ADVISORY: **TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO.** 22-16

TO: ALL SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

FROM: Byron Zuidema /s/
                 Deputy Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Grants

1. **Purpose.** To bring attention to the revised Federal poverty guidelines for administrators of the SCSEP.

2. **References.** Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 (OAA), Public Law 114-144. The *Federal Register*; and Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).

3. **Background.** The Department of Health and Human Services published the updated Federal poverty guidelines for 2017 on January 31, 2017. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees. These XX are multiplied by 125 percent to convert the poverty guidelines to "low-income" as defined at Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the 2016 Reauthorization to the OAA.

4. **Action Required.** Grantees must use the attached poverty and low-income guidelines when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility. The 2017 rate reflects a 1 percent price increase to account for last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

5. **Effective Date.** The Federal poverty guidelines found in the attachment are effective from the date they were published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 (82 FR 8831). Grantees should use January 26, 2017 as the effective date for program operations, as prescribed in the Federal Register.

6. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions to your regional Federal Project Office

7. **Attachment.** 2017 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines Adopted for SCSEP.

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