

(1) Income limits for eligibility of lower income households which shall not exceed 30% of the State or area median income, whichever is higher;

(2) The maximum time period for the provision of allowances, ~~taking into consideration the availability of other State or federal programs of assistance to a specific household shall not exceed 6 consecutive months except when the Secretary determines that undue hardship would result if assistance is terminated;~~

(3) ~~The size of maximum total rent for an assisted unit, the size of an assisted unit, and the amount of the monthly rental allowance payments by unit household size, taking into account:~~

- (i) Regional variance within the State;
- (ii) Expected average annual recipient income by household size;
- (iii) Typical rental costs; and
- (iv) Any other factor relative to income or rental costs; ~~and-~~

(4) Minimum standards for eligible housing units:

~~(c) Priority in granting housing allowances shall be given to:~~

~~(1) Homeless persons who do not have permanent housing and who have insufficient resources to secure such housing;~~

~~(2) Eligible households who do not qualify for federal housing assistance but who are capable of maintaining independent living quarters, and for whom no other housing assistance resources are available; and~~

~~(3) Eligible households with critical and emergency housing needs units; and~~

(5) A method of selecting locations for implementing the pilot program that insures the distribution of funds among the various regions of the State.

(c) Housing allowance payments may only be given to:

(1) Homeless persons who:

- (i) do not have permanent housing;
- (ii) have insufficient resources to secure such housing;