

PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAMS, RESOURCE LIMITS, AND THE EITC

Program	Resource Limit	What is Counted	Treatment of Earned Income Tax Refund
FIP Cash Assistance	\$1,000	Liquid Resources; Value of property except for home in which family lives and one car per adult household member. The income tax refund (except for the EITC) is counted	Excluded for month of receipt and following month
Food Stamps	\$2,000 per household; \$3,000 if one household member is elderly or disabled.	Liquid Resources, value of property except for home in which family lives and one car per adult household member	Excluded for 12 months as long as household member was receiving Food Stamps at time of receipt of EITC
Rite Care/Rite Share	No Resource Limit	N/A	N/A
Child Care Assistance	\$10,000	Liquid Resources	Not specifically excluded
WIC	No Resource Limit		
LIHEAP (Energy Assistance)	No Resource Limit		
Housing Assistance	No Resource Limit		

Notes: Liquid Resources means cash on hand or in the bank and things that can be converted to cash such as stocks, bonds, CDs. Savings for educational purposes or for retirement are not counted. Recipients are required to report changes in resources within 10 days of the change.