

2021 POVERTY GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the Manager or Board of Review, accompanied by Federal and State income tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which and exemption is requested, if requested.
- 5) Meet the Federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.
- 7) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the City Commission.

The following are the Federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that Federal departments and agencies use. The standards are compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census which refer to them as "poverty thresholds." The governing body of the local assessing unit has the option of considering the age of the resident(s) when establishing their guidelines. This provision applies only when one or two persons reside in the homestead, because there are no age-related thresholds for three or more persons in the household.

The following are the poverty thresholds as of December 31, 2020, for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2021 assessments:

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$12,760
2	\$17,240
3	\$21,720
4	\$26,200
5	\$30,680
6	\$35,160
7	\$39,640
8	\$44,120
For each additional Person, add	\$4,480