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TO : All Senior Community Service Employment Program Grantees

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SUBJECT : 2003 Federal Poverty Guidelines

1. **PURPOSE:** To issue the revised federal poverty guidelines for the Senior Community Service Employment Program.
2. **BACKGROUND:** The Department of Health and Human Services published the updated Federal Poverty Income Guidelines on February 7, 2003. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees after being multiplied by 125 % to convert poverty to "low-income" as defined at Section 516(2) of the 2000 Amendments to the Older Americans Act (OAA). These guidelines also apply to eligibility determinations made for OAA Section 502(e) projects.
3. **DIRECTIVE:** Poverty income guidelines found in the attachment are effective from the date they were published in the Federal Register, on February 7, 2003 (68 FR 6456-03). Grantees must use this effective date for program operations. Grantees must use poverty and low-income levels when making eligibility determinations and when preparing the SCSEP Quarterly Progress Report.
4. **RECISION:** Older Worker Bulletin No. 02-05
5. **INQUIRIES:** Questions should be directed to your Federal Representative.
6. **ATTACHMENT:** 2003 Federal Poverty Guidelines

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2003 Poverty Guidelines and 125 % of Poverty guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Size of family unit	Poverty Guideline	125 % of Poverty Guideline
1.....	\$8,980.00	\$ 11,225.00
2.....	12,120.00	15,150.00
3.....	15,260.00	19,075.00

4.....	18,400.00	23,000.00
5.....	21,540.00	26,925.00
6.....	24,680.00	30,850.00
7.....	27,820.00	34,775.00
8.....	30,960.00	38,700.00

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,140 for each additional member and for 125 % add \$3,925. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above.)

2003 Poverty Guidelines for Alaska

Size of family unit	Poverty Guideline	125 % of Poverty Guideline
1.....	\$11,210.00	\$14,012.50
2.....	15,140.00	18,925.00
3.....	19,070.00	23,837.50
4.....	23,000.00	28,750.00
5.....	26,930.00	33,662.50
6.....	30,860.00	38,575.00
7.....	34,790.00	43,487.50
8.....	38,720.00	48,400.00

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,930 for each additional member and for 125 % add \$4,912.50 (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above.)

2003 Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii

Size of family unit	Poverty Guideline	125 % of Poverty Guideline
1.....	\$10,330.00	\$ 12,912.50
2.....	13,940.00	17,425.00
3.....	17,550.00	21,937.50
4.....	21,160.00	26,450.00
5.....	24,770.00	30,962.50
6.....	28,380.00	35,475.00
7.....	31,990.00	39,987.50
8.....	35,600.00	44,500.00

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,610.00 for each additional member and for 125 % \$4,512.50 (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also.)