

Multifamily FSS – A Message from Lamar Seats Transcript

Hello, I'm Lamar Seats, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs at HUD. As you may know, HUD has offered a voluntary Family Self Sufficiency program to our assisted housing owners since 2016. I encourage our housing owners and management agents to learn more about FSS and choose to offer this opportunity to their residents.

FSS is a powerful asset building program for residents. Through coaching and case management, residents identify individual goals to work towards economic self-sufficiency. While in the program, residents contribute to an escrow account, which allows them to save money during the program and use the funds to meet their goals after they graduate from the FSS program.

FSS helps residents connect with valuable services that facilitate increased employment and earned income, such as education and job training, employment counseling, and financial literacy.

The FSS program embodies the highest priority goal stated in HUD's Strategic Plan – "promoting economic opportunity by encouraging self-sufficiency and financial stability among HUD-assisted residents". The Department is committed to programs that link residents of assisted housing to services and supports that will encourage their efforts to achieve economic prosperity.

Please join HUD in offering our residents the opportunity to build a brighter financial future. We all must work together to create access to opportunity and vibrant communities for all. For more information, see our Family Self-Sufficiency HUD Exchange web page or contact your local field office staff.