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LINC Rental Assistance Program Update NOW AVAILABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: Enhanced LINC Rent Levels

The Living in Communities (LINC) Rental Assistance program was developed to help move families out of shelter and into stable housing. We are pleased to announce a new addition to the LINC program designed to make it more competitive in the housing market.

Enhanced LINC Rent Levels Now Available!

Effective November 7, 2014 and until further notice, apartments leased through the LINC program can be rented at HIGHER levels than the standard maximum LINC rental amounts, as per the Human Resources Administration's exercise of its discretion to raise the maximum rent levels at this time.

What Are The New Enhanced Rent Levels?

The standard maximum LINC rental amounts, the new ENHANCED maximum LINC rental amounts, and the amount of the increase over the standard amounts are listed in the below table. Landlords will be able to lease apartments at monthly rent levels up to these enhanced maximum rental amounts.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Standard Max Rent	\$914	\$1,028	\$1,200	\$1,257	\$1,428	\$1,542	\$1,599	\$1,714	\$1,770	\$1,828
ENHANCED Max Rent	\$1,213	\$1,268	\$1,515	\$1,515	\$1,956	\$1,956	\$2,197	\$2,197	\$2,530	\$2,530
Increase	\$299	\$240	\$315	\$258	\$528	\$414	\$598	\$483	\$760	\$702

Will Client Certification Letters Reflect Enhanced Rent Levels?

Yes. During the time these new enhanced maximum LINC rental amounts are available, they will be reflected in client certification letters.

Will the Client's Contribution Be Affected?

No. Client contributions will remain unaffected. The increased rent that landlords can seek will be addressed by an increased contribution from the City under the LINC program.

How Long Do The Enhanced Rent Levels Last Once A Lease Is Signed?

Upon a lease signing at the enhanced rent level, that rent level will not be reduced by the City for as long as the client participates in the LINC program, even if, in the future, the City again issues certification letters for new LINC clients with the standard maximum rent levels. A client is LINC eligible for up to 5 years.

How Many Units Can A Landlord Lease At The Enhanced Rent Levels?

There is no cap on the number of apartments each individual landlord can rent at the new levels. As long as the City is issuing certification letters at the enhanced rent levels, landlords can enter into leases with LINC clients at these rents.

How do I sign a lease or find out more?

If you have an apartment to offer to DHS clients, go to the DHS website for instructions: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dhs>. If you have an apartment to offer HRA clients, call 929-221-7246.

The information in this pamphlet provides a general overview of the Enhanced LINC Rent Levels. It is not intended to provide full details concerning the implementation of the new rent levels or the operation of the LINC program. For further information please refer to the LINC I, II and III program documents.