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FY25 HUD Grant Family Self Sufficiency Program– West Allis Community Development Authority (CDA)

Grant Information

On December 26, 2024, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded fiscal year 2025 renewal funding for existing Family Self-Sufficiency Programs, enabling them to continue their important work with HUD-assisted residents to a total of **836** Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and Multifamily Property Owners. This funding will be used to support **1,537.5** FSS Coordinators around the country. The City of West Allis Community Development Authority (CDA) was awarded a total of **\$95,063** in FSS Program Grant funds with an operational grant period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Purpose of FSS Program

Historically the Family Self Sufficiency Program promotes the development of local strategies and community partnerships to coordinate public and private resources that help housing choice voucher program participants, public housing tenants, and tenants in the Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) programs to obtain employment that will enable participating families to achieve economic independence and reduce dependence on welfare assistance and rental subsidies.

Goals & Outcomes West Allis CDA & FSS FY25 Grant

PHA WI201 intends to utilize the FSS grant to fund one full-time FSS Coordinator, in partnership with Lutheran Social Services, while maintaining a minimum of 30 participants enrolled in the program. Currently, 32 participants are enrolled. In addition, goal indicators for the grant are to: increase program participant enrollment by 15% in FY 2025, increase participant earnings and build financial assets by case management and coaching through access to community services, with a focus on overcoming employment barriers and strengthening financial capability.

Ultimately, increasing the FSS Achievement (FAM) Score of our housing authority, which is a standardized, longitudinal performance metric for the FSS program. The FSS FAM Score is a direct correlation to annual reporting of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program through the Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). FAM score metrics encompass 20% for participation, 30% for graduation, and 50% for escrow earnings – totaling 100%. Currently, West Allis CDA has a FAM score of 4.2 out of 8.0 of total possible points.