



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSING AUTHORITY
of the City of Long Beach

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March 14, 2017

HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the presentation of the 2016 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. The 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 the 20 graduates for the Housing Authority FSS Program for calendar year 2016. The highest escrow paid to a participant was \$35,461. Together they represent over \$212,733 of awarded escrow money.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on February 21, 2017 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on February 23, 2017.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Housing Authority Commission action is requested on March 14, 2017, to ensure compliance with Housing Authority Bylaws and continued operations of the Housing Authority.

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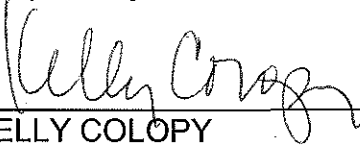
FISCAL IMPACT

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

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



KELLY COLOPY
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Attachment: 2016 FSS Graduates

2016 Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency Program Graduates

District 1

Michael Allison
Tequilla Brew
Vernon Daniels
Natasha Starks
Saedra Wright

District 6

Alicia Dickerson
Rossalynn Johnson
Debra Maxie
Tanica Neal
Towana Scrivens

District 2

Sokhonther Chan
Luquilla Collins
Crystal Sims

District 8

Karen Baker
Janet Payne

District 4

Abner Benavides
Shanena Whitson
Nekeita Williams

District 9

Veronica Johnson
Misty Tatum