add	Househo	ld Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.009
<b>5.2 Do you enter</b> No	into an interagency agree	nent to have another gov	ernment agency administer a WEATHERIZ	ATION component? • Yes
5.3 If yes, name t	he agency. Department of	Business and Industry Hou	sing Division	
	arate monitoring protocol		<u> </u>	
Entirely und Mostly und Incor Weat le units or will be Weat are facilities). Othe	me Threshold therization of entire multi- ecome eligible within 180 d therize shelters temporaril r - Describe:	CAP) rules following DOE WAP rul family housing structure ays y housing primarily low i	le(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ ( is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in ncome persons (excluding nursing homes, pr	2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligil
	ler DOE WAP rules, with	the following LIHEAP ru	le(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (	Check all that apply.)
		OOE WAP maximum stat	ewide average cost per dwelling unit.	
Weat	therization measures are n	ot subject to DOE Saving	s to Investment Ration (SIR ) standards.	
We	r - Describe: eatherization activities/mate n conjunction with DOE fun		on 96.87 may be included in the services offere equirements do not apply.	ed. Also, when LIHEAP funds are
	lowable countable income is at or below 150% of povert		E allows 200% of poverty but for LIHEAP cust	tomers client eligibility for those
Eligibility, 2605(	b)(5) - Assurance 5			
5.6 Do you requi	re an assets test?	O Yes O No		
5.7 Do you have a	additional/differing eligibi	lity policies for :		
Renters		O Yes 💿 No		
Pontors liv	ing in subsidized housing	• Yes O No		

?					
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:					
Elderly?	• Yes O No				
Disabled?	• Yes O No				
Young Children?	€ Yes CNo				
House holds with high energy burde ns?	• Yes O No				
<b>Other?</b> Weatherization related health and safety hazard.	⊙ Yes ONo				
If you selected "Yes" for any of the options ow.	in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, y	ou must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field bel			
See attachment for section 5	or see below:				
-	•	properties where both utilities are in the landlord's name and the tenant does the household is not eligible to receive weatherization services.			
		erization related health and safety hazards or inoperative primary heating or c y, disabled, contain children under the age of six, or have a high energy burd			
Funds may be utilized to provid ctricity and/or heating for an extended		portable space heaters, coolers or fans to households experiencing loss of ele			
Benefit Levels					
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weat	herization benefit/expenditur	re per household? 🕑 Yes 🕖 No			
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$10,000					
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)					
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measur	es do you provide ? (Check a	ll categories that apply.)			
Weatherization needs assessments/a	udits	Energy related roof repair			
Caulking and insulation		Major appliance Repairs			
Storm windows		Major appliance replacement			
Furnace/heating system modification	Furnace/heating system modifications/ repairs     Windows/sliding glass doors				
Furnace replacement	✓ Furnace replacement ✓ Doors				
Cooling system modifications/ repair	Cooling system modifications/ repairs Water Heater				
Water conservation measures	✓ Water conservation measures Cooling system replacement				
Compact florescent light bulbs		Other - Describe: Solar screens, mobile home roof coating, LEDs, air infiltration sealing, car bon monoxide and smoke alarms.			
		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.			

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Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - A	ssurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)
6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure that vailable:	t eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance a
Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of agin	ng, 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 availa	ability 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 as e programs.	sistance at application intake for other low-incom
Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to	perform outreach to target groups.
Other (specify):	
Outreach to Welfare recipients.	
If any of the above questions require further explanation the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation of the fields provided.	

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

7.1 Descı , WAP, e	ribe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI tc.).
	Joint application for multiple programs
N	Intake referrals to/from other programs
	One - stop intake centers
<	Other - Describe:

## See attachment for section 7 or see below:

1. Public Assistance Clients – Recipients of other Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) services such as TANF, SNAP and Medicaid are maintained in the NOMADS database. Through a fully automated process, recipient households in NOMADS meeting LIHEAP /Energy Assistance Program (EAP) income guidelines, and who have not applied for energy assistance in the previous or current year, may be peri odically mailed a special EAP application preprinted with data from NOMADS. A cover letter accompanies each application explaining the hous ehold may qualify for energy assistance by reviewing the application, completing missing information and correcting any errors in the preprinted data, signing and dating the application and submitting to the EAP.

2. Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) – Monthly, a list of all eligible EAP households is automatically provided to the Housing Division's WAP via an electronic transfer. These transfers are made to apprise the WAP of high-energy usage households.

3. Independent Fuel Funds – The DWSS coordinates the eligibility criteria and applicant information with energy providers and organiz ations that administer fuel fund programs.

