



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSING AUTHORITY
of the City of Long Beach

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February 12, 2013

AGENDA ITEM 5

HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the presentation of the Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Graduates. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The goal of the Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program is to enable low-income families to achieve economic independence by addressing families' needs for housing, education, employment and supportive services, ultimately relying less on public subsidies. This program collaborates with public and private organizations to supply participants with the tools necessary to develop and execute long-range career plans. Being a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) holder is the only requirement for enrollment in the FSS program.

Upon entry, participants determine the interim goals that they would like to achieve, with full employment being the required final goal. The Section 8 HCV program is income-based and any increase in household income will result in the family paying a higher rent. When the FSS participants' rent portion increases due to higher earnings, the Housing Authority's federally funded rental subsidy, on behalf of the family, will be decreased. This savings in rental subsidy is placed into an escrow account for the participant where it accrues interest. These escrow funds are awarded to the participant after five years of participation if they have met their interim and final goals.

Attached is the list of 25 graduates for the Housing Authority FSS Program for calendar year 2012. The highest escrow paid to a participant was \$19,077. Together they represent over \$123,156 of awarded escrow money.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on January 24, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 28, 2013.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Housing Authority Commission action is requested on February 12, 2013 to ensure compliance with Housing Authority Bylaws and continued operations of the Housing Authority.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



SUSAN PRICE
ACTING ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED:


PATRICK H. WEST
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Attachment: 2012 FSS Graduates

District 1

Denise Spruce
Velma Martin
Sina Cruz

District 2

Gwendolyn Weston-Craig
Toccara Townsend
Phychisha Thompson
Virta Woodard

District 3

Patricia Ladd

District 4

Latishia Hammond
Valerie Thornton

District 6

Chavonda Simpson
Lavern Young
Dionne Meadows
Jerry Saldana

District 7

Reba Richson
Claudia Otis

District 8

Dristel Lewis
Farissa Fuller
Raja Hill
Beverly Smith
Olga Shikhale

District 9

Tametra Allen
Meekie Fisher
Zeronica Wright
Wanda Rice