



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSING AUTHORITY
of the City of Long Beach

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AGENDA ITEM 5

HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File the presentation of 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 the family's need for housing, education, employment and supportive services, and 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 they'd 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 24 graduates for the Housing Authority FSS Program for calendar year 2010. The highest escrow paid to a participant was \$14,329. Together they represent over \$113,661 of awarded escrow money.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on January 18, 2011, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 19, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Housing Authority Commission action is requested to ensure compliance with the Bylaws and continued operations of the Housing Authority.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund. The Family Self-Sufficiency program does result in a positive impact on local jobs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



RONALD R. ARIAS
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Attachment: 2010 FSS Graduates

Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Graduates

District 1

Deandra Johnson

District 2

Rolanda Booker
Valentino Pacheco
Tsetse Robinson
Dawn Schmidt

District 3

Yolanda Flournoy

District 4

Shelita Bryant
Lisa Epps
Sopheap Im
Spenette Malone

District 6

Janet Barnes
Saream Chey
Traci Davis
Tiarron Dixson
Agnes Kuni
DeAngela Sanders

District 7

Francisca Leon

District 8

Suntheary Chey
Sheila Johnson
Yolanda Villalba

District 9

Lisa Coley
Deidra Knighten
Tumac Summerville
Shawntres Williams