LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) FY 2014-2015 SOURCES OF INCOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014

INCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME

(Includes total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources)

- 1. Money Wages and salaries before any deductions
- Net receipts from non-farm employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses)
- 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)
- 4. REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM:

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.

- Payments to foster children age 18 or older received through the Independent Living Program
- Training stipends
- Alimony
- Child Support
- Social Security Benefit Gamishes for Non-Payment of School Loans. (The total amount of the Social Security Retirement benefit including the garnished deduction must be used when calculating the applicant's income.)
- Military family allotment or other regular support from a family member or someone not living in the household
- Private pensions
- 12. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay)
- 13. Regular insurance or annuity payments
- 14. Educational Assistance:

Grants, Fellowships, Assistantships, College or University Scholarships – <u>Only count as income those funds specifically allotted for living expenses</u>

- 15. Dividends
- 16. Interest
- 17. Net rental income
- 18. Net royalties
- 19. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts
- 20. Net gambling or lottery winnings

EXCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME

CAPITAL GAINS

Any Assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car.

- Tax Refunds
- Gifts
- 4. Loans
- 5. Lump-sum inheritances
- One-time insurance payments
- 7. Foster Care Payment*
- 8. Compensation for injury
- 9. Combat zone pay to the military
- 10. Adoption Subsidies

11. NON CASH BENEFITS

- (a) Employer-paid or union paid portion of health insurance or other employee benefits
- (b) Food or housing received in lieu of wages
- (c) The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on
- (d) The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing
- (e) Federal non-cash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits cannot be gamished for any reason <u>unless</u> a recipient received an overpayment of benefits.

The total amount of the SSI benefit **minus** the garnished deduction for recoupment must be used when calculating the applicant's income.

*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.