MINNEHAHA COUNTY POOR RELIEF GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Minnehaha County Human Services, South Dakota

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SECTION I: Statement of Purpose

Minnehaha County Commission recognizes its statutory duty pursuant to SDCL 28-13-1 to "relieve and support" eligible County residents who have applied for financial assistance, and its statutory duties pursuant to SDCL 10-12 et seq. and SDCL 7-8-20(7) to, among other things, "superintend" and manage "the fiscal concerns of the County. South Dakota Codified Laws may be found at: http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/index.aspx.

Because of these associated duties and statutory guidance allowing the County to set guidelines for eligibility (SDCL 28-13-1.1), and being mindful of its obligation to afford due process in the distribution of assistance, the County adopts these written guidelines to insure "fairness and to avoid the risk of arbitrary decision making." See, e.g., <u>Carey v. Quern</u>, 588 F.2d 230 (7th Cir. 1978); see also <u>Daniels et al. v. Woodbury County, Iowa</u>, 742 F. 2d 1128 (8th Cir. 1984).

If there is a conflict between these Guidelines and federal or state statutory law due to amendments, the statutory law shall control.

The County hereby appoints Minnehaha County Human Services (MCHS) as the agency in charge of applying these guidelines. See SDCL 28-13-16.

SECTION II: Definitions

Unless the context requires otherwise, the terms used in these Guidelines are defined as follows:

- 1. APPLICANT: The natural person seeking assistance.
- 2. BOARD: The Minnehaha County Commission, which is the authority that sets guidelines and policy.
- 3. COUNTY: The Minnehaha County Human Services Department (MCHS) designated by the Board to administer the Poor Relief Program in the County.
- 4. GOOD CAUSE: A serious or life-threatening emergency whereas harm would likely come to the applicant if assistance was to be withheld.
- 5. INDIGENT PERSON: Any person who, based upon proof provided by the Applicant, satisfies relevant eligibility requirements.
- 6. NOTICE OF ACTION (NOA): Each applicant shall receive a Notice of Action documenting their request and action taken by MCHS.
- 7. RECIPIENT: The person receiving assistance under these Guidelines.
- 8. REPRESENTATIVE: A person who is making application on behalf of a person who is alleged to be an indigent person, or, in the event of death, by a relative, friend, or funeral home as discussed in SDCL 28-17 et seq.

- 9. RESIDENT: Any person who has established residency in the County, as residency is defined in SDCL 28-13-2 to 28-13-16.2, inclusive.
- 10. RESOURCES: Current assets and income and all financial support to which a recipient is legally entitled or could procure through reasonable efforts including health insurance which was available to an applicant prior to a need for such insurance.

SECTION III: General Administration

- A) PUBLIC ACCESS TO GUIDELINES: A copy of the current Guidelines will be on file with the County Auditor for public review and inspection during normal business hours. The County may make them available via other means, such as posting them on the Minnehaha County website. The Guidelines are subject to periodic review and may be changed by the Board. Any changes made to the Guidelines shall take effect prospectively.
- B) CONFIDENTIALITY: Information given by or concerning any applicant or recipient of assistance shall be considered confidential. Such information shall not be publicly divulged by County employees or Commissioners except:
 - 1. Upon written authorization of the applicant or recipient.
 - 2. Upon appropriate order from a competent court.
 - 3. When the safety of an individual is at risk or a person or society is threatened.
 - 4. As otherwise provided by South Dakota law.

MCHS staff is required to report child and elderly abuse and neglect.

- C) NON-DISCRIMINATION: The MCHS shall not discriminate among applicants for or recipients of assistance on the basis of the individual's race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, age or any other characteristic afforded protection by Federal or State laws. Reasonable access shall be provided to applicants with a disability.
- D) RESOURCE OF LAST RESORT: County assistance shall be a resource of last resort, available only after all other personal resources, governmental programs, insurance benefits, family assistance, and housing resources such as low-income housing and shelters have been exhausted.
- E) CONTINUING ASSISTANCE: County assistance is not a program of general assistance on a continuing basis. Each request for assistance is considered a one-time request. Any additional assistance will be considered only upon a new request and application or recertification of a prior application. Exceptions to this would be for specific Minnehaha County Human Services case management programs/services or situations where a temporary issue warrants longer term assistance at the Director of Human Services discretion.
- F) OBLIGATION IN THE PRESENCE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: The County shall consider all other forms of public assistance/benefits (Federal and State) in determining eligibility. The

