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Birmingham Housing Authority Awarded \$232,878 from HUD to Fund FSS Program

BIRMINGHAM, *AL* – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has named the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District (HABD) as a recipient of a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) grant award.

The Housing Authority of the Birmingham District (HABD) will receive \$232,878 to support the training needs and salaries of FSS Program Coordinators. FSS Coordinators are tasked with developing strategies to connect participating HABD families to public and private resources that support increases in their earned income and financial empowerment, reduce or eliminate their need for welfare assistance, and help guide their progress toward self-sufficiency.

"Part of our responsibility as Alabama's largest Public Housing Agency is equipping our residents for success beyond affordable housing," said HABD President and CEO Dontrelle Young-Foster. "HABD's Family Self Sufficiency Program connects our families with greater financial and employment opportunities, and we look forward to furthering the work of our program so that more Birmingham families can continue to thrive as they transition out of public housing."

HABD's FSS Program currently serves more than 100 public housing families. A full list of program awardees can be found <u>here</u>.

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