

In order to see if an individual is eligible for Cash we look at the NEED vs. the INCOME. We determine the income & need in the following ways:

Determining Need for State Supplement

Need is determined using two components, shelter cost and personal needs. Shelter costs for individuals in the community are computed using the actual shelter cost up to a maximum of \$200.00 for a person sharing a rent or \$400.00 for a person living alone. The personal needs allowance (PNA) is calculated into the NEEDS - they are as follows: \$29.95 for an individual in rated housing and \$170.06 for an individual in the community.

EX:

DSS would add \$29.95 PNA to the Need for someone in rated housing with a monthly rate of \$1300 - total NEEDS would be: \$1329.29

DSS would add \$170.06 PNA to the Need to someone in the community with a rent of \$200 (living with another) or \$400 (living atone) - total needs would be \$370.06 or \$570.06.

Determining Net Income for State Supplement

There are separate disregards for unearned income and wages.

The **unearned income disregard** is subtracted from the unearned income of all State Supplement applicants and recipients. The amount of the disregard is determined by the individual's living arrangement in a given month. The amounts are:

- \$246.70 for individuals in a boarding facility
- \$339.00 for individuals living alone or with a spouse in the community
- \$406.90 for individuals sharing a residence in the community with someone other than a parent, spouse, or child

EX; An individual who has \$771 a month in SSI, we would subtract the \$406.90 unearned income disregard for those sharing a residence with a non-relative - for a total net income of \$364.10.

We would compare the net income vs. the needs

Net income \$364.10 Needs \$370.06

The individual would be eligible for \$6