*** § 608. Funding allocation and distribution.** 1. Subject to appropriation, funding shall be allocated by the commissioner in each county except for those counties located within the city of New York, the initial allocation shall be in proportion to the number of households in each county or the city of New York who are severely rent burdened based on data published by the United States census bureau. Funding for counties located within the city of New York shall be allocated directly to the New York city department of housing preservation and development and/or the New York city housing authority, as appropriate, in proportion to the number of households in New York city as compared to the rest of the state of New York who are severely rent burdened based on data published by the United States census bureau.

2. The commissioner shall be responsible for distributing the funds allocated in each county not located within the city of New York among housing access voucher local administrators operating in each county or in the city of New York.

3. Priority shall be given to applicants who are homeless. The commissioner shall have the discretion to establish further priorities as appropriate.

4. Up to ten percent of the funds allocated may be used by the commissioner and the housing access voucher local administrator for administrative expenses attributable to administering the housing access voucher pilot program.

* NB Expires May 1, 2030