

# FALL RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY

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## **Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)**

- The FSS Program is a HUD Funded Voluntary Program offered to all Fall River Housing Authority Federal Public Housing Residents and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Recipients.
- It is a five-year program in which the participants establish goals to help them gain self-sufficiency.
- The established goals vary from repairing their credit, to furthering their education to obtain better employment, to budgeting, to working toward homeownership. Just to mention a few.
- FSS is a work incentive program. An escrow account is established for each participant once there is an increase in their Earned Income. Every time the earned income increases there is an increase in the amount of escrow that is placed in the account.
- As the completion of the program approaches, if the participant was not able to obtain the goals set within the Contract of Participation, he/she may request extension. If the extension is granted, they are allowed an extension of up to two years to complete their goals.
- To date the Fall River Housing Authority has awarded over \$131,525.80 to the FSS Graduates, 3 home owners from the Housing Choice Voucher Program and will soon have our 1<sup>st</sup> Public Housing Home Owner.

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