



**City of Chicago
Department of Housing and
Economic Development**

**EMERGENCY HOUSING
ASSISTANCE (EHAP) PROGRAM**

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Proposal:

Amend City's ordinance and requirement under the EHAP program to increasing the beneficiary's current income limit from fifty percent (50%) Area Median Income (AMI) to eighty percent (80%) AMI level to assist more homes in need of emergency repair. HUD guidelines allow 80% AMI.



EHAP Income Requirement

Household Size	Current Income Limits (50% of HUD's AMI)*	Proposed Income Limits (80% of HUD's AMI)*
1	\$26,550	\$42,500
2	30,350	48,550
3	34,150	54,600
4	37,900	60,650
5	40,950	65,550
6	44,000	70,400
7	47,000	75,250
8	50,050	80,100

***HUD's 2012 Income – subject to change**



EHAP Summary

- Since the inception of the EHAP program in 1984, the income limit has been restricted to a maximum AMI of 50%.
- HUD allows up to 80% AMI
- In 2012, we saw a reduction in the 311 intake list of eligible applicants and an increase **of 45% in over-income applicants.**
- The economy's financial state and tragic weather elements left homeowners of various income levels in a state of emergency restoration.
- With this change the department seeks to help more Seniors and working families.