



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
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County Housing Authority Receives \$205,273 to Assist San Bernardino County Residents

(San Bernardino, CA.) A new grant of \$205,273 to the Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program was just awarded to help families find stable employment and/or advance educational goals to eventually strengthen job skills. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded a total of \$75 million to housing authorities nationally – all working towards this same goal.

HACSB's Community Development Initiatives Department works directly with families to: 1) develop a personalized education and/or professional 5-year action plan; and 2) provide on-going case management assistance to ensure each family/individual is achieving planned goals. Through various community partners and leveraging existing community resources, Housing Authority staff is able to provide assistance for each individual's needs, whether its access to tools to complete their education, job training and placement, or to health and human services.

The way it works is as follows: As a family's income rises, instead of a simple rent increase, an escrow credit is deposited into an interest bearing escrow account. If the family successfully completes its FSS contract, the family receives the escrow funds that it can use for any purpose, including paying educational expenses, starting a business, paying debts, or even a down payment for a home.

"Our agency is committed to helping each family not only have a quality place to live, but also to succeed in personal endeavors by providing them with tools that lead to job placement assistance," states Daniel Nackerman, HACSB's Executive Director.

Thanks to this renewed funding from HUD, Housing Authority families will continue to receive these much needed services which ultimately benefit the entire community as individuals become self-sufficient and more families in need of affordable housing are housed.

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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest public housing agencies in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities and children. From providing housing and home ownership, to job training and childcare, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people to elevate their lives every day. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit www.hacsb.com.