
What is the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program?

The FSS Program helps family's currently receiving subsidy under HHA's housing programs take the steps to find and maintain stable employment and establish savings accounts that will lead to self-sufficiency.

It is an opportunity to invest in your future – whether you want to finish school, find a better job, secure the childcare and transportation you need to stay employed, or own your own home.

Participation in the FSS Program is voluntary. If you choose to participate, you will sign a 5-year contract and develop a personal plan for becoming self-sufficient. After signing the contract, it is up to you to work toward your goals, with the support of the FSS Coordinator.

Am I eligible for FSS?

If you currently have a Housing Choice Voucher from HHA, are able to work, and want to become self-sufficient, you may be eligible. The first step is to complete an application to place your name on our FSS waiting list.

As slots in the program open up, you will be invited to attend an FSS orientation meeting, where you will learn more about the program and the enrollment and participation requirements

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FSS is a goal-focused program to assist participants to increase financial stability and move forward on an individual path toward self-sufficiency



What are your goals?

They can come true with the help of FSS:

Save enough to secure reliable transportation.

Go back to school and further your education and individual growth.

Save enough money to help clear any deficiencies on your credit report and increase your credit score.

How can I save the money needed to achieve my goals?

HHA establishes an interest-bearing escrow (savings) account for each FSS participant. As you work toward your goals, and your **earned income increases**, HHA makes contributions to this account.

The amount of escrow credit is based on increases in the family's total tenant payment (TTP) resulting from increases in the family's **earned** income during the term of the FSS contract.

If you complete your FSS goals and contract, you receive a check equal to the amount in the FSS escrow account. FSS participants use their savings for many things, including buying a car, paying for school and credit repair.

The Keys to FSS Success

Achieving self-sufficiency is hard work, but HHA will be your partner in making it happen!



What is holding you back?

The FSS program can provide assistance in establishing a self-sufficiency plan and help you obtain the necessary services to help you overcome the barriers that may be keeping you from achieving your dreams.

- ✓ Gaining job skills
- ✓ Increasing income from employment
- ✓ Building savings and managing money
- ✓ Establishing or repairing credit
- ✓ Achieving education goals
- ✓ Addressing family issues (child care, health/disability, transportation)

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FSS Graduation!

You graduate from FSS, and receive the escrow funds, when you meet all the following:

- Complete your contract goals within 5 years
- Maintain suitable employment
- Your family is off **cash assistance** for 1 year prior to the end of your FSS Contract of Participation
- You are in good standing with HHA

What you will do:

- Complete an application to put your name on the FSS waiting list.
- Attend an orientation meeting when you receive an invitation from HHA
- Sign a contract with HHA with your self-sufficiency goals
- Work to achieve your contract goals
- Meet periodically with an FSS Coordinator to discuss progress and service needs
- Provide required documentation of goal-related activities

What HHA will do:

- Help you develop a self-sufficiency plan
- Link you with programs and services to meet your goals
- Advise you on how to overcome barriers that may arise to achieving your goals
- Administer the escrow savings account