

## **Attachment A**

### **METAR (Massachusetts Evacuee Temporary Assistance Reserve) Benefits**

- 1. How do climate refugee families and medically dependent individuals access these assistance funds?** The local FRCs and RAAs coordinate to assess eligibility and benefit amounts in dollars.
- 2. What is the amount available for climate refugees through METAR?**
  - Maximum \$4000 benefit to households without dependents under 21
  - Maximum \$8000 benefit to households with dependents under 21, or pregnant women
- 3. How many times can an individual or family receive this benefit?** It is a one-time benefit only.
- 4. If a household receives the FEMA Rental Assistance benefit or other benefits, are they eligible for the maximum amount in housing assistance from METAR?** The household should receive only what is necessary to obtain housing and no more.
- 5. What are the allowable uses of the METAR assistance funds?**
  - First month's rent
  - Last month's rent
  - Security deposit
  - Transportation out of state (but households should use the MEMA relocation benefit if they wish to return to Puerto Rico)
  - Ongoing rental stipend (in MA only and only for non-subsidized housing)
  - Moving expenses
  - Utility arrears, if required to start new service
  - Furniture (up to \$1,000 – waivers available for large families or extenuating circumstances)
  - Realtor fees to licensed realtors, if necessary (realtor must verify Real Estate License #)