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To: Welfare Officials and Contracted Agents  
From: Sara Denson, Program Manager, General Assistance  
Date: August 28, 2023  
Subject: New GA Maximums for October 1, 2023

Enclosed please find the following items:

- MMA's new (October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024) “**General Assistance Ordinance Appendices**” (A – H).
- Recovery Residence Housing Maximums (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024)
- “**GA Ordinance Adoption Form**” which was developed so that municipalities may easily send DHHS proof of the adoption of any updated or changed GA Ordinance. Once the selectpersons or council adopts the new ordinance, the enclosed form should be signed and submitted to DHHS. (*see “Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices” below for further information*).
- “**GA Maximums Adoption Form**” which was developed so that municipalities may easily send DHHS proof of GA maximums adoption. Once the selectpersons or council adopts the new maximums, the enclosed form should be signed and submitted to DHHS. (*see “Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices” below for further information*).

### Updates

Please note that updates have been made to Appendix A (overall maximums), Appendix B (food maximums), and Appendix C (housing maximums) of the General Assistance Ordinance. There is also a new Recovery Residence Housing Maximums guide. You can find information about the MMA Model Ordinance on the Maine Welfare Director’s Association (MWDA) website at [www.mainewelfaredirectors.org](http://www.mainewelfaredirectors.org).

### Appendix A – H

The enclosed Appendices A – H have been revised for your municipality’s General Assistance Ordinance. These new Appendices, **once adopted**, should replace the existing Appendices A – G. Even if you are not updating your GA Ordinance, **the municipal officers must approve/adopt the new Appendices yearly**.

### **The Adoption Process**

The **municipal officers (i.e., selectpersons/council)** adopt the local **General Assistance Ordinance and yearly Appendices**, even in town meeting communities. The law requires that the municipal officers conduct a **notice and hearing** prior to the adoption of the Ordinance and/or Appendices. Seven days posted notice is recommended, unless local law (or practice) provides otherwise.

At the hearing, the municipal officers should:

- 1) Allow all interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance;
- 2) End public discussion, close the hearing; and
- 3) Move and vote to adopt the ordinance and/or appendices either in its posted form or as amended in light of public discussion.

### **Municipalities May Establish Their Own Maximums**

Municipalities may establish their own maximum levels of assistance provided that the proposed levels of assistance are reasonable and meet adequate standards sufficient to maintain the health and safety of applicants in the municipality. The municipality must submit to the Department documentation to justify these levels of assistance and verify that the figures developed are appropriate to maintain health and decency.

A municipality's maximum assistance level for Food may not be below the Department provided figures which are issued by the USDA and published annually following a study of cost of food for various family sizes. A market basket survey may be used to establish food maximums if the maximums provided by the USDA are insufficient to maintain health in the municipality. (C.M.R. 10-144, Chapter 323, Section V).

### **Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices**

Please remember that General Assistance law requires each municipality to send DHHS a copy of its ordinance once adopted, should that ordinance differ from the MMA Model. Any changes or amendments, such as new Appendices, must also be submitted to DHHS. DHHS will accept the enclosed "adoption sheet" as proof that your Municipal Officers have adopted the current MMA Model GA maximums and/or ordinance. If you are not making changes to your adopted ordinance, you are only required to submit verification that the new Appendices have been adopted.

Oct 1, 2023 to Sept 30, 2024

**OVERALL MAXIMUMS (A)**

Persons in Household

1	2	3	4	5
\$1,103	\$1,235	\$1,626	\$2,049	\$2,215

Household of 6 = \$2,290  
\* Add \$75 for each additional person

**FOOD MAXIMUMS (B)**

Persons	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$67.67	\$291
2	\$124.42	\$535
3	\$178.14	\$766
4	\$226.28	\$973
5	\$268.60	\$1,155
6	\$322.33	\$1,386
7	\$356.28	\$1,532
8	\$407.21	\$1,751

Add \$219 per month for each + person

**HEATING FUEL (E)**

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
January	225	June – Aug	0
February	225	September	50
March	125	October	100
April	125	November	200
May	50	December	200

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

**HOUSING MAXIMUMS (C)**

BEDROOM	UNHEATED		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	\$223	\$959	\$253	\$1,088
1	\$244	\$1,047	\$283	\$1,218
2	\$322	\$1,384	\$373	\$1,605
3	\$408	\$1,755	\$471	\$2,024
4	\$431	\$1,853	\$508	\$2,185

**PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES (F)**

Number in Household	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

**SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5**

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

Number of Children	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

**MILEAGE RATE (G)**  
46 cents (\$0.46) per mile

**FUNERAL MAXIMUMS (H)**  
Burial: \$1,475+; Cremation: \$1,025+

**ELECTRIC (D)**

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is not automatically entitled to the "maximums" established applicants must demonstrate need.

1) Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$19.95	\$85.50
2	\$22.52	\$96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) Electricity Maximums for Households with Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

**1-800-442-6003**



[For use when adopting **updated appendices only** without amending the body of an existing GA ordinance]

**MUNICIPALITY OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
**GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4305(1), the municipal officers of the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_, after notice and hearing, hereby amend the municipal General Assistance Ordinance by repealing and replacing appendices A through H of the existing ordinance with the attached appendices A through H, which shall be in effect from October 1, 202\_\_ through September 30, 202\_\_. This amendment will be filed with the Maine Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4305(4), and a copy of the ordinance and amended appendices shall be available for public inspection at the municipal office along with a copy of the 22 M.R.S. chapter 1161.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by the municipal officers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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(Print Name)

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(Print Name)

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(Signature)

[Please send a copy of the enactment page only to DHHS, 109 Capitol Street, SHS 11, Augusta, ME 04330-0011]

## 2023-2024 GA Overall Maximums

### Metropolitan Areas

#### Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>Bangor HMFA:</b> Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	886	1,029	1,316	1,638	2,241
<b>Cumberland County HMFA:</b> Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	1,103	1,235	1,626	2,049	2,215
<b>Lewiston/Auburn MSA:</b> Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	853	925	1,186	1,543	1,870
<b>Penobscot County HMFA:</b> Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	846	853	1,126	1,408	1,537
<b>Portland HMFA:</b> Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	1,367	1,593	2,045	2,611	3,201
<b>Sagadahoc HMFA:</b> Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	938	1,118	1,360	1,857	2,219

# Appendix A

Effective: 10/01/23-09/30/24

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>York County HMFA:</b> Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	1,154	1,217	1,509	1,961	2,207
<b>York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA:</b> Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,327	1,393	1,834	2,489	3,175

\*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

## Non-Metropolitan Areas

### Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>Aroostook County</b>	742	812	951	1,281	1,464
<b>Franklin County</b>	781	834	1,033	1,383	1,695
<b>Hancock County</b>	965	996	1,198	1,521	1,655
<b>Kennebec County</b>	879	899	1,120	1,470	1,587
<b>Knox County</b>	905	913	1,120	1,490	1,592
<b>Lincoln County</b>	1,004	1,013	1,282	1,582	2,069
<b>Oxford County</b>	873	878	1,072	1,514	1,761
<b>Piscataquis County</b>	752	810	1,000	1,326	1,598
<b>Somerset County</b>	810	851	1,098	1,430	1,532
<b>Waldo County</b>	1,041	1,047	1,256	1,558	2,132
<b>Washington County</b>	811	816	1,060	1,328	1,453

\* Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

## Appendix B

Effective: 10/01/23 to 09/30/24

# 2023-2024 Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the [U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan](#). As of October 1, 2023, those amounts are:

<b>Number in Household</b>	<b>Weekly Maximum</b>	<b>Monthly Maximum</b>
1	\$ 67.67	\$ 291.00
2	124.42	535.00
3	178.14	766.00
4	226.28	973.00
5	268.60	1,155.00
6	322.33	1,386.00
7	356.28	1,532.00
8	407.21	1,751.00

**Note: For each additional person add \$219 per month.**



## 2023-2024 GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

**NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! ONLY consider adopting the following numbers if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted, and the figures altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. **Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)****

### Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	134	577	169	726	
1	139	598	185	794	
2	156	672	216	929	
3	218	940	292	1,256	
4	243	1,044	333	1,434	
<u>Franklin County</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	143	616	178	765	
1	144	620	190	816	
2	175	754	235	1,011	
3	242	1,042	316	1,358	
4	296	1,275	387	1,665	
<u>Hancock County</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	191	821	221	950	
1	191	821	228	979	
2	222	956	274	1,177	
3	285	1,227	348	1,496	
4	301	1,293	378	1,625	
<u>Kennebec County</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	171	735	201	864	
1	171	735	205	882	
2	204	878	256	1,099	
3	274	1,176	336	1,445	
4	285	1,225	362	1,557	

**Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Knox County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	177	761	207	890
1	177	761	208	896
2	204	878	256	1,099
3	278	1,196	341	1,465
4	286	1,230	363	1,562
<b><u>Lincoln County</u></b>				
	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	200	860	230	989
1	200	860	232	996
2	242	1,040	293	1,261
3	300	1,288	362	1,557
4	397	1,707	474	2,039
<b><u>Oxford County</u></b>				
	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	169	729	200	858
1	169	729	200	861
2	193	830	244	1,051
3	284	1,220	346	1,489
4	325	1,399	403	1,731
<b><u>Piscataquis County</u></b>				
	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	136	587	171	736
1	139	596	184	792
2	168	721	227	978
3	229	985	302	1,301
4	274	1,178	365	1,568
<b><u>Somerset County</u></b>				
	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	155	666	185	795
1	155	666	194	834
2	199	856	250	1,077
3	264	1,136	327	1,405
4	272	1,170	349	1,502

**Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Waldo County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	209	897	239	1,026
1	209	897	239	1,030
2	236	1,014	287	1,235
3	294	1,264	357	1,533
4	412	1,770	489	2,102

  

<b><u>Washington County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	155	667	185	796
1	155	667	186	799
2	190	818	242	1,036
3	241	1,034	303	1,303
4	254	1,091	331	1,423

**Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Bangor HMFA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	172	742	203	871
1	196	841	235	1,012
2	250	1,074	301	1,295
3	313	1,344	375	1,613
4	437	1,879	514	2,211

  

<b><u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	223	959	253	1,088
1	244	1,047	283	1,218
2	322	1,384	373	1,605
3	408	1,755	471	2,024
4	431	1,853	508	2,185

  

<b><u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	165	709	195	838
1	171	737	211	908
2	220	944	271	1,165
3	291	1,249	353	1,518
4	351	1,508	428	1,840

**Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	163	702	193	831
1	163	702	194	836
2	206	884	257	1,105
3	259	1,114	322	1,383
4	273	1,175	351	1,507
<b><u>Portland HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	284	1,223	314	1,352
1	327	1,405	366	1,576
2	419	1,803	471	2,024
3	539	2,317	601	2,586
4	660	2,839	738	3,171
<b><u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	185	794	215	923
1	216	930	256	1,101
2	260	1,118	311	1,339
3	364	1,563	426	1,832
4	432	1,857	509	2,189
<b><u>York Cty. HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	235	1,010	265	1,139
1	239	1,029	279	1,200
2	295	1,267	346	1,488
3	388	1,667	450	1,936
4	429	1,845	506	2,177
<b><u>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	275	1,183	305	1,312
1	280	1,205	320	1,376
2	370	1,592	422	1,813
3	511	2,195	573	2,464
4	654	2,813	731	3,145

## 2023-2024 GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.**

### APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

<u>County</u>	<u>Persons in Household</u>					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>NOTE:</b> For each additional person add \$75 per month.						
(The applicable figures from Appendix A, <i>once adopted</i> , should be inserted here.)						

### APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	\$ 67.67	\$ 291.00
2	124.42	535.00
3	178.14	766.00
4	226.28	973.00
5	268.60	1,155.00
6	322.33	1,386.00
7	356.28	1,532.00
8	407.21	1,751.00
<b>NOTE:</b> For each additional person add \$219 per month.		

### APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				
(The applicable figures from Appendix C, <i>once adopted</i> , should be inserted here.)				

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## APPENDIX D - UTILITIES

### ELECTRIC

**NOTE:** For an electrically heated dwelling also see “Heating Fuel” maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the “maximums” established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) **Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$19.95	\$ 85.50
2	\$22.52	\$ 96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) **Electricity Maximums for Households With Electrically Heated Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

**NOTE:** For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

## APPENDIX E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

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**NOTE:** When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

**APPENDIX F - PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES**

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

**SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5**

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

## **2023-2024 Mileage Rate**

This municipality adopts the State of Maine travel expense reimbursement rate as set by the Office of the State Comptroller. The current rate for approved employment and necessary medical travel etc. is 46 cents (46¢) per mile.

Please refer to the Office of the State Controller for changes to this rate at 626-8420 or visit <http://www.state.me.us/osc/>



## **Funeral Maximums**

### **Burial Maximums**

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is **\$1,475**. The municipality's obligation to provide funds for burial purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable burial expenses are limited to:

- removal of the body from a local residence or institution
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- embalming
- a minimum casket
- a reasonable cost for necessary transportation
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator, where there is an actual cost, for:

- the wholesale cost of a cement liner if the cemetery by-laws require one;
- the opening and closing of the grave site; and
- a lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery. If the municipality is able to provide a cemetery lot in a municipally owned cemetery or in a cemetery under municipal control, the cost of the cemetery lot in any other cemetery will not be paid by the municipality.

### **Cremation Maximums**

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be **\$1,025**.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for cremation purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable cremation expenses are limited to:

- removal and transportation of the body from a local residence or institution
- professional fees
- crematorium fees
- a secured death certificate or obituary

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- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator where there is an actual cost, for:

- a cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery
- a reasonable cost for a burial urn not to exceed \$55
- transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.

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## Recovery Residences

The following Recovery Residence maximums are in effect from 10/1/2023- 9/30/2024

### Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	148.88	595.50

<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	153.00	612.00

<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	183.56	734.25

<u>Kennebec County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	165.38	661.50

<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	165.38	672.00

<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	186.75	747.00

<u>Oxford County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	161.44	645.75

<u>Piscataquis County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	148.50	594.00

<u>Somerset County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	156.38	599.25

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	193.13	772.50

<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	149.81	599.25

### Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	189.75	759.00

<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	228.38	913.50

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	170.25	681.00

<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	156.75	627.00

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	295.50	1182.00

<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	206.44	825.75

<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	225.00	900.00

<u>York/Kittery/S Berwick HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	258.00	1032.00