



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

To: DHCD Field Staff
From: Ita Mullarkey, Associate Director
Date: January 23, 2018
RE: Housing Stabilization Notice 2019-01, Implementation of Increase in the Federal Poverty Guidelines effective January 11, 2019.

Effective January 11, 2019, the new Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) issued pursuant to the Federal Register¹ will be used to determine eligibility for Emergency Assistance (EA). The EA eligibility for applicants and recipients is 115 % of the Federal Poverty Guideline. This change has been programmed into ASIST. Below is the EA eligibility standard chart to use when determining eligibility.

| Family Size | 115% of FPG EA Monthly Income Eligibility Standard |
|--------------------|---|
| 1 | \$1,197 |
| 2 | \$1,621 |
| 3 | \$2,044 |
| 4 | \$2,468 |
| 5 | \$2,891 |
| 6 | \$3,315 |
| 7 | \$3,738 |
| 8 | \$4,162 |
| Add Person | \$424 |

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.

¹ Federal Register notice forthcoming. Publication is delayed due to temporary closure of federal offices.