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HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
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 ultimately relying less on government subsidy. 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 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 46 graduates for the Housing Authority FSS Program for calendar year 2008.

The highest escrow paid to a participant was \$36,132.

Together they represent over \$264,833 of awarded escrow money.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

This matter is not time critical.

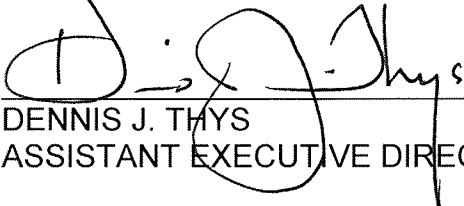
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



DENNIS J. THYS
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**LONG BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY
2008 FSS GRADUATES**

Debresha Adams
Tandeka Arcilla
Julie Boyd
Valerie Boyd
Lianne Brooks
Shelly Bryant
Michelle Camire
Clay Crudup
Max Diaz
Desuray Forte
Diana Gaines
Patriener Gant
Christina Graves
Kera Green
Myesha Hickman
Edwina Jefferson
Lachell Jones
Yolanda Jones
Kashonda Knox
Sabrina Knox
Latrease Lang
Lawana Lee
Evonne Leigh

Yvette Logan
Jaqueline Love
Jose Magana
Kim Malone
Isa Marcell
Laurie Meegan
Venus Miles
Helen Mitchell
Priscilla Mitchell
Condessa Morris
Leslie Moses
Kera Perkins
Christine Recharte
Betty Richards
Donald Ross
Kim Ross
Cherrye Solomon
Tracy Thompson
Darnella Turner
Natasha Wall
Kathryn Williams
Lanette Williams
Nateral Young