

What You Should Know About FHEPS or CITYFHEPS Shopping Letters and Utilities

FHEPS can be used to rent an apartment within the five (5) boroughs of New York City. CityFHEPS can be used to rent an apartment anywhere in New York State or to rent a single room in an apartment or a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) unit within the five (5) boroughs of New York City. The rent and utility amounts on this document are only valid for potential FHEPS tenants or for potential CityFHEPS tenants who are moving within New York City.

If you are a potential CityFHEPS tenant and will be moving outside of New York City, but within New York State, please go to the DSS CityFHEPS website to find the statewide amounts at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/cityfheps-documents.page>.

The amount on the shopping letter is the maximum amount you can rent an apartment for when all of the utilities like heat, hot water, electricity, and cooking gas are included.

The chart below will help you identify the maximum rent amount of your voucher if you are responsible for some or all of the utilities:

Family Size	Number of Bedrooms	Payment Standard* (Effective 07/01/2025)
1	SRO**	\$1,985
1	Studio	\$2,646
1 or 2	1	\$2,762
3 or 4	2	\$3,058
5 or 6	3	\$3,811
7 or 8	4	\$4,111
9 or 10	5	\$4,728
11 or 12	6	\$5,345
13 or 14	7	\$5,962
15 or 16	8	\$6,579
17 or 18	9	\$7,196
19 or 20	10	\$7,812

* The payment standards in the chart above are the maximum rent amounts if all utilities are included in the lease.

** SRO only applies to CityFHEPS

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How can I find out which utilities are included?

- The proposed lease will tell you what utilities are included
- The listing may also say what utilities are included. *For example: heat and hot water are included.*
- You can ask the broker or landlord

Can I agree to pay the landlord the difference?

No, you cannot agree to pay the landlord the difference. This is known as a “side deal” and landlords promise not to do this when they accept the voucher. This helps ensure your rent is the amount in the lease and keeps rents affordable for everyone.