- receipt of federal, state, or other assistance/benefits (such as, but not limited to, Social Security) may be considered satisfaction, in whole, of the County's obligation under SDCL 28-13.
- G) CONDITIONS OF COUNTY ASSISTANCE: The following conditions may be made a part of any grant of assistance:
 - 1. WORKFARE: When assistance is granted, the applicant may be required to perform labor or other services of public nature commensurate with the amount of assistance granted. (SDCL 28-13-20).
 - 2. CONTRACT TO REPAY. When assistance is granted, the County may enter into an agreement for the repayment of assistance under the terms and conditions the County deems appropriate. Any agreement may be evidenced by a note or contract. (SDCL 28-13-20).
 - 3. LIENS. When assistance is granted, the lien provisions of SDCL 28-14 apply. In accordance with SDCL 28-14-15, the Board shall be entitled to enter into agreements for the satisfaction or compromise of such liens, and it shall only release such liens under circumstance which the Board deems appropriate. Liens are not applied when assistance for food pantry referrals, birth certificates, ID's or transportation for transients/nonresidents is provided.
 - 4. JOB CONTACTS. Applicants for and recipients of assistance may be required to verify attempts that have been made to obtain employment.
 - 5. CHILD SUPPORT. Applicants are to be identifying and securing all financial assistance options, including child support.
- H) DISQUALIFICATIONS: Assistance may be denied or terminated for any of the following reasons:
 - 1. The Applicant has knowingly made a false statement, with intent to defraud, as to his/her financial status or other required information, or in any way has intentionally deceived the County in order to receive assistance. (SDCL 28-13-16.2)
 - 2. The Applicant assigned or transferred property at any time before or after making application for purposes of becoming eligible for assistance. (SDCL 28-13-43)
 - 3. The Applicant or Representative has failed to responsibly perform the duties set forth in these Guidelines. It is the Applicant's or Representative's, as the case may be, burden to prove eligibility. County officials need to have certain financial and other information to determine eligibility according to these Guidelines and applicable South Dakota law. The Applicant or Representative must provide this information within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 30 days, of the County's request. A failure to do so will result in an NOA based on available information.

- 4. The Applicant has refused without just cause to report for work required as a condition of the assistance or has failed to comply with any other requirements made as a condition of the assistance. The County may bring an action to recover any or all assistance obtained under improper qualifications.
- 5. In the event that transient/nonresident have received assistance for transportation out of town, and returns to Minnehaha County, the applicants are ineligible for MCHS assistance for a minimum of three years from the date of assistance provided.
- I) SUBROGATION: When the County or Board provides assistance to a person pursuant to these Guidelines or other applicable law, and the person subsequently receives assistance from another program or source, Minnehaha County is entitled to repayment from the subsequent source.
- J) REIMBURSEMENT: The Board shall exercise its right to reimbursement for the assistance provided to anyone pursuant to SDCL 28-13.
- K) SEVERABILITY: If any provision of these Guidelines or the application of the same is held to be invalid by a competent court, the remainder, to the extent reasonably possible, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV: The Applicant's Right to Know

Applicants and/or Representatives shall be informed of the following upon making application:

- 1. The eligibility requirements;
- 2. The type of assistance available to eligible applicants and recipients as noted in SDCL 28-13.
- 3. The applicant's responsibility for reporting all the information necessary to determine eligibility;
- 4. The applicant's responsibility for notifying the County of any change in circumstances which may affect eligibility;
- 5. The types of verification needed;
- 6. The fact that an investigation will be conducted to substantiate the facts and statements made by the applicant and that this investigation may take place prior to, during, and/or after the applicant's receipt of assistance;
- 7. Other programs of assistance or service for which the applicant may qualify;
- 8. The implications of a lien being placed, pursuant to SDCL 28-14, on property owned by the applicant for any financial assistance given;
- 9. The timeframe for an NOA and the effect of the NOA;

- 10. A written statement of the reasons for denial or grant of assistance; and
- 11. The applicant's right to a review if denied assistance, and the manner in which such review may be obtained.

