

Refugee Readiness Training and Resources

FACT SHEET #5 – RAP BENEFITS FOR GARS IN BC

**Note: All benefits and assistance are dependent upon family size and composition.
Examples used are for a family of four (2 adults + 2 children).**

Financial Assistance

- GARs receive RAP income assistance for one year. The level of income received on a monthly basis is dependent upon family size and composition. A family of four (2 adults + 2 children), for example, would receive between \$1,349 and \$1,449 per month.
- Upon arrival, GARs also receive a one-time start up allowance to cover costs associated with staples, clothing, school allowance and telephone hook-up, if a land line is chosen. A family of four (2 adults + 2 children) would receive a one-time start-up allowance of \$1,709.
- GARs are also entitled to a few other benefits such as maternity allowance (\$75 per month and one-time \$200 for maternity clothing), as well as a one-time \$750 allowance when the baby is born.

Family size	RAP Monthly Allowance		
	Shelter portion	Basic Needs	Total
1 adult	\$375 to \$450	\$359	\$734 to \$809
1 adult + 1 child	\$570 to \$670	\$500	\$1,070 to \$1,170
2 adults	\$570 to \$670	\$555	\$1,125 to \$1,225
1 adult + 2 children	\$660 to \$760	\$500	\$1,160 to \$1,260
2 adults + 1 child	\$660 to \$760	\$649	\$1,309 to \$1,409
2 adults + 2 children	\$700 to \$800	\$649	\$1,349 to \$1,449
2 adults + 3 children	\$750 to \$850	\$649	\$1,399 to \$1,499
2 adults + 4 children	\$785 to \$885	\$649	\$1,434 to \$1,534
2 adults + 5 children	\$820 to \$920	\$649	\$1,469 to \$1,569

Furniture and Household Goods Packages

- GARs receive a furniture package plus a household goods package also based on the family size. Numbers of each item provided in the packages are dependent on family size.
 - Furniture Package:
 - Bed
 - Table and chairs
 - Chest of drawers
 - Standing lamps
 - Clock radio
 - Sofa and chairs
 - Vacuum cleaner
 - Household Goods Package:
 - Linens: sheets, blanket, comforter, pillow, bath towels, face cloths, dish towels, dish clothes
 - Cooking utensils and cutlery such as baking pans, casserole dish, cookware set, dishes, measuring cups, mixing bowls, teapot
- Other household goods such as electric kettle, dust pan, broom, telephone.