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TO: ALL SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

FROM: MOLLY E. CONWAY /s/
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Grants

1. **Purpose.** To bring attention to the revised Federal poverty guidelines for administrators of the SCSEP.
2. **Action Requested.** Grantees must use the attached poverty and low-income guidelines when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility. The 2019 rate reflects an approximate three percent increase to account for last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.
3. **Summary and Background.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published the updated Federal poverty guidelines for 2019 on January 11, 2019. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees. These numbers are multiplied by 125 percent to convert the poverty guidelines to "low-income" as defined at Section 518(a)(3)(A) Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006 (OAA).
4. **SCSEP PY 2019 Poverty Guideline Income Levels.** The Federal poverty guidelines found in the attachment are effective as of January 11, 2019, as directed on the HHS website dated Friday, January 11, 2019. (Note that a *Federal Register* notice from HHS is forthcoming. Publication of that notice was delayed due to temporary closure of some Federal offices.)

Grantees should use January 11, 2019, as the effective date for program operations, as prescribed on the website.

5. **Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.

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6. References.

- Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the OAA, Public Law 109-365 (Reauthorized by the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016, Pub.L 114-144 (04/19/2016))
- HHS Poverty Guidelines: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

7. Attachment(s).

- I. 2019 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines Adapted for SCSEP.