SECTION V: Emergency Services (Shelter, Utilities, Food, Personal Hygiene, Transportation, Burial, Dental, Medications and ID/Birth Certificates)

1. Eligibility

ORDINARY ELIGIBILITY

- A) REQUIREMENTS: Before receiving any assistance, each Applicant or Representative must show, according to information provided to the County, that the Applicant is an Indigent Person. This determination shall be made by examining the applicant's total resources (including current assets and income) and total economic needs. Wherever appropriate (i.e., where there exists a legal duty of support among family members), that determination shall also include a review of family size, total family economic resources and total family economic needs.
- B) RESIDENCY: In order to be considered for assistance of ordinary eligibility, each applicant must:
 - 1. Prove County residency by demonstrating personal presence in a fixed, permanent abode with intent to remain there, in conformity with SDCL 28-13-3 or as otherwise provided by state law.
 - 2. Present proof of identification by providing a photo ID (government issued) or Social Security card.
 - 3. Await County verification of the application pursuant to administrative procedures and comply with all requests made by the county, as authorized and established herein.
- C) ELIGIBILITY INCOME AND RESOURCES: In order to qualify for assistance, each applicant must satisfy the following criteria simultaneously, subject to the conditions explained under each:
 - 1. Ownership of personal property with a fair market value of \$10,000 for a family or \$5,000 for an individual or real estate held as a personal homestead exceeding \$60,000 in equity may disqualify an applicant from receiving County assistance.
 - 2. MCHS, in computing the total value of the individual resources owned, shall consider all property presently owned according to the amount of equity presently accessible to said owner at the time of application, regardless of whether or not such property may

be exempt from process under South Dakota law. Such ownership includes items such as real and personal property (except the homestead as previously set out), investment property, royalties, contract claims, insurance and retirement benefits, motor and recreational vehicles, personal household goods and furnishings and any other assets with monetary value.

- 3. MCHS shall also consider all other forms of public assistance/benefits already vested in the applicant such as Federal and State housing subsidies up to the amount the client would be eligible to receive from the County. The dollar amounts vested in the applicant by Federal and State housing subsidies shall not be double counted and may be identified as a resource that the County may not supplement. The receipt of monthly Federal or State assistance/benefits (such as, but not limited to Social Security) may satisfy any obligation of the County under SDCL 28-13.
- 4. MCHS will use the income guidelines based upon the Federal Poverty Standard (Appendix A). No applicant or, as the case may be, the person on whose behalf application has been made, may have gross monthly income in excess of the amounts shown in Appendix A and be eligible for assistance, unless an emergency exception applies. These Guidelines will be automatically updated per release of new Federal Poverty Standards on an annual basis.
- C) UNEMPLOYMENT: In the absence of emergency conditions, applicants who refuse or quit employment, without cause, may be ineligible for assistance for a period of thirty (30) days from the receipt of the last paycheck.

TEMPORARY ELIGIBILITY

Regardless of actual residency, but upon a proper showing of need, the County may grant the applicant temporary assistance for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. All temporary assistance shall cease upon a showing of ordinary eligibility. Temporary assistance may be awarded in any amount up to, but not exceeding, the assistance that would otherwise be available under ordinary eligibility. Although the applicant shall simultaneously seek out other available resources, temporary assistance may be allowed in situations such as:

- a. An emergency threatening the applicant's life or health (i.e., tornado, flood, fire, sudden illness or injury, etc.);
- b. An unexpected misfortune during travels;
- c. An administrative delay in receiving other available assistance; or
- d. A stranded non-resident without other resources.

2. Application

- A) APPLICANT: Any person has the right to apply for assistance; however, minors or persons otherwise legally incompetent to contract may apply only through a parent, legal guardian, or person possessing a valid power of attorney. The applicant may appear in person or through such representative.
 - The Applicant or Representative must complete and sign the necessary MCHS application forms so that MCHS can make an informed decision as eligibility.
- B) APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES: The Applicant's or Representative's responsibilities at time of the initial application and continuing thereafter are:
 - 1. To provide accurate, complete, and current information relevant to the applicant's individual resources and needs, location and circumstances of next of kin or other lawfully responsible persons.
 - 2. To produce acceptable photo identification, social security number and other identifying information necessary to facilitate the placing of a lien pursuant to SDCL 28-14. If the applicant is unable to produce the required identification, the county may extend temporary assistance, not to exceed thirty (30) days, while the necessary ID is procured, but no continuing assistance will be provided without appropriate identification. Exception to this would be for emergency transportation for a transient person where limited assistance is provided.
 - 3. If continued or additional assistance is requested, a new application or request and recertification must be completed. The prior receipt of assistance from the County shall not automatically eliminate an applicant from receiving assistance.
 - 4. To comply with MCHS on any reasonable investigation to determine eligibility.
 - 5. To cooperate in seeking and securing employment, if appropriate in the circumstances.
 - 6. To apply for and/or use other available resources known, made known, or available to the applicant which may reduce or eliminate the need for assistance if the applicant is eligible for such alternative resources.
 - 7. The application shall not be considered complete until all information necessary to determine eligibility has been provided.
 - 8. The applicant shall notify the County of any changes in circumstances which may affect eligibility.
- C) INTERVIEW: Staff will interview the applicant to review the application and determine eligibility. If the person appears to be intoxicated, the County may postpone to a later time any consideration of the request for assistance.

