

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)  
FY 2012-2013 ALLOWABLE SOURCES OF INCOME**

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2012**

<b>INCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME</b> <b>(Includes total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources)</b>	<b>EXCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Money wages and salaries before any deductions</li> <li>2. Net receipts from non-farm employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses)</li> <li>3. Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses)</li> <li>4. <u>REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM:</u> Social Security Railroad retirement Unemployment compensation Strike benefits from union funds Worker's compensation Veteran's payments Public Assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, and non-federally funded General Assistance or General Relief money payments.</li> <li>5. Payments to foster children age 18 or older received through the Independent Living Program</li> <li>6. Training stipends</li> <li>7. Alimony</li> <li>8. Child Support</li> <li>9. Social Security Benefit Garnishes for Non-Payment of School Loans. (The total amount of the Social Security Retirement benefit <b>including</b> the garnished deduction must be used when calculating the applicant's income.)</li> <li>10. Military family allotment or other regular support from a family member or someone not living in the household</li> <li>11. Private pensions</li> <li>12. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay)</li> <li>13. Regular insurance or annuity payments</li> <li>14. Educational Assistance: Grants, Fellowships, Assistantships, College or University Scholarships – <b><u>Only count as income those funds specifically allotted for living expenses</u></b></li> <li>15. Dividends</li> <li>16. Interest</li> <li>17. Net rental income</li> <li>18. Net royalties</li> <li>19. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts</li> <li>20. Net gambling or lottery winnings</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>CAPITAL GAINS</u> Any Assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car.</li> <li>2. Tax Refunds</li> <li>3. Gifts</li> <li>4. Loans</li> <li>5. Lump-sum inheritances</li> <li>6. One-time insurance payments</li> <li>7. Foster Care Payments*</li> <li>8. Compensation for injury</li> <li>9. Combat zone pay to the military</li> <li>10. <u>NON-CASH BENEFITS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Employer-paid or union paid portion of health insurance or other employee benefits</li> <li>(b) Food or housing received in lieu of wages</li> <li>(c) The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms.</li> <li>(d) The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing.</li> <li>(e) Federal non-cash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance.</li> </ol> </li> <li>11. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits cannot be garnished for any reason <u>unless</u> a recipient received an overpayment of benefits. The total amount of the SSI benefit <b>minus</b> the garnished deduction for recoupment must be used when calculating the applicant's income.</li> </ol> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">*Persons whose cost of residence is paid through a foster care or residential program administered by the state <u>cannot</u> be counted as household members.</p>