## Asset Building for Renters of Subsidized Housing





# The Family Self-Sufficiency Program

 HUD program created in 1990 to support residents in subsidized housing to build savings

HUD funded = highly scalable

 Tremendous capacity to support wealth-building for Black and Latinx households and women

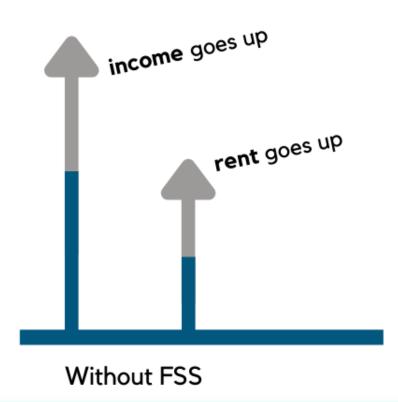




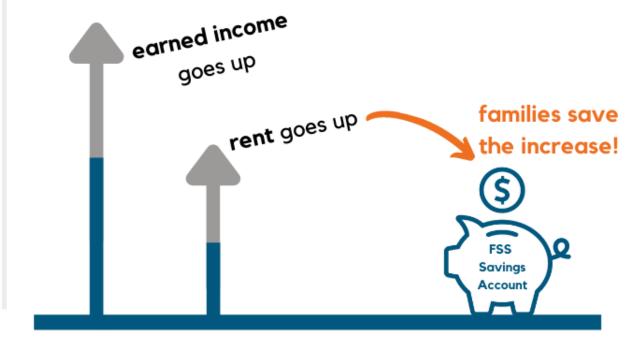


### **How