- D) DECISION/NOTIFICATION: The County shall make a final decision and give written notice concerning the applicant's eligibility within five (5) business days after the signature on a completed application <u>and</u> all information needed for eligibility purposes has been provided and verified. Once a decision has been made, MCHS shall inform the applicant in writing (Notice of Action) that assistance of a stated kind or amount has been approved or denied, with the reasons for denial.
- E) CASE REVIEW/APPEAL: Whenever an applicant has received notice of denial, the person(s) adversely affected may thereafter request an appeal.

The procedure for a Case Review is as follows:

- 1. The applicant must notify MCHS in writing of their request for a case review within 15 business days of the date of the NOA.
- 2. The County's MCHS Director or designee will interview the applicant for a case review of the decision within 5 business days of the receipt of the request.
- 3. The County's MCHS Director or designee will review the case and may affirm or reverse the caseworker's decision. A NOA detailing the decision will be provided to the applicant within 5 business days following the receipt of all information required to determine eligibility.

3. Types of Assistance

A) SHELTER

- 1. Rent, security deposits or mortgage assistance (only principal and interest), are available in the amounts set forth in Appendix B, and are set by the Minnehaha County Commission.
- 2. Assistance will <u>not</u> be granted for the following:
 - a. Rental application fees
 - b. Rent paid to immediate family members
 - c. Rent for minor children who are living outside their parents'/guardians' home
 - d. Rent for residents of subsidized housing except in emergency circumstances
 - e. Rent for garage
 - f. Late fees or attorney fees
- 3. Emergency Shelter. Community resources such as emergency shelters are to be utilized first. When emergency shelters and all other possible resources are not an option, County assistance may be provided at the discretion of MCHS to pay for a motel room on a temporary basis.
- B) UTILITIES ASSISTANCE: Assistance for utilities may be provided when notice of termination has been given by a utility company or energy supplier. The County may, in direct negotiation

with such company or supplier, pay for the applicant's actual arrearages, but will not be responsible for the deposit, late fees, or reconnect fees. A maximum of \$500 per calendar year may be approved. When providing assistance for utilities, all other public resources, i.e., TANF, LIEP, ECIP, utility checks from SF Housing, etc, must have been exhausted prior to assistance being provided by the County.

C) FOOD ASSISTANCE

- 1. Applicants for emergency food requests shall apply for benefits available under the Federal SNAP Program.
- 2. As partial or full satisfaction of an applicant's need for food assistance, the applicant may be referred to any available public or private food program.
- 3. The dollar amount of the Emergency food voucher will be based on SNAP allowances.
- D) TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE: Help for emergency transportation (gas and out of town bus tickets) may be provided when the applicant has a verifiable job or are unable to work because of a verifiable illness/disability. Help to people stranded or moving may be given up to \$155 for bus ticket per person or up to 20 gallons of gasoline and 3 quarts of oil, at the discretion of the caseworker. Should the applicant return to Minnehaha County, the applicant is ineligible for MCHS assistance for a minimum of three years from the date of assistance.
- E) BURIAL AND FUNERAL ASSISTANCE: When an indigent person dies, the County has a responsibility for burial. SDCL 34-26-16 states that when a person is married, duty of burial falls to the husband or wife. If there is not a husband or wife, duty falls to kindred being of adult age. If there is no kindred, responsibility falls to MCHS. Family with sufficient means to defray the cost of burial will not be considered for County assistance. If no family accepts responsibility, a friend of the deceased may apply for burial/funeral assistance per SDCL 34-26A-2. The authorization for cremation will be the same as burial. Per SDCL 28-17-2, whenever any person who is destitute and has no estate, and has no one legally bound for funeral expenses, and where there is no other source to pay the cost of burial expense, the funeral expenses shall then be borne by the County of which the deceased was a resident at time of death, and if no residence can be fixed, then by the County by which the death occurred.
 - 1. For County residents who die in a state of indigency or who are otherwise qualified under SDCL 28-17, the Minnehaha County Human Services fees for burial and funeral assistance are all-inclusive and shall be:
 - a. Cremation only. No memorial service: \$2,000.
 - i. This may include an opportunity for viewing of the body per family desire.
 - b. Cremation with memorial service: \$2,500.
 - i. Services are either family/public.
 - ii. A family viewing does not qualify as a service.
 - c. Traditional funeral/memorial service with burial: \$\$3500 for adult, \$750 for child (under 5 feet).
 - i. Grave liners or "green fee" are not included in this fee.

