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**ADVISORY: TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 15-05**

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

**FROM:** EMILY STOVER DeROCCO  
Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** 2006 Federal Poverty Guidelines

1. **Purpose.** To issue the revised federal poverty guidelines for the Senior Community Service Employment Program.
2. **References.** OAA Section 516(2) and 20 CFR § 641.500.
3. **Background.** The Department of Health and Human Services published the updated Federal Poverty Income Guidelines on January 24, 2006. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees after being multiplied by 125 percent to convert poverty to "low-income" as defined at Section 516(2) of the 2000 Amendments to the Older Americans Act (OAA) and at Section 641.500 of the 2004 Senior Community Service Employment Program Final Rule. These guidelines also apply to eligibility determinations made for OAA Section 502(e) projects.
4. **Advisory.** The poverty income guidelines found in the attachment are effective from the date they were published in the Federal Register, on January 24, 2006 (71 FR 3848). Grantees must use this effective date for program operations. Grantees must use poverty and low-income levels when making eligibility determinations or recertifying participants.
5. **Action Required.** Effective immediately, grantees must use the attached poverty and low-income guidelines when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility.

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6. Inquiries. Questions should be directed to your Federal Project Officer.
7. Attachment. 2006 Federal Poverty Guidelines