

Legal Services Corporation

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APPENDIX A OF PART 1611—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 2000 POVERTY GUIDELINES¹

Size of family unit	48 contiguous states ²	Alaska ³	Hawaii ⁴
1	\$10,438	\$13,038	\$11,988
2	14,063	17,575	16,163
3	17,688	22,113	20,338
4	21,313	26,650	24,513
5	24,938	31,188	28,688
6	28,563	35,725	32,863
7	32,188	40,263	37,038
8	35,813	44,800	41,213

¹The figures in this table represent 125% of the poverty guidelines by family size as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.
²For family units with more than eight members, add \$3,625 for each additional member in a family.
³For family units with more than eight members, add \$4,538 for each additional member in a family.
⁴For family units with more than eight members, add \$4,175 for each additional member in a family.

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PART 1612—RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES

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SOURCE: 62 FR 19404, Apr. 21, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1612.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to ensure that LSC recipients and their employees do not engage in certain prohibited activities, including representation before legislative bodies or other direct lobbying activity, grassroots lobbying, participation in rulemaking, public demonstrations, advocacy training, and certain organizing activities. The part also provides guidance on when re-

cipients may participate in public rule-making or in efforts to encourage State or local governments to make funds available to support recipient activities, and when they may respond to requests of legislative and administrative officials.

§ 1612.2 Definitions.

(a) (1) *Grassroots lobbying* means any oral, written or electronically transmitted communication or any advertisement, telegram, letter, article, newsletter, or other printed or written matter or device which contains a direct suggestion to the public to contact public officials in support of or in opposition to pending or proposed legislation, regulations, executive decisions, or any decision by the electorate on a measure submitted to it for a vote. It also includes the provision of financial contributions by recipients to, or participation by recipients in, any demonstration, march, rally, fundraising drive, lobbying campaign, letter writing or telephone campaign for the purpose of influencing the course of such legislation, regulations, decisions by administrative bodies, or any decision by the electorate on a measure submitted to it for a vote.

(2) *Grassroots lobbying* does not include communications which are limited solely to reporting on the content or status of, or explaining, pending or proposed legislation or regulations.

(b) (1) *Legislation* means any action or proposal for action by Congress or by a State or local legislative body which is intended to prescribe law or public policy. The term includes, but is not limited to, action on bills, constitutional amendments, ratification of treaties and intergovernmental agreements, approval of appointments and budgets, and approval or disapproval of actions of the executive.

(2) *Legislation* does not include those actions of a legislative body which adjudicate the rights of individuals under existing laws; nor does it include legislation adopted by an Indian Tribal Council.

(c) *Public policy* means an overall plan embracing the general goals and procedures of any governmental body and pending or proposed statutes, rules, and regulations.