

July 11, 2023

Contact:

Audrey Martin

AMartin@legal-aid.org

## \*\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*\*

## Statement on Mayor Adams' CityFHEPS Announcement

(NEW YORK, NY) - Robert Desir, staff attorney with the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement in response to Mayor Eric Adams' announcement on CityFHEPS:

"We are heartened to hear that more New Yorkers have been able to secure CityFHEPS since the Administration removed the arbitrary and punitive '90-day-rule', an overhaul that we have long called for.

"However, it's imperative that the City Council immediately override the Mayor's recent veto of CityFHEPS reform and expansion legislation to ensure that even more families and individuals who are experiencing or on the brink of homelessness avoid unnecessary impediments to accessing this life saving housing voucher."

###

The Legal Aid Society exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For over 145 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of our clients and helps improve our communities. www.legalaidnyc.org