

This document provides general information about CityFHEPS eligibility for households in shelter and who are street homeless. Complete information about eligibility is set forth in Chapter 10 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York.

## Am I eligible for CityFHEPS if I am in a HRA or DHS Shelter?

Not every individual or family who is currently in shelter will qualify for the program.

In order to get CityFHEPS, your household must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a gross income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level;
2. Be on Cash Assistance, if eligible;
3. Not qualify for any other rental assistance program, including FHEPS;

### AND

4. Your household must belong to Group A or Group B to the right.

## Am I eligible for CityFHEPS if I am experiencing street homelessness?

If you are experiencing street homelessness, and are residing on the street, in a Safe Haven or shelter, or are using a drop-in center, you need to be receiving services from a DHS contracted provider for 90 days in order to be eligible for CityFHEPS. You can also be eligible for CityFHEPS if you're residing in permanent housing after being placed out of a Safe Haven, shelter, or directly from the street, or after being placed by a drop-in center, and are receiving aftercare services.

You must still meet the following basic CityFHEPS eligibility criteria:

1. Have a gross income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level;
2. Be on Cash Assistance, if eligible;
3. Not qualify for any other rental assistance program;

## Group A

Your household will belong to Group A if:

1. it meets **one** of the following requirements:
  - a. Be a family living in DHS Shelter for the last 90 days with a gap no larger than 10 days **OR**
  - b. Be a Single Adult living in DHS Shelter for 90 of the last 365 days **OR**
  - c. Reside in an HRA shelter **OR**
  - d. Reside in a DHS shelter and be eligible for HRA shelter

### AND

2. it **also** meets **one** of the following **additional** requirements:
  - a. The household includes someone under 18 and the combined household has been working (subsidized or unsubsidized) 30 hours per week for the last 30 days **OR**
  - b. The household is adult only household working (subsidized or unsubsidized) any number of hours per week for the last 30 days **OR**
  - c. Someone 18 or over is disabled (receives federal disability benefits or is in receipt of ongoing CA and is on the WeCARE SSI track) **OR**
  - d. Someone in the household is 60 years of age or older **OR**
  - e. Someone 18 or over is exempt from public assistance work requirements because they are needed at home to care for a disabled family member.

## Group B

Your household will belong to Group B if it resides in DHS or HRA shelter and meets one of the following requirements:

- a. The household includes someone who served in the U.S. Armed Forces **OR**
- b. The household is living in a DHS shelter that is about to close **OR**
- c. The household was referred by a CityFHEPS qualifying program, and DSS determined that CityFHEPS was needed to shorten shelter entry. (If you are in DHS shelter and this applies to you, your case manager will see a note in your case record).

If you have any questions about CityFHEPS and your eligibility, you should talk to your housing specialist or case manager.

