

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES A-D & APPENDIX H

**2019-2020**

The Municipality of GRAY adopts the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices (A-D) for the period of Oct. 1, 2019—September 30, 2020. These appendices are filed with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. §4305(4).

Signed the 15 (day) of October (month) 2019 (year) by the municipal officers:

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## 2019-2020 GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.**

### APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

<u>County</u>	<u>Persons in Household</u>					
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	1089	1191	1526	2037	2418	2493

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$75 per month.

(The applicable figures from Appendix A, *once adopted*, should be inserted here.)

### APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	\$ 45.12	\$ 194
2	82.56	355
3	118.37	509
4	150.23	646
5	178.60	768
6	214.19	921
7	236.74	1,018
8	270.70	1,164

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$144 per month.

### APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	218	938	241	1035
1	232	999	262	1127
2	298	1282	337	1448
3	404	1737	453	1946
4	477	2052	537	2309

(The applicable figures from Appendix C, *once adopted*, 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	\$14.00	\$60.00
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3	\$17.45	\$75.00
4	\$19.90	\$86.00
5	\$23.10	\$99.00
6	\$25.00	\$107.00

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$7.50 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	\$20.65	\$89.00
2	\$23.75	\$102.00
3	\$27.70	\$119.00
4	\$32.25	\$139.00
5	\$38.75	\$167.00
6	\$41.00	\$176.00

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$10.00 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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**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:

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## **Funeral Maximums**

### **Burial Maximums**

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is ~~\$1,475~~. 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.

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.

### **Cremation Maximums**

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

## 2019-2020 GA Overall Maximums

### Metropolitan Areas

COUNTY	Persons in Household				
	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	759	862	1,096	1,373	1,924
<b>Cumberland County HMFA:</b> Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	865	909	1,176	1,634	1,866
<b>Lewiston/Auburn MSA:</b> Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	725	783	1,007	1,265	1,606
<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	725	728	964	1,208	1,330
<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	1,089	1,191	1,526	2,037	2,418
<b>Sagadahoc HMFA:</b> Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	809	915	1,076	1,425	1,677

*Changes*

## Appendix B

Effective: 10/01/19 to 09/30/20

# 2019-2020 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, 2019, those amounts are:

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**Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
0	133	574	156	671
1	133	574	156	671
2	167	720	206	886
3	211	908	260	1,117
4	224	964	284	1,221
<b><u>Portland HMFA</u></b>				
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<b><u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
0	153	658	176	755
1	168	723	198	851
2	193	832	232	998
3	262	1,125	310	1,334
4	305	1,311	365	1,568
<b><u>York Cty. HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
0	174	748	197	845
1	179	769	209	897
2	220	946	259	1,112
3	285	1,225	333	1,434
4	308	1,326	368	1,583
<b><u>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
0	223	961	246	1,058
1	223	961	251	1,079
2	295	1,267	333	1,433
3	370	1,593	419	1,802
4	532	2,288	592	2,545



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