

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> OWI
	<b>CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL</b> OWI-SCSEP
	<b>DATE</b> February 21, 2012

**ADVISORY: TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 16-11**

**TO:** ALL SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

**FROM:** JANE OATES /s/  
Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** 2012 Federal Poverty Guidelines

1. **Purpose.** To issue the revised Federal poverty guidelines for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).
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 poverty guidelines for 2012 on January 26, 2012. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees after being multiplied by 125 percent to convert the poverty guidelines to "low-income" as defined at Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the 2006 Amendments to the OAA.
4. **Action Required.** Grantees must use the attached poverty and low-income guidelines when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility. The 2012 rate reflects a 3.2 percent increase to account for last year's price increase as measured by the Consumer Price Index.
5. **Effective Date.** The Federal poverty guidelines found in the attachment are effective from the date they were published in the Federal Register on January 26, 2012 (77 FR 17). Grantees should use this effective date for program operations.
6. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions to your regional Federal Project Officer.
7. **Attachment.** 2012 Federal Poverty Guidelines

<b>RESCISSIONS:</b> TEGL 18-10	<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b> Continuing
-----------------------------------	---------------------------------------