CityFHEPS to EHV Comparison

If you are planning on or have recently left shelter or another program with CityFHEPS and still have an active EHV, please consider the following factors when deciding whether or not to pursue EHV assistance with NYCHA or HPD.

Emergency Housing Voucher Program

	CityFHEPS	EHV
Payment Standards Maximum amount the voucher will pay	Set to NYCHA Section 8 payment standards	Section 8 payment standards plus higher Exception Payment Standards for certain zip codes in the city
Contribution Tenant-share portion of rent	30% of income	30% of household's adjusted monthly gross income if rent is within the voucher payment standard and up to 40% of adjusted monthly gross income if rent exceeds the payment standard
Utility Allowance	Subtracted from rent	Utility allowance reduces the tenant-share portion of the rent
Program Length	Five years with good cause extensions	Congress appropriated funding for 10 years. Participation is ongoing as long as the household remains eligible and in good standing with requirements.
Ongoing Inspections	None	Bi-annual HQS inspections in most cases
Annual Recertification	Mail-in application from tenant verifying income	Section 8 annual recertification occurs once per year. Participants can request an interim recertification, at any time, if their income or household composition changes
Income Limit at Recertification	80% AMI	No ongoing income qualification. As long as the household has a rent burden (rent is more than 30% of the adjusted monthly gross income) their participation continues
Moving with a Voucher	Must live in NYC	Can move to any other jurisdiction in United States, Puerto Rico or U.S. Virgin Islands that operates a tenant-based Section 8 program





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