



HACB AND CHICORY COURT VI, L.P. GET AWARDED RENEWAL GRANTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, TO CONTINUE THEIR FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Brownsville, TX, January 23, 2024– The Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville (HACB) and Chicory Court VI, L.P. were awarded U.S. Department of Housing Urban Development (HUD) Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Renewal Grants to continue funding the HACB FSS Program and the Multifamily FSS Program at the Candlewick Townhomes for \$194,250 and \$56,248 respectively. The HACB FSS Program is one of 37 PHA FSS Programs and the Candlewick Multifamily FSS Program is one of six in the State of Texas.

These grants fund the FSS Coordinators that work with assisted housing residents to help them increase their earnings and build financial assets. Two key features of the FSS program are the financial incentive for residents to increase their earnings in the form of an escrow account that grows as residents' earnings increase; and case management to help residents access services the families may need to overcome barriers to employment and strengthen their financial capabilities.

The FSS Coordinators role is to build partnerships with employers and service providers in the community to help participants obtain jobs and services. These services may include childcare, transportation, basic adult education, job training, employment counseling, financial literacy, and homeownership counseling among others. Services are generally outsourced to service providers in the community of Brownsville.

“Congratulations to our team for successfully being awarded the FSS and Multifamily FSS HUD grant.” said HACB Commissioner Wendy De Leon. “This is the only program that promotes upward mobility by ensuring that families have stable affordable housing, case management that helps support residents in identifying and pursuing goals, and the only program that has economic incentives for participating households.”

“On behalf of the HACB Board, we thank HUD for providing funding opportunities that will continue to improve the quality of life for our HACB families” said Chairman Luis Eduardo Garduño. “By using the HACB assistance and leveraging the FSS Program, families can create a positive change in their lives.”

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