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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Local Implementation and Special Populations
Re: Cross Programs: Additional Noncountable Programs

Overview

In 2024, the [Springfield WORKS Cliff Effect Pilot](#) will assist 100 Massachusetts residents in Springfield, Worcester, and Boston who are receiving public assistance. The program will help participants to secure higher-paying jobs over three years by providing cash benefits, career coaching, and employment partnerships.

Additionally, starting on September 1, 2024, the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Fund stipend program will offer financial support to eligible residents enrolled in job training programs. The fund aims to reduce barriers to job training and employment by providing financial aid for trainees gaining skills and credentials for in-demand occupations.

The income received from the Springfield WORKS Cliff Effect Pilot and the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Fund is noncountable for all DTA programs.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff that income received from the [Springfield WORKS Cliff Effect Pilot](#) and/or the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Fund stipend program is noncountable for all DTA programs.

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Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists (SIS) or TAO management email them to [DTA.Procedural Issues](#). Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
