




**Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Housing Stabilization**

To: DHCD Field Staff  
From: Ita Mullarkey, Associate Director   
Date: January 16, 2020  
RE: Housing Stabilization Notice 2020-01, Implementation of Increase in the Federal Poverty Guidelines effective January 11, 2019.

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Effective January 14, 2020, the new Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) have been implemented and will be used to determine eligibility for Emergency Assistance (EA). The EA income standard for initial eligibility is 115 % of the FPG, the continuing eligibility standard for remaining in EA is 200% of FPG. This change has been programmed into ASIST. Below is the chart to use when determining eligibility.

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>115% of FPG EA Monthly Income Eligibility Standard</b>	<b>200% of FPG EA Monthly Income Eligibility Standard</b>
1	\$1,223	\$2,127
2	\$1,652	\$2,873
3	\$2,082	\$3,620
4	\$2,511	\$4,367
5	\$2,940	\$5,113
6	\$3,370	\$5,860
7	\$3,799	\$6,607
8	\$4,228	\$7,353
Per Additional Person	\$429	\$747

This notice supersedes all prior guidance issued by the Division of Housing Stabilization in regard to maximum income limits for receipt of Emergency Assistance benefits based on then current Federal Poverty Guidelines.