4. Other Programs – The DWSS provides program brochures, posters and/or applications that includes the Weatherization Assistance P rogram website for dissemination to their clients.

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Sect	tion 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and t he Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)				
8.1 Ho	w would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency?				
	Administration Agency				
	Commerce Agency				
	Community Services Agency				
	Energy / Environment Agency				
	Housing Agency				
N	Welfare Agency				
	Other - Describe:				
	ate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15 selected ''Welfare Agency'' in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable.				
8.2 Ho	w do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?				
	The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services has 30 service provider contracts with approximately 40 intake site locations throughout the State of Nevada to provide outreach and intake services to applicants. Intake sites provide information about the Energy Assistance Program i neluding basic eligibility rules, assisting clients in completing the application, copying all required verifications and documentation, and making p rovisions for clients who are homebound to receive the same services utilizing home visits and/or telephone calls. Intake Sites are required to mail or fax completed applications and related documentation to the nearest LIHEAP/EAP office. The Intake Sites include senior centers and senior pr ograms, human/social service agencies, family resource centers, not-for-profit neighbor programs, churches, housing authorities and development programs, various agencies serving the disabled, community coalitions, Native American tribal assistance agencies, Hispanic services agencies, and legal aid agencies.				
8.3 Ho	w do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?				
	The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services has 30 service provider contracts with approximately 40 intake site locations throughout the State of Nevada to provide outreach and intake services to applicants. Intake sites provide information about the Energy Assistance Program i ncluding basic eligibility rules, assisting clients in completing the application, copying all required verifications and documentation, and making p rovisions for clients who are homebound to receive the same services utilizing home visits and/or telephone calls. Intake Sites are required to mail or fax completed applications and related documentation to the nearest LIHEAP/EAP office. The Intake Sites include senior centers and senior pr				

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ograms, human/social service agencies, family resource centers, not-for-profit neighbor programs, churches, housing authorities and development programs, various agencies serving the disabled, community coalitions, Native American tribal assistance agencies, Hispanic services agencies, an d legal aid agencies.

## 8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services has 30 service provider contracts with approximately 40 intake site locations throughout the State of Nevada to provide outreach and intake services to applicants. Intake sites provide information about the Energy Assistance Program i ncluding basic eligibility rules, assisting clients in completing the application, copying all required verifications and documentation, and making p rovisions for clients who are homebound to receive the same services utilizing home visits and/or telephone calls. Intake Sites are required to mail or fax completed applications and related documentation to the nearest LIHEAP/EAP office. The Intake Sites include senior centers and senior pr ograms, human/social service agencies, family resource centers, not-for-profit neighbor programs, churches, housing authorities and development programs, various agencies serving the disabled, community coalitions, Native American tribal assistance agencies, Hispanic services agencies, an d legal aid agencies.

8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a Who determines client eligibility?	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	Non-profits
8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and e lectric vendors?	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	
8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	State Welfare Agency	
8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?				Non-profits

# 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?

Weatherization has an annual application and scoring process.

8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? Four Housing Division Sub-grantees

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

C Yes

 $\odot_{\rm No}$ 

8.9 If so, why?

Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP -

Agency is under criminal investigation

Added agency

Agency closed

Other - describe

Other - describe

If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in
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Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7)	) - Assurance 7
9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?	
Heating • Yes O No	
Cooling O Yes O No	
Crisis O Yes O No	
Are there exceptions? • Yes O No	
If yes, Describe.	
If a client's utility vendor has not entered into an agreement with the Division of W have an account with a utility vendor (i.e., the utilities are in the landlord's name), the ben	
9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?	
Each recipient is mailed a formal notice that explains their eligibility status, benefi ermined ineligible.	t amount and method of payment, or denial reason if det
9.3 How do you assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment?	he normal billing process, the difference between the
In addition to formalized vendor agreements, an audit is conducted each year that n id to them were, indeed, credited to the eligible household's account. At the same time, a escribing the benefits paid and requesting verification the benefits were accurately credited ed and resolved.	random sample of eligible households are sent a letter d
9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated nce?	adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assista
Formalized Vendor Agreements	
9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measure s?	s to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible household
O Yes O No	
If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.	

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	Section 1	0: Program, Fiscal Mo	nitoring, and Audit, 26	05(b)(10)
10.1. How do	you ensure good fiscal	accounting and tracking of LIHEAP	P funds?	
	See attachment for Se	ction 10 or see below.		
ich are ith prop ects of	HEAP/EAP Program M regularly reconciled wi per disbursal of and accor financial activity within See attachment for Sec	th the Accounting Unit's fiscal records punting for funds monitored through th	sheets to track obligations and expendit utilizing the State fiscal year. Funds a e Integrated Financial System (IFS). T	ures against the federal fiscal year, wh re disbursed by the State Controller, w 'his system records and reports all asp
Audit Process				
10.2. Is your I		ited annually under the Single Audit	Act and OMB Circular A - 133?	
	•	ing to the level of material weakness s, or other government agency review	-	
No Findings				
Finding	Туре	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1	reporting	Federal Single Audit Report. As a re cipient of federal LIHEAP funds, the Energy Assistance Program is subjec t to the Single Audit requirement. W ith the audit conducted in FY15, ther e was one finding with Nevada's FF ATA reporting. The person who was new to the position has been trained and the problem has been corrected. Annual Program Evaluation - Nevad a State Statute requires the Division t o contract with an independent audit or for a comprehensive annual evalu ation of the Energy Assistance Progr am to include: statutory compliance, performance measurements, informa tion technology support, business op erations, effectiveness, efficiency, an d the identification of any benefit an d program deficiencies with recomm endations to improve them.	Yes	training changes
10.4. Audits o	f Local Administering	Agencies		
What types of Select all that	-	nents do you have in place for local a	administering agencies/district office	s?
Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133				
🗹 Loca	l agencies/district offi	ces are required to have an annual a	udit (other than A-133)	

	part of compliance process.
Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices	
Compliance Monitoring	
10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEA at apply	AP policies and procedures: Select all th
Grantee employees:	
Internal program review	
Departmental oversight	
Secondary review of invoices and payments	
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:	
A fully automated computer system determines eligibility and benefits. The Program Manager r s by caseworkers, including each case received and the date, each case processed and the date, status of ued (delineated by source of revenue; i.e., LIHEAP, Rate-Payer Funded Universal Energy Charge [UEC opy files are selected for review to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations and procedures and ng. The computer generates a pay record to the State's Integrated Financial System (IFS) where checks the Accounting Unit as well as the LIHEAP/EAP Program Manager and Program Officer, prior to disbu nd reduces potential fraud and abuse. Housing Division inspects a minimum of 10% for which weatherization assistance is provided.	each case, and any amount of benefits iss C], or any other available revenue). Hard c d to ensure accurate and expedient processis are disbursed. Pay records are verified by ursement, which further ensures accuracy a
Assistance Program funding are monitored annually. See attached Section 10: Nevada's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Monitoring Proce pliance.	
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.	
<ul> <li>Annual Program Evaluation - Nevada Revised Statute requires the Division to contract with an indeprevaluation of the Energy Assistance Program to include: statutory compliance, performance measurer siness operations, effectiveness, efficiency, and the identification of any benefit and program deficien m. Annual evaluations are provided to the governor, the legislative commission, and members of the</li> <li>Annual Management Evaluations – Case reviews are conducted by central office program staff to ens blished program policy and to evaluate the accuracy of benefit calculation/distribution. The review d stem application, which produces summary reports. Any review element which falls below a 95% co on plan involving the Deputy of Field Services, the Program Manager, Chief of Employment and Sup quent targeted review is conducted to determine if the corrective action was sufficient to bring the off ive action is required.</li> <li>Staff Performance Case Reviews – Supervisors are required to complete a set number of case reviews formance. Trainees and staff with performance issues are subject to 100% review prior to the posting ws a subset of the review completed by the supervisors to ensure they are adequately identifying and fail to meet performance standards are subject to progressive disciplinary procedures.</li> <li>Single Audit – As a recipient of federal funds, the Division is subject to Single Audits. These an ndent vendor contracted through the State's Controller's Office. Not all programs are reviewed each ye FY 2015.</li> </ul>	ments, information technology support, bu ncies with recommendations to improve the e legislative interim finance committee. sure district offices are complying with esta lata is entered, compiled, and stored in a sy ompliance rate is subject to a corrective acti pport Services and Program Staff. A subse fice into compliance or if additional correct s per worker per month to monitor staff per g of benefits. The Program Manager revie addressing performance issues. Staff who uudits are conducted annually by an indepe

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

Site Visits:

Nevada Housing Division staff conducts on-site file and office reviews once a year. Ten percent (10%) of files are examined to verify clie nt eligibility. Sub-grantees and contractors' insurance, licenses and other certifications are reviewed at this time.

**Desk Reviews:** 

All Sub-grantees must submit monthly fiscal and building weatherization reports for desk review of completed projects.

10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?

Each Sub-grantee is monitored at least once a year. If issues are discovered, additional monitoring may be necessary.

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

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

10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues? 0

10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues? 0

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

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

Tribal Council meeting(s)

✓	Public Hearing(s)
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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:** 

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services recently joined Housing Division's Policy Advisory Council meetings. This provided an avenue for public participation in the development of the plan by soliciting input from consumer advocates, other agencies, and energy vendors; b y mailing copies to interested parties; and by holding public workshops and/or hearings. Divisions receive input from the Policy Advisory Council which is comprised of consumer advocates, utility vendors and other interested parties.

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

## See attachment for Section 11 or read below.

At the Policy Advisory Council meeting on February 27, 2019, there was discussion about application counts for DWSS being low and out reach is going out to all Welfare programs. There was also discussion about transferring up to 15% of the LIHEAP funds to Weatherization, if D WSS meets the intent of the program, to get all households to the median energy burden as practicable, the DWSS Administrator would have the d escretion to increase Weatherization's portion up to 15%.

At the Public Hearing on June 17, 2019, the Energy Assistance Program's proposed recommendation changes for the above to adjust the W eatherization funding from 5% to 15% with the approval of the DWSS Administrator based on funding received as long as most EAP recipients ar e hitting the current energy burden was approved. And, all eligible households with a solar vendor are eligible for the minimum payment of \$180.

The Weatherization Program's proposed recommendation to update their "energy emergency" definition to include the household's primary heating system is unsafe or inoperable during the winter months was approved.

Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only						
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?						
	Date	Event Description				
1	06/17/2019	Located in Carson City Video-conference d in Las Vegas				
11.4. How many parties commented on you	r plan at the hearing(s)? 0					
11.5 Summarize the comments you received	d at the hearing(s).					
There were no comments.						

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

N/A

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

12.1 How many fair hearings did the grantee have in the prior Federal fiscal year? 7

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?

There were no changes.

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

### See attachment for Section 12 or read below.

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services provides an opportunity for an administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for ass istance are denied or who claim their application was not acted upon with reasonable promptness. The procedure for requesting a hearing is as fol lows:

• Applicant/Recipient submits a written request for a hearing and/or case review within 90 days of the date of notice.

- A pre-hearing conference may be held. The pre-hearing conference is an informal proceeding between the applicant/recipient and the LIHEAP/ EAP Program Manager and/or Program Officer or other designated representative. The applicant/recipient may authorize a representative to as sist in the pre-hearing conference.
- If the issues are not resolved, a Hearing Officer, who shall be designated by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Administrator, co nducts a formal hearing within 90 days of the receipt of the hearing request. The hearing decision may be appealed to the district court.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

#### See attachment for Section 12 or read below.

Applicants are advised of their right to an administrative hearing through the "Rights and Obligations" and "Notice of Decision" forms. T he "Rights and Obligations" form is provided to every person who requests an application. If an applicant is denied benefits, he/she is sent forma l notification specifying the reason for the denial. This notice outlines the applicant's rights, including the right to request an administrative hearin g if they disagree with the decision made on their case.

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

See attachment for Section 12 or read below:

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services provides an opportunity for an administrative hearing to individuals whose claim s for assistance are denied or who claim their application was not acted upon with reasonable promptness. The procedure for requesting a hearing is as follows:

- · Applicant/Recipient submits a written request for a hearing and/or case review within 90 days of the date of notice.
- A pre-hearing conference may be held. The pre-hearing conference is an informal proceeding between the applicant/recipient and the LIHEAP/EAP Program Manager and/or Program Officer or other designated representative. The applicant/recipient may authorize a representative to assist in the pre-hearing conference.
- If the issues are not resolved, a Hearing Officer, who shall be designated by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Administr ator, conducts a formal hearing within 90 days of the receipt of the hearing request. The hearing decision may be appealed to the distri ct court.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

## See attachment for Section 12 or read below.

Applicants are advised of their right to an administrative hearing through the "Rights and Obligations" and "Notice of Decision" forms. T he "Rights and Obligations" form is provided to every person who requests an application. If an applicant is denied benefits, he/she is sent forma l notification specifying the reason for the denial. This notice outlines the applicant's rights, including the right to request an administrative hearin g if they disagree with the decision made on their case.

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Section 13: Reduction of home energy needs, 2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16			
3.1 Describe how you use LIHEAP funds to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and ther by the need for energy assistance?			
LIHEAP/EAP staff assists households by mediating with the utility companies and other energy vendors, coordinating sources of assistance, counseling, and making referrals to other agencies and programs.			
13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?			
This is a non-financial benefit and managed through the agency cost allocation methodology.			
3.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.			
N/A			
13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.			
N/A			
3.5 How many households applied for these services? N/A			

13.6 How many households received these services? N/A

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	Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)								
14.1 Do you j • Yes • • •		cation for the leveraging incer	ntive program?						
14.2 Describ ds.	e instructions to any thi	rd parties and/or local agenci	ies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining recor						
alue o	Information is requested for the prior fiscal year on how many households were served, what resource benefit was provided, and the total v alue of the assistance that was provided.								
14.3 For eacl describe the		or benefit to be leveraged in th	he upcoming year that will meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 96.87(d)(2)(iii),						
Resource	What is the type of res ource or benefit ?	What is the source(s) of the res ource ?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?						
1	Discounted rates Hou seholds served: 247 Amount of assistance : \$126,404.56	City of Boulder Citys Discou nt Program	To provide low-income households year-round access to energy assistance and ens ure the greatest number of those eligible receive assistance, Boulder Citys discount program is closely coordinated with LIHEAP. To maximize the impact and effectiv eness of both programs, applicants were screened to determine if any benefits had a lready been awarded to the applicant by LIHEAP. This coordination of efforts towa rd the common goal of assisting low-income households with their energy needs ha s been instrumental in the development and implementation of this resource/benefit						
2	Weatherization/Cons ervation measure Ho useholds served: 3 A mount of assistance: \$6,600	Lincoln County Power Distri ct	To provide low-income households year-round access to energy assistance and ens ure the greatest number of those eligible receive assistance, the Lincoln County Po wer District Customer Assistance Fund is closely coordinated with LIHEAP. This c oordination enabled both programs to expand services to families which otherwise would not have received assistance due to insufficient funds. To maximize the imp act and effectiveness of both programs, applicants were screened to determine if an y benefits had already been awarded to the applicant by LIHEAP. This coordinatio n of efforts toward the common goal of assisting low-income households with their energy needs has been instrumental in the development and implementation of this resource/benefit.						
3	Cash Households ser ved: 18 Amount of as sistance: \$3,461.61	Mt. Wheeler Power Compan y Cooperative Assistance for Residential Energy (CARE)	To provide low-income households year-round access to energy assistance and ens ure the greatest number of those eligible receive assistance, Mt. Wheeler Power Co mpany's CARE Program is closely coordinated with LIHEAP. This coordination en abled both programs to expand services to families which otherwise would not hav e received assistance due to insufficient funds. To maximize the impact and effecti veness of both programs, applicants were screened to determine if any benefits had already been awarded to the applicant by LIHEAP. This coordination of efforts tow ard the common goal of assisting low-income households with their energy needs h as been instrumental in the development and implementation of this resources/bene fit.						
4	Cash Households ser ved: 599 Amount of assistance: \$287,648. 98	Nevada Housing Division 1 5% Set Aside Program	In order to maximize the impact and effectiveness of both Nevadas LIHEAP and th e Housing Division's 15% Set Aside program, families eligible for housing assistan ce who were not able to pay utility deposits and/or initial utility bills were screened to determine if any benefits had already been awarded to the applicant by either pro gram. This coordination of efforts toward the common goal of assisting low-incom e households with their energy needs has been instrumental in the implementation of this resource/benefit.						
5	Cash Households ser ved: 318 Amount of	Universal Energy Charge Fu nd for Weatherization Admin	The Nevada LIHEAP provides a monthly database download report to the Housing Division's Weatherization Assistance Program identifying eligible households who						

	assistance: \$2,875,39 8.64	istered by the Nevada Housi ng Division	se energy assistance benefit was \$600 or greater. The UEC statute (Nevada Revised Statute 702) requires the energy assistance program to establish a mechanism to co mmunicate high energy users to the weatherization program for prioritization for energy conservation measures. The weatherization program tracks and reports the effects the measures had on reducing the energy burden of the household. This interag ency partnership enables low-income Nevadans' to pay the high cost of energy while maintaining a safe and healthy home.
6	Cash Households ser ved: 1512 Amount of assistance: \$279,917. 46	NV Energy-Sierra Pacific Po wer-Special Assistance Fund for Energy" (SAFE)	To provide year-round access to energy assistance and ensure the greatest number of those eligible receive assistance, the SAFE program is closely coordinated with LIHEAP. This coordination enabled both programs to expand services to families which otherwise would not have received assistance due to insufficient funds. In or der to maximize the impact and effectiveness of both programs, SAFE applicants w ere screened to determine if any benefits had already been awarded to the applicant by either program. This coordination of efforts toward the common goal of assistin g households with their energy needs has been instrumental in the development of t his resource/benefit.
7	Cash Households ser ved: 2290 Amount of assistance: \$581,887. 92	NV Power Company Project Reach.	Designed to help vulnerable adults 62 years and older, medically fragile people, se niors who are isolated, as well as deployed Reserve and National Guard members i n need of emergency energy, cooling and utility bill assistance. The program is curr ently available during the summer months until finds are exhausted. The Project Re ach program is closely coordinated with LIHEAP. This coordination enabled both programs to expand services to those who otherwise would not have received assist ance due to insufficient federal funds. In order to maximize the impact and effectiv eness of both programs, Project Reach applicants were screened to determine if any benefits had already been awarded by either program to determine how much additi onal assistance was needed. This coordination of efforts has been instrumental in th e development and implementation of this resource/benefit.
8	Cash Households ser ved: 568 Amount of assistance: \$182,256. 87	Southwest Gas Corporation Energy Share Program	To provide low income households year-round access to energy assistance and ens ure the greatest number of those eligible receive assistance, the Energy Share progr am coordinated with LIHEAP. This coordination enabled both programs to expand services to families which otherwise would not have received assistance due insuffi cient funds or the constraints of LIHEAP eligibility. This coordination of efforts to ward the common goal of assisting low-income households with their energy needs has been instrumental in the development and implementation of this resource/bene fit.
9	Weatherization/Cons ervation measure Ho useholds served: 237 Amount of assistance : \$495,884	Governor's Office of Energy Weatherization Assistance	Governor's Office of Energy set income guidelines at 200% of the federal poverty guidelines to provide services to those households above the states income guidelin es for LIHEAP. Households approved for Home Energy Retrofit Opportunities for Seniors (H.E.R.O.S.) must be seniors over 60 years old and a NV Energy customer. Computerized lists of LIHEAP clients are provided to the weatherization program f or outreach and eligibility purposes.
10	Cash Households ser ved: 151 Amount of assistance: \$22,850.8 3	Valley Electric Association Customer Assistance Fund	To provide low-income households year-round access to energy assistance and ens ure the greatest number of those eligible receive assistance, Valley Electric Associa tions Customer Assistance Fund is closely coordinated with LIHEAP. This coordin ation enabled both programs to expand services to families which otherwise would not have received assistance due to insufficient federal funds. To maximize the imp act and effectiveness of both programs, applicants were screened to determine if an y benefits had already been awarded to the applicant by LIHEAP. This coordinatio n of efforts toward the common goal of assisting low-income households with their energy needs has been instrumental in the development and implementation of this resources/benefit.
11	Cash Households ser ved: 16,135 Amount of assistance: \$9,522, 445.48	Universal Energy Charge (U EC) Fund for Energy Assista nce	The Energy Assistance Program uses its UEC revenue in conjunction with LIHEA P funding to serve additional low-income households at or below 150% of the pove rty level. The funds may only be paid to households who are customers of the seve n regulated utilities and who are required to pay the UEC. Financial Assistance is p aid directly to energy vendors on behalf of LIHEA eligible households.

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Other - Describe:		
Policies communicated through vendor agreements		
Policies are outlined in a vendor manual		
Other - Describe:		
15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention? • 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.		

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

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

Nevada's EAP computer system has been updated to capture and report the required information. Nevada is compliant with the reporting r equirements.

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.

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)									
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanism	s								
a. Describe all mechanisms availal	a. Describe all mechanisms available to the public for reporting cases of suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that apply.								
Online Fraud Reportin	ıg								
Dedicated Fraud Repo	rting Hotline								
Report directly to local	l agency/district office or Grantee offi	ice							
Report to State Inspect	tor General or Attorney General								
Forms and procedures	in place for local agencies/district off	ices and vendors to report fraud, was	te, and abuse						
Other - Describe:		. ,							
b. Describe strategies in place for	advertising the above-referenced reso	ources. Select all that apply							
Printed outreach mater	rials								
Addressed on LIHEAP	application								
Website									
Other - Describe:									
17.2. Identification Documentation	n Requirements								
a. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household n embers.									
Type of Identification Collected		Collected from Whom?							
	Applicant Only	All Adults in Household	All Household Members						
	Required	Required	Required						
Social Security Card is photocopi ed and retained									
	Requested	Requested	Requested						
Social Security Number (Without	Required	Required	Required						
actual Card)									
	Requested	Requested	Requested						
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Government-issued identification	Required	Required	Required						
card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tri									
bal ID, passport, etc.)	Requested	Requested	Requested						

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	Other	Applicant Only Required	Applicant Only Requested	All Adults in Hou sehold Required	All Adults in House hold Requested	All Household Me mbers Required	All Household Members Requested
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b. De	b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.						
17.3	Identification Verification						
	Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply						Select all that
	Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration						
	Match SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency						
>	Match SSNs with state eligibili	ity/case managemen	nt system (e.g., SN	AP, TANF)			
~	Match with state Department	of Labor system					
	Match with state and/or federa	al corrections syster	n				
>	Match with state child support	t system					
>	Verification using private softw	ware (e.g., The Wor	k Number)				
	In-person certification by staff	f (for tribal grantees	s only)				
	Match SSN/Tribal ID number	with tribal databas	e or enrollment ro	ecords (for tribal g	grantees only)		
	Other - Describe:						
17.4	. Citizenship/Legal Residency Ver	rification					
	What are your procedures for ensuring that household members are U.S. citizens or aliens who are qualified to receive LIHEAP benefits? Selec all that apply.						
>	Clients sign an attestation of	citizenship or legal	residency				
	Client's submission of Social	Security cards is ac	cepted as proof of	legal residency			
>	Noncitizens must provide documentation of immigration status						
	Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport						
	Noncitizens are verified throu	igh the SAVE syste	m				
	Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card						
	Other - Describe:						
17.5	Income Verification						
Wha	t methods does your agency utiliz	ze to verify househo	ld income? Select	all that apply.			
>	Require documentation of inco	ome for all adult ho	usehold members				
	Pay stubs						
	Social Security award le	etters					
	Bank statements						
	Tax statements						
	Zero-income statements	s					
	Unemployment Insuran	nce letters					
	Other - Describe:						
	• written/signed statement from	employer					
	<ul><li>self-employment records</li><li>statement from 3rd parties contributing funds to the household</li></ul>						
<b>&gt;</b>	Computer data matches:						
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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:			
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			
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards			
Employee training on confidentiality for:			
Grantee employees			
Local agencies/district offices			
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement			
Grantee employees			
Local agencies/district offices			
Physical files are stored in a secure location			
Other - Describe:			
17.7. Verifying the Authenticity			
What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.			
All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.			
All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form			
Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household			
Grantee 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:			
An annual audit is undertaken whereby a random sample of unregulated energy customers is contacted to determine if their energy vendor's monthly customer statement reflected an accurate crediting of their energy assistance payment. In situations where a potential discrepancy exists , the energy vendor's record for the customer is audited to resolve the issue.			
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, a nd 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				
<b>V</b> 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 Grantee				
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism				
Other - Describe:				
17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions				
Describe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.				
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 Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public				
Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process				
If the claim is collectible by recouping monies credited to the household's utility vendor(s) immediate action shall be taken by the EAP wo rker to notify the utility vendor(s) to return any unused monies to DWSS. These monies will be deducted from the claim balance owed by the hou sehold. If a claim balance remains, the case shall be referred to the I&R unit for recovery.				
If a claim balance remains and the household applies for benefits in the subsequent program year, the claim balance may be deducted from the subsequent year's benefit to satisfy the claim if the household is eligible and agrees to amend any previous repayment agreement negotiated wi th the Division. This can be accomplished without regard to whether the household receives a vendor payment or direct payment. Once these ben efits are withheld, the I&R unit shall be notified so their debtor file can record the 'collection'.				
Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? See Attached or First Violation One program year (State Fiscal Year). Second Violation Two program years (State Fiscal Year). Third Violation Permanently Ineligible (lifetim e).				
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:				
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.				

Section 18: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsi bility Matters

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matter s--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 n ecessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospecti ve 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. Ho wever, 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 whic h reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowin gly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to th e Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.BrBbr.

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

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier co vered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, prop osal, 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 1 2549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being su bmitted 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 ent er into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debar ment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authoriz ed by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this propos al that it will include the clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspens ion, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provide d by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modi fication, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier c overed transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a pros pective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for deb arment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or volunt arily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determi nes the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, chec k the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Prog rams.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishm ent 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 ex ceed 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 t ransaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subp art 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation i n this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Governmen t, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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

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

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared i neligible, 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 crimi nal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a publ ic (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violati on of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forg ery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or rece iving 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 offense s 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 def ault.

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

# Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclu sion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

### Instructions for Certification

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

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon whic h reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determine d that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certif ication, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the depar tment or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remed ies, 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 low er 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 co vered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, prop osal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in t he Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in o btaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal tha t, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall n ot knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is pro posed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declar ed ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originat ed.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this prop osal that it will include this clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Susp ension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," with out modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lo wer tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a pros pective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for deb arment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or volunt arily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is er roneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determine s the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check t he List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Progra ms.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishm ent 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 ex ceed 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, i f a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered tr ansaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subp art 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation i n this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Governmen t, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue avail able remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility an Voluntary Exclus ion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this propo sal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this tra nsaction 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 explan ation to this proposal.

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

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

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Wor kplace 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 receip t point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notific ation of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Serv ices, 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 Cer tification)

**1.** By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee i s providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which r eliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that t he grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the req uirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other r emedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under t he Drug-Free Workplace Act.

3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.

4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.

5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be ide ntified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant applicatio n. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or up on award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspe ction. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grant ee's drug-free workplace requirements.

6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or part s 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 hi ghway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemploym ent office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).

7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of th e grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously iden

tified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment comm on rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grante es' 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 regulatio n (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

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

*Criminal drug statute* means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving t he manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled s ubstance;

*Employee* means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect c harge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the perfor mance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are direc tly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grant ee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the gr antee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subreci pients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

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

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distr ibution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in t he grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employ ees for violation of such prohibition;

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

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

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

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

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations o ccurring 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 con dition 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 crimina I 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 u nder paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of suc h conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including po sition title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the conv icted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central p oint 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 u nder 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 termin ation, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amend ed; 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 h ealth, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

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

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

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

2527 N Carson St Ste 260, Carson City, NV, 89706
\* Address Line 1

3330 E Flamingo Rd Ste 55, Las Vegas, NV, 89121 Address Line 2

See Attachment for complete addresses Address Line 3

Carson City \* City

89706 \* Zip Code

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

NV

\* <u>State</u>

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

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

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring durin g the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, w ithin 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, un less 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 numb er(s) of each affected grant.

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

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

Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

The submitter of this application certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge an d 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 of ficer 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 awar ding 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 p aid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employe e of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or a n employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, gr ant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, ``Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with i ts instructions

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be includ ed 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 transac tion was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite f or 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 f ailure.

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 attem pting 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 gu arantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL,` `Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Subm ission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transact ion imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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

Assurances			
(1) use the funds available under this title to			
(A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income househol ds in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes t hat pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with pa ragraph (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 I everaging 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 th e 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 Improve ment 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 olely on the basis of household income if such income is less than 110 percent f the poverty level for such State, but the State may give priority to those house olds with the highest home energy costs or needs in relation to household inco me.			
(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 und			

er any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administere d 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 adm inistered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income ene rgy-related programs under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program), under the supplemental security income program, under p art 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 E nergy Conservation and Production Act, or under any other provision of law whi ch carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportun ity 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 furnish ed to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy c osts or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that t he State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the househol ds described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;

(6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in orde r to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the desig nation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which w as receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any othe r 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; a nd

(B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnish ed to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give s pecial consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any succ essor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecess or agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for w hich the determination is made;

(7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedu res 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 ener gy 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 agre ement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain p rovisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be tr eated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State Ia w or public regulatory requirements; and

(D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local grantees and may be contingent on unregulated ven dors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible house holds, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligibl e for benefits under this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the ri sks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals receivin g financial assistance for home energy costs;

(8) provide assurances that,

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

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

## (9) provide that--

(A) the State may use for planning and administering the use of funds under thi s 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 plannin g and administering the program assisted under this title and will not use Federal f unds for such remaining cost (except for the costs of the activities described in par agraph (16));

(10) provide that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be esta blished as may be necessary to assure the proper disbursal of and accounting fo r Federal funds paid to the State under this title, including procedures for monito ring the assistance provided under this title, and provide that the State will comp ly with the provisions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly kn own 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 ar e not acted upon with reasonable promptness; and

(14) cooperate with the Secretary with respect to data collecting and reporting un der 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 an d intake functions for crisis situations and heating and cooling assistance that is administered by additional State and local governmental entities or community-b ased 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 i n awarding grants or contracts for intake services shall be provided to those age ncies that administer the low-income weatherization or energy crisis intervention programs.

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

(16) use up to 5 percent of such funds, at its option, to provide services that enc ourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby t he need for energy assistance, including needs assessments, counseling, and a ssistance with energy vendors, and report to the Secretary concerning the impac t of such activities on the number of households served, the level of direct benefi ts provided to those households, and the number of households that remain uns erved.

#### **Plan Attachments**

#### PLAN ATTACHMENTS

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).