

Eligibility: Can I Join the FSS Program?

Any BHA client with a Section 8 voucher can join!

* Participation does not impact your housing voucher.

Common goals we can help with:

1. **Employment;** looking for a job, applying for a job, creating a resume, interviewing skills.
2. **Financial Goals;** paying off debt, budgeting, saving money, repairing/building credit.
3. **Education;** graduating high school, getting a GED, taking college courses, enrolling in training programs.
4. **Home Ownership;** homebuyer education courses, understanding what goes into owning a home.



“Do not wait; the time will never be ‘just right.’ Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.” — Napoleon Hill

INTERESTED IN THE FSS PROGRAM?

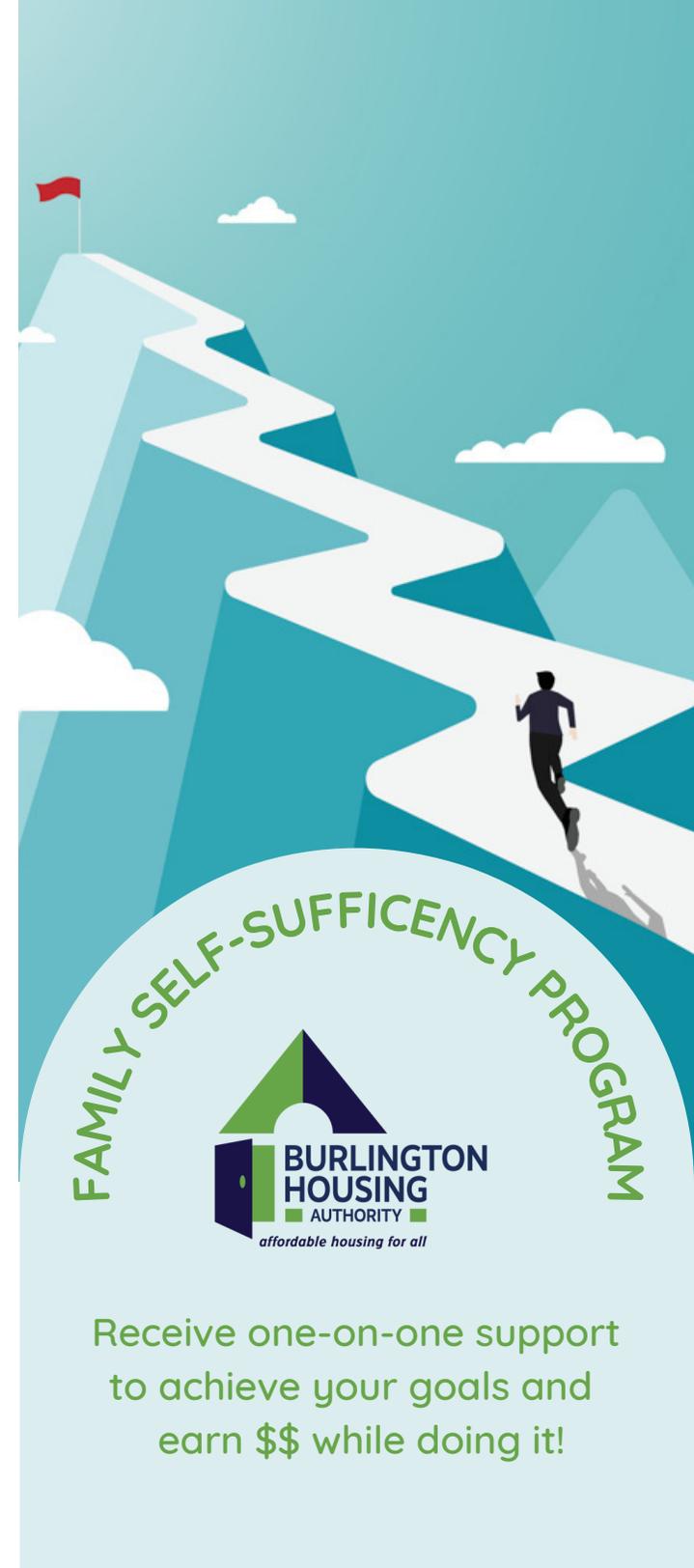


Contact Us!

Burlington Housing Authority

Please contact BHA's front desk at
802-864-0538

and ask to speak with an
FSS Coordinator to learn more!



FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM



Receive one-on-one support to achieve your goals and earn \$\$ while doing it!

About the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)

➤ FSS is a voluntary employment incentive program and is completely free to join!

➤ FSS works with individuals and families that have a Section 8 voucher through BHA to increase their earnings and reduce dependency on welfare assistance.

➤ FSS is a 5-year long program which is designed to support you to achieve any short or long-term goals you have



How does the program work?

- ➊ Give us a call! 802-864-0538 and ask to speak with an FSS Coordinator.
Set up an initial meeting with your FSS coordinator to go over your goals and create your personalized FSS plan.
- ➋ Meet with your coordinator as needed to best support you with your goals over the 5-year program.
- ➌ Earn money in your escrow savings account monthly as your earned income increases through employment!
- ➍ Once you achieve all your goals on your contract you can graduate from FSS and collect all of your escrow savings.

Come Join Us!

What is in it for you?

- ➊ Receive one-on-one support. In the FSS Program, you are not alone. You have access to trained coordinators who will help you create a plan to achieve your goals and support you in building a more stable financial future.
- ➋ BHA Escrow Account! Learn more about the escrow account here.



All about: BHA Escrow Account

- Save your rent increases! In the FSS program, when your rent goes up due to an increase in earned income in your household, you become eligible for an FSS escrow account! Each month, BHA automatically funds this account based on the changes in the portion of rent you pay.
- Example: You are paying \$200 a month in rent when you join the program. Then your earned income increases and your rent goes up to \$450 a month. BHA will now contribute \$250 into your escrow account monthly.

ex. \$450 (new rent) - \$200 (old rent) = \$250 (monthly escrow)



- When you successfully complete your FSS contract, you receive all escrow funds that have built up over your time in the program. We have seen our participants receive escrow funds ranging from **\$1,400 to \$22,000**. With this money, participants have bought cars, paid down debt, taken vacations, and even used the money for a down payment on a home.