

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NAPA
AGENDA REPORT

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
AGENDA ITEM 3.A.
Date: April 07, 2015

To: Honorable Chair and Commissioners
From: Rick Tooker, Community Development Director
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Subject: Family Self Sufficiency Presentation

ISSUE STATEMENT:

Presentation of Certificates of Completion and checks to two Family Self Sufficiency Program graduates.

DISCUSSION:

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is a HUD-funded program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help participants of the Section 8 program secure employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. The Housing Authority works with other community agencies and local businesses to provide a comprehensive program that gives participating FSS family members the skills and experience to enable them to obtain employment that pays a living wage.

The FSS Program links participants to supportive services to assist them with their education, job training and placement, counseling, child care, nutrition and other resources necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. This enhances the standard of living and self-esteem of the participants as they become more productive members of the community and are no longer dependent on government assistance.

The FSS Program also provides a financial incentive to participants who increase their earnings and successfully complete the program. The participant enters into a five-year Contract of Participation with the Housing Authority outlining the goals and objectives for reaching self-sufficiency in exchange for the Housing Authority establishing an interest-bearing escrow account for the participant. As the household income goes up due to new and increased wages, the monthly Section 8 rental assistance is reduced. However, under the FSS Program, there is a corresponding increase in the monthly deposit placed in the participant's escrow account. Once the participant completes their goals, he/she is eligible to receive the accrued escrow funds.

FSS Participant Marsha Hunt has successfully completed her goals for her Contract of Participation and is eligible to receive her Certificate of Completion and a check in the amount of \$ 1,341.63.

FSS Participant Cesar Mendieta has also successfully completed his goals for his Contract of Participation and is eligible to receive his Certificate of Completion and a check in the amount of \$ 5,639.56.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

Funding for this action is available in the FSS Escrow Deposit Liability Account (84303-22819). The original source of funding is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program.

CEQA:

The Deputy Director has determined that the recommended action described in this agenda report is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

None; the Certificates will be presented by Staff on the day of the meeting.

NOTIFICATION:

Program graduates Marsha Hunt and Cesar Mendieta were notified of the presentation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No formal action necessary.