

SCRPT Program Meeting Q&A

PROGRAM DATES & GENERAL PROGRAM QUESTIONS

Q: Will I still get a rebate check for FY21?

A: Yes, these changes apply going forward.

Q: Are revocable trusts still eligible?

A: Assessors Department evaluates trusts and how they are written.

Q: What is the preferred way to submit timesheets?

A: Ashley will accept email submissions; however, it is best to turn in original copies by mail or bring them to the Robb Center Front Desk.

Q: The CORI has been waived for SCRPT Renewal FY23 but will the schools require it?

A: Schools require their own paperwork and will require a CORI.

Q: What about census workers, their hours don't start until January?

A: We encourage you to start another position now.

Q: Is there a listing of all SCRPT opportunities?

A: Contact Ashley for the list of available opportunities.

Q: Why are the dates changing?

A: The abatement is required by the State to be applied directly to tax bill. The new dates will better align with volunteer work schedule with the tax bill schedule.

Q: Will the abatement go up?

A: By Statute the abatement cannot exceed \$1,500. Currently in Andover, it remains at \$1,100.

Q: What if your mortgage is paid automatically and includes taxes?

A: Your mortgage company will receive a tax bill reflective of the abatement. They will recognize that when they adjust your escrow.

Q: I received a notice that I will receive a check for my hours completed for FY21. When will I receive the actual check?

A: After receiving that notice, you will need to call the Treasurer's Office to request a check.

Q: Will we have to apply again for the next year?

A: Yes, FY23 applications are due November 12th

QUESTION ABOUT HOURS AND WORK

Q: How many hours are required this year?

A: 81.5

Q: Are there going to be more hours available?

A: We are unsure about opportunities with the schools. We will do our best to fill other positions.

Q: What is the projection of hours needed for FY23?

A: Currently the number of hours remain at 81.5.

Q: If you apply to the FY23 Tax Bill Program by November 12th, when do we start working?

A: December 1st or after you finish your FY22 hours, the next day they roll to the FY23 bill.

Q: What if I finish hours in January? What happens to my February hours?

A: They will be applied to the FY23 tax bill program year.

Q: Will you apply partial hours to the February tax bill?

A: No, you will have until February 28th to complete.

Q: If you complete all hours by December 1st, will it be split between two bills?

A: Yes, your abatement will be applied to your February 2022 and the May 2022 bill.

Q: Why divide it into two bills?

A: The program requires the abatement goes to the tax bill. By Statute abatements are spread between payments. This is consistent with other abatement/exemptions.

Q: What happens between February 28th and November 15th if you enroll in the FY23 program?

A: Those hours will go to the FY23 program.

Q: When do I start working FY23 hours?

A: Depending on when we complete your hours for FY22.

DEDUCTIONS

Q: Is the Town still taking deductions?

A: This program is considered income under Federal guidelines, so Federal taxes and Medicare taxes are also taken. Note that Medicare taxes are not the same thing as paying to be on Medicare.

Q: Social security was taken out of my statement, why?

A: Social security is not taken out of the abatement. A municipality is required to take pension deductions or retirement plan deduction of 7.5%. Since this program is not pension eligible, the Town takes 7.5% for the retirement plan, also known as ICMA or PTS.

Q: Is there a deadline to receive pension?

A: It is not a pension, but a savings account. To withdraw you need to contact Human Resources.

Q: How do I get money paid into it back?

A: Contact Human Resources.