

**The Township of Bensalem
Homeowners Assistance Grant
Senior Citizens Application - 2015**

Specific Instructions - Additional \$150 Homeowners Assistance Grant

Part A – Homeowner’s Identification

Please complete in full (lines 1-6).

Note: you must own the property and be your primary residence as of July 1, 2015.

Part B – 2012 Household Income

When completing lines 7 through 13, combine the total income received by you and your spouse during 2014.

Income means all income from whatever sources including salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, income from self-employment, alimony, support money, cash public assistance and relief, the gross amount of any pensions or annuities including railroad retirement benefits, all benefits under the Federal Social Security Act (except Medicare benefits), all income from state unemployment insurance and veterans’ disability payments, all interest received from federal and state government, income from capital gains, rentals, workers’ compensation insurance benefits and gifts of cash or property in excess of a total value of three hundred dollars (\$300). Income shall not include surplus food or other non-cash relief supplies by a governmental agency or property tax assistance. Review of tax return may be required.

Line 7: Wages, salaries and other compensation

List the total amount received in 2014 by you and your spouse.

Line 8: Social Security, SSI and Railroad Retirement

List 50% of the total combined annual amount received by you and your spouse.

Line 9: Pensions and Annuities

The full amount of all types of pensions and annuities received in 2014 must be included.

Line 10: Interest and Dividends

Include interest and dividends credited or received during 2014 from any source, regardless of whether you actually received the cash.

Line 11: Capital Gains

Include the entire amount of capital gains realized during 2014.

Line 12: Other Income

Report the total amount of all other types of income (including rental) received by you and your spouse during 2014.

Line 13: Total Household Income

Add lines 7 through 12 and enter the total on line 13.

Sign and date application

Attach proof of Income for 2014

[Copy of 2014 1040 tax return(s) or copy of 2014 Social Security 1099(s)]

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Eligibility Criteria - Additional \$150 Homeowners Assistance Grant

1. Applicant must be sixty-five (65) years of age or over by December 31, 2015.
2. Applicant must own the property and it must be your primary residence as of July 1, 2015 for which additional grant money is sought.
3. Only one additional grant is eligible per household.
4. Applicants must qualify as low income. Low income is defined as under \$20,000 per household (year 2014). Total income for the year 2014 includes only 50% of Social Security Benefits.
5. **Applications must be received in the Township's Finance office no later than March 31, 2016.**

**Mail to: Township of Bensalem
Attn: Finance Department
2400 Byberry Road
Bensalem, PA 19020**
