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Family Self-Sufficiency

Have you ever dreamed of being financially independent?

Read more to discover how the

HCVP's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

program can help you reach this goal.

With FSS you set your own goals, work

at your own pace, and build a nest egg

which will lead you toward greater

financial independence.

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FAMILY SELF- SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM



Family Self-Sufficiency Program Overview

What is Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)?

FSS is a program operated by the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) to help families gain economic independence.

How does it work?

FSS works by linking families to services to help them reach specific goals. Some of these goals include:

- Stable Employment
- Educational Degree
- Homeownership



The FSS program will provide participants with referrals to provide assistance for:

- Child care
- Transportation
- Education
- Job training
- Homeownership skills training
- Substance abuse/alcohol treatment

Who is eligible?

Any family currently in HCVP that was not previously involved in the FSS program is eligible to participate.

FSS PROCESS

What are the requirements?

The family chooses a goal to work toward over a five-year period. The family then signs a contract with the HCVP detailing the responsibilities of both parties.

Once the family satisfactorily completes the five-year contract, they receive the benefits of participation.

FSS BENEFITS

What are the benefits?

The FSS program is designed to help families become self-sufficient. This includes reducing the need for welfare benefits, increasing job stability, and saving money to reach specific goals.



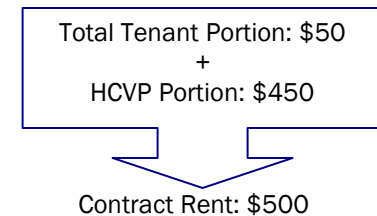
As the family's income goes up the HCVP will match any rent increase and deposit the funds into a savings account. At the end of the five-year contract term the funds will be released to the family. These lump sums can be used for a variety of purposes including:

- Tuition
- Homeownership
- Debt repayment
- New car

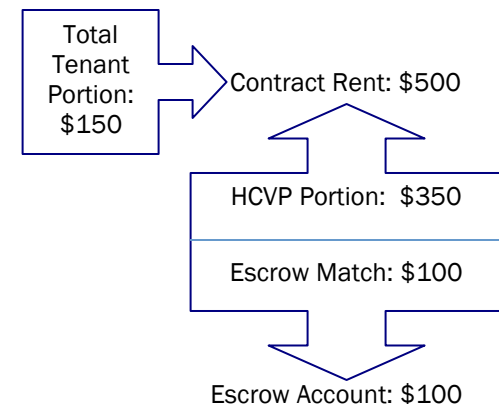
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How do the escrow accounts work?

Example:



As the tenant earns more income their rent will increase. The HCVP will match some of the increase rental payments with money that can be placed in escrow. This money will be awarded to the family if they complete the terms of their FSS Contract.



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