# READY FOR FINANCIAL FREEDOM? WE CAN HELP.

The Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS) invests in your future by contributing money into a savings account when your income increases.

Available to current Housing Choice Voucher holders, FSS is a HUD-funded program and the goals of the program are to help households increase income, reduce the need for public assistance, and connect participants with community resources to help you reach your self-sufficiency goals such as obtaining reliable transportation, relieving personal debt, or funding a down payment on a home.

## **OVERVIEW**



Of FSS participates who graduated from the program in 2017, their income increased by 65% atexit when compared to at-entry.



Creating strategies for savings accounts, budgeting, and improving your credit score are just a few of the topics.



Every time your earnings increase, money will be put into an escrow account that helps free you of assistance.

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# FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY

Investing in possibilities to live and work in Scott County.

### WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We established this program with HUD to promote self-sufficiency with Section 8 participants. Working together with a counselor, we can help you and your family create a bright future.

### IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- You will have an account that Scott County CDA opens for you and maintains while you are on the program.
- Scott County CDA contributes money (HUD funds) to the account as you earn more income through work.
- The more earned income the more Scott County CDA will contribute.
- The type of account is called an Escrow account.
- If you graduate from the program, you will get a check for the money you earned.
- All Housing Choice Voucher and Project Based participants are eligible to participate in the program.
- You will still only have one caseworker; your FSS worker is also your Section 8 worker, making it easy to communicate!
- FSS is a voluntary program designed to encourage you to achieve goals and increase income.
- The program is free!

### REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

### Required:

• Meet with the FSS Program Coordinator initially to sign up for the program and every 6 months thereafter to set goals and make actions plans.

### Recommended:

 Attend one Community Meeting per 12 month period to learn about other resources in the community and give program feedback.

