**TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS OF ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

 **HANDBOOK**

**Section 1 - Definitions**

**1.56A NEEDS ALLOWANCE BUDGETING SYSTEM**

 General Assistance budgeting system in which maximum monthly payment levels are established for specified basic maintenance needs (i.e., shelter, utilities, food, clothing, household supplies, personal essentials and laundry) and in which approved grant amounts for the specified basic maintenance needs are added together to arrive at the basic maintenance grant amount. This type of budgeting system is also sometimes referred to as ”line item” budgeting.

**Section 4 – Financial Eligibility Factors**

(Add in red Ink for Needs Allowance)

**4.04 An assistance unit’s currently available non-exempt income may not equal or exceed the lesser of the payment levels for basic maintenance needs for which the assistance unit is or will be incurring financial expenses or the assistance unit’s actual financial expenses related to such basic maintenance needs**

 An assistance unit’s currently available non-exempt income, including the currently available non-exempt income of a responsible person or of a non-citizen sponsor which is deemed available to the applicant or recipient, may not equal or exceed the lesser of (a) the sum of the General Assistance Office’s maximum monthly payment levels for assistance units of the same size and composition for basic maintenance needs for which the assistance unit is or will be incurring financial expenses during the General Assistance payment period, or (b) the actual financial expenses of the assistance unit during the General Assistance payment period, up to the applicable payment levels, with regard to such basic maintenance needs. If an applicant’s or recipient’s currently available non-exempt income, including the currently available non-exempt income of a responsible person or of a non-citizen sponsor which is deemed available to the applicant or recipient, equals or exceed the lesser of (a) or (b), the applicant or recipient is ineligible for General Assistance.