

Town of Windham

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MEMORANDUM

To : Town Council
Tony Plante, Town Manager
From : Phyllis Moss, Assistant Town Manager *P. Moss*
Date : August 23, 2016
Re : Recent Legislative Changes to the General Assistance Ordinance

Changes to the General Assistance program in the 2016- 2017 budget that require adoption by the Town include:

An adjustment to the overall maximum level of assistance to be the greater of:

1. Ninety percent of 110% of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) "fair market rental" for federal fiscal year 2016; or
2. The amount achieved by increasing the maximum level of assistance for fiscal year 2016-2017 by 90% of the increase in the federal poverty level from 2015-2016.

Last Year:

(1) \$803 (2) \$956 (3) \$1181 (4) \$1563 (5) \$1641

Updated to:

(2) \$838 (2) \$975 (3) \$1220 (4) \$1638 (5) \$1717

An adjustment to the overall housing allowance (based on the number of bedrooms) as follows:

Last Year:

(0) \$636 (1) \$757 (2) \$939 (3) \$1272 (4) \$1293

Updated to:

(0) \$674 (1) \$781 (2) \$983 (3) \$1355 (4) \$1377

There were no changes to the maximum allowed for food, fuel, electricity, and personal care/household supplies. The reimbursement rate from the State also remains at seventy (70) percent.

I have attached the adoption sheet for Council signature.