

an estimate and supporting data setting forth the amount of money needed to carry out the provisions of this sub-title;

(b) Perform such duties as are imposed upon them by Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

15. (Eligibility for Assistance to the Needy Blind.) Public assistance shall be granted under this sub-title to any person who

(a) Lost his eyesight while a resident of the State, or shall have resided in the State for a period of five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the filing of the application for public assistance, the last year of which shall be continuous and immediately precede such application; provided, however, that the State Department is authorized and empowered to make reciprocal arrangements with other states to waive residence requirements, case for case, when, in their judgment, the same are deemed necessary, so long as the waiver does not invalidate Federal matching;

(b) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health;

(c) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance. An inmate of such an institution may, however, make application for such assistance, but the assistance, if granted, shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate;

(d) Is not receiving old age assistance;

(e) Has not made an assignment or transfer of property for the purpose of rendering himself eligible for assistance under this Article at any time within three (3) years immediately prior to the filing of application for assistance or the receipt of assistance pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title;

(f) Has no child or other person responsible under the laws of this State for his or her support and able to support him or her, provided that if such child or other person is partially able to support the applicant, such partial support shall be taken into consideration in fixing the amount of any public assistance that may be granted.

16. (Amount of Assistance.) The amount of public assistance which any recipient shall receive shall be determined by the County Board with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the individual and the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the State Department, and shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to provide him with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but the said grant shall not in any