- ii. Opening/closing of a grave, outside of the County cemetery, is the responsibility of the next of kin.
- 2. The above fees are inclusive of all expenses and include:
 - a. Removal of the body from the hospital, home or institution within the city limits to the funeral home.
 - b. Professional care of the remains to include preparation of the body and embalming.
 - c. Casket
 - d. Use of funeral home for memorial services per family wishes.
 - e. Transportation of the body and casket by funeral coach to local cemetery.
 - f. Public notice of the death and any services. This can be accomplished through a newspaper listing or notice within the funeral home ad. A newspaper listing cannot be eliminated because the deceased was indigent. If the family chooses not to have a newspaper listing this can be eliminated with notification to Minnehaha County Human Services.
- 3. A funeral approved by Minnehaha County Human Services excludes the following.
 - a. Tent at cemetery
 - b. Gratuities
 - c. Memorial cards
 - d. Clothing costs
 - e. Flowers
 - f. More than one visitation event
 - g. Urn for cremation
- 4. The selection of the funeral home shall be determined by decedent prior to death, the decedent's family, or by any other person legally entitled to make such decisions. The Applicant may submit to Minnehaha County Human Services a copy of the pre-application form before a final decision is made by the County. All supporting documentation will need to be submitted to the County by the Applicant before a decision is made. If documentation is not received within five (5) business days, the case will be closed.
- 5. When the decedent has a death benefit paid to the survivor/estate, the charges to the County may be adjusted by that amount. It is the survivor's responsibility to reimburse the funeral home for that amount.
- 6. If burial (either body or ashes) at the County Cemetery is desired, County contracts with Dakota Cemetery Mgmt. Inc. to handle these burials and Hills of Rest is the point of contact. The Minnehaha County Cemetery does use grave liners. Veterans may not be buried in a County cemetery.
- 7. County payment must be authorized prior to the funeral home providing any type of service. In determining eligibility for assistance on the costs of a burial; the ability of the surviving family members to pay the burial cost will be the determinant for County assistance subsequent to the indigency of the deceased.

- 8. Surviving spouse or parent of a minor child will be subject to a lien for the cost of the burial/funeral.
- 9. Payment by Minnehaha County for the approved funeral expenses to the funeral home represents payment in full and no further claims may be made against the County or the applicants/representatives of the deceased.

F) OTHER:

- 1. Personal Hygiene and Household Items. For good cause shown, a non-food voucher may be issued to allow for the purchase of personal items.
- 2. Birth Certificates and State of SD photo identification. For employment purposes, Minnehaha County may provide financial assistance in obtaining a state photo identification card and/or a birth certificate on a one-time basis.
- 3. Dental: Assistance may be provided for emergency dental care in accordance with Medicaid rates and rules. This assistance will be provided after other community resources have been exhausted. Pre-authorization is required and retroactive payments for services already rendered will not be approved.
- 4. Eye Care: Assistance may be provided for eye care when necessary for employment and after other community resources have been exhausted. Pre-authorization is required, reimbursement shall be at Medicaid rates, and payment will not be made on services already rendered.
- 5. Medications: The County may purchase only medically prescribed medications or over-the-counter medications ordered by a physician and needed on an emergency basis. No payment will be made for medications not approved by the F.D.A. Generic medications shall be used unless otherwise prescribed and medically required and physician approved.

SECTION VI: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

1. Eligibility

A) INDIGENT REQUIREMENTS: Before receiving any assistance, each applicant must be determined medically indigent as required by SDCL Ch. 28-13, as from time-to-time amended. As stated previously herein, it is the Applicant's responsibility to provide information sufficient for the County to determine the Applicant's eligibility. Once the County receives adequate information, the County shall examine the applicant's total resources (including current assets and income) and total economic needs. If someone other than the Applicant bears a legal duty to support the Applicant, that person or those persons must provide information sufficient for the County to determine how, if at all, this information affects an eligibility determination.

