



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
of the City of Long Beach

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February 14, 2012

**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 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 17 graduates for the Housing Authority FSS Program for calendar year 2011. The highest escrow paid to a participant was \$37,733. Together they represent over \$189,289 of awarded escrow money.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on January 23, 2012 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 26, 2012.

**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 fiscal impact and no impact to local jobs associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:



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RONALD R. ARIAS  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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PATRICK H. WEST  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Attachment: 2011 FSS Graduates

## 2011 Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency Program Graduates

### District 1

- Tammie Henderson

### District 2

- Latisha Draper
- Euginia Newby
- Tara Young

### District 4

- Hortencia Alanis
- Kesha Brockington
- Koya Broderick

### District 6

- Maria Leon

### District 8

- Niesha Clark
- Stephanie Gipson
- Connie Louis
- Bridgette Nicolson
- Tanisha Shells
- Juanita Stewart
- Lynne Van Bibber

### District 9

- Antania Serice Franklin
- Tracey Jones