

HOW TO APPLY

Residents interested in the FSS program should contact their property manager or the FSS department.

Please visit www.prha.org or call 757.391.2961 for general questions about the FSS Program.

SUCCESS STORY


Ms. Copeland joined the FSS Program March of 2015 while employed part-time at a local grocery chain. Attending FSS workshops, and case management meetings, Ms. Copeland recognized her dreams could one day become reality. Ms. Copeland improved her credit and received a full-time management position. Ms. Copeland accomplished all of her goals and became a First-Time Homebuyer March 2019.

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I'm glad I had the opportunity to go through the FSS program and receive the information needed to become a first-time homebuyer.”

--Sharetta Copeland

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



83 % of participants
Reduced Rental
Housing Subsidy



\$338,447

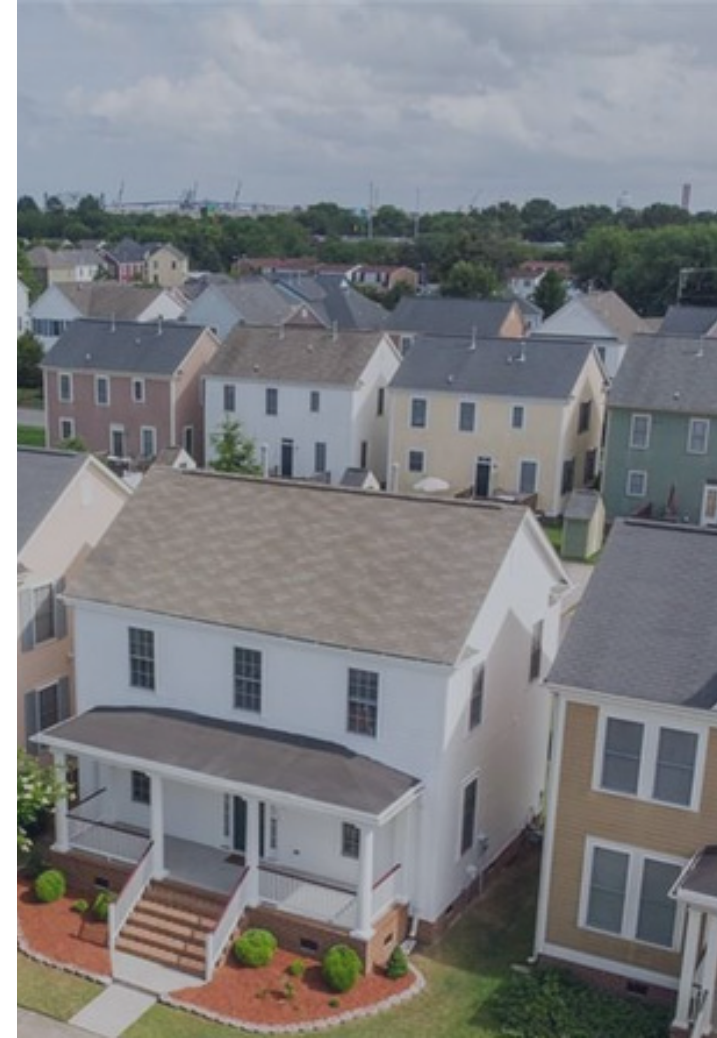
Escrow Disbursements
2014-2018



Over **1,000**
enrollments since
1998

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**FAMILY SELF-
SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

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HELPING YOU TO MOVE FORWARD

As a participant of the FSS program, you may be eligible to start an escrow account. An escrow account is established, when there is an increase in your earned income, which causes your rent to increase. You may use these funds to cover educational, employment and job training costs, homeownership down payment assistance or emergency car care needs to maintain employment. Graduates will receive escrow monies earned upon successful completion of the program.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

- One-on-one case management
- Locate needed resources
- Enrichment workshops
- Assistance with educational and employment goal development

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

- Sign a contract of participation
- Maintain consistent contact with case manager
- Seek or maintain employment
- Attend workshops
- Earn a high school diploma, GED, college degree, or training certification

HELP US HELP YOU GAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY



WHAT WE DO

The Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a 5 year program designed to assist residents gain the necessary skills for success. We help you become economically independent and be able to provide daily necessities without government assistance.

Our case managers will help you to identify barriers that may prevent you from accomplishing your goals. Those barriers may include lack of childcare, transportation and funding for education and training. Our case managers will help to coordinate resources to help overcome those barriers.

WHO WE SERVE

All Portsmouth public housing residents (PH) and Housing Choice Voucher Participants (HCV) are eligible to participate in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.