Pursuant to South Dakota law, the County will determine eligibility both at the time of the emergent admission and at the time the Applicant requests assistance. The Applicant must be medically indigent at both times.

In order to be considered for assistance, each applicant must:

- 1. Pursuant to SDCL 28-13-3, prove County residency by demonstrating personal presence in the County in a fixed, permanent abode with an intent to remain there;
- 2. Present proof of identification by providing a photo ID (government-issued) or Social Security card;
- 3. Comply with all County requests for information.
- B) OTHER RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE: No medical assistance will be provided when an applicant is eligible for care through other resources such as Medicare, Medicaid (CHIP), Veterans Administration, Public or Indian Health Service or insurance.

2. Application

A) APPLICANT: Any person has the right to apply for assistance; however, minors or persons otherwise legally incompetent to contract may apply only through a parent, legal guardian, or person possessing a valid power of attorney to act on behalf of the Applicant. The applicant may appear in person or with or through such representative.

The applicant or representative must complete and sign all necessary MCHS application forms along with release of information forms from the medical provider. MCHS shall review the application and secure a complete case history from the applicant (or the applicant's representative as appropriate).

- B) APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES: The applicant's responsibilities at time of the initial application and continuing thereafter are:
 - 1. The applicant shall provide accurate, complete, and current information relevant to the applicant's individual resources and needs, location and circumstances of next of kin or other lawfully responsible persons.
 - 2. The applicant shall produce an acceptable identification (preferably a valid driver's license), social security number and other identifying information necessary to facilitate the placing of a lien pursuant to SDCL 28-14.
 - 3. If continued or additional assistance is requested, a new application or request and recertification must be completed. The prior receipt of assistance from the County shall not automatically eliminate an applicant from receiving assistance.

- 4. The applicant shall comply with MCHS on any reasonable investigation to determine eligibility.
- 5. The applicant shall cooperate to seek and secure employment.
- 6. The applicant shall apply for and use other available resources known or made known to the applicant which may reduce or eliminate the need for assistance if the applicant is eligible for such alternative resources.
- 7. The applicant shall notify the County of any changes in circumstances which may affect eligibility.
- C. INTERVIEW: Staff will interview the applicant to review the application and determine eligibility. If the person appears to be intoxicated, the County may postpone to a later time any consideration of the request for assistance.
- D. DECISION/NOTIFICATION: If it receives information sufficient to determine eligibility, the County shall make a final decision and give written notice concerning the Applicant's eligibility. Once a decision has been made, the County shall inform the Applicant in writing (this writing is commonly known as a Notice of Action) that assistance of a stated kind or amount has been approved or denied, with the reasons for denial. If the Applicant and/or Representative has failed to provide the County with sufficient information from which to determine eligibility, then the County will take no action on the application.

SECTION VIII: Notice of Denial and Case Review

- A) NOTICE: If assistance is denied or the County proposes to terminate, suspend or reduce assistance, the NOA shall contain:
 - 1. A statement of the reason(s) for the denial or proposed action; and
 - 2. A statement advising the person of his/her right to appeal the decision to the appropriate circuit court pursuant to SDCL 7-8-27 and SDCL 7-8-29 through SDCL 7-8-32.

APPENDIX A INCOME GUIDELINES

Source: Federal Poverty Standards

Income Guidelines (effective 02/05/24):

<u>HH #</u>	Month	<u>Annual</u>
1 Person:	\$1,255	\$15,060
2 People:	\$1,703	\$20,440
3 People:	\$2,151	\$25,820
4 People:	\$2,600	\$31,200
5 People:	\$3,048	\$36,580
6 People:	\$3,496	\$41,960
7 People	\$3,945	\$47,340
8 People	\$4,393	\$52,720

(For Households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person)

APPENDIX B HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Source: Minnehaha County Commission Updated: January 2024

Maximum rental assistance, per household per month, shall not exceed the following, excluding utilities.

a.	Studio	(1 person)	up to \$500
b.	1 bedroom	(1-3 people)	up to \$700
c.	2 bedroom	(3 to 5 people)	up to \$900
d.	3 bedroom	(5 to 6 people)	up to \$1000
e.	4 bedroom	(7 people or more)	up to \$1200