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ADVISORY: TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 12-08

TO: ALL SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

FROM: DOUGLAS F. SMALL
Deputy Assistant Secretary



SUBJECT: 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines

1. **Purpose.** To issue the revised federal poverty guidelines for the Senior Community Service Employment Program.
2. **References.** Section 518(a) (3) (A) of the Older Americans Act (OAA) Amendments of 2006, Public Law 109-365.
3. **Background.** The Department of Health and Human Services published the updated Federal Guidelines on January 23, 2009. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees after being multiplied by 125 percent to convert poverty to "low-income" as defined at Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the 2006 Amendments to the OAA.
4. **Directive.** The federal poverty guidelines found in the attachment are effective from the date they were published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2009 (74 FR 4199). Grantees must use this effective date for program operations.
5. **Action Required.** Grantees must use the attached poverty and low-income guidelines when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility.
6. **Effective Date.** The effective date is January 23, 2009.
7. **Inquiries.** Questions should be directed to your regional Federal Project Officer.
8. **Attachment.** 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines

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| RESCISSIONS: TEGL 19-07 | EXPIRATION DATE: Continuing |
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ATTACHMENT

2009 HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES ADAPTED FOR SCSEP

| Size of Family Unit | 48 Contiguous States and D.C. | (x125%) | Alaska | (x125%) | Hawaii | (x125%) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | \$10,830 | \$13,538 | \$13,530 | \$16,913 | \$12,460 | \$15,575 |
| 2 | \$14,570 | \$18,213 | \$18,210 | \$22,763 | \$16,760 | \$20,950 |
| 3 | \$18,310 | \$22,888 | \$22,890 | \$28,613 | \$21,060 | \$26,325 |
| 4 | \$22,050 | \$27,563 | \$27,570 | \$34,463 | \$25,360 | \$31,700 |
| 5 | \$25,790 | \$32,238 | \$32,250 | \$40,313 | \$29,660 | \$37,075 |
| 6 | \$29,530 | \$36,913 | \$36,930 | \$46,163 | \$33,960 | \$42,450 |
| 7 | \$33,270 | \$41,588 | \$41,610 | \$52,013 | \$38,260 | \$47,825 |
| 8 | \$37,010 | \$46,263 | \$46,290 | \$57,863 | \$42,560 | \$53,200 |
| For each additional person, add: | \$3,740 | \$4,675 | \$4,680 | \$5,850 | \$4,300 | \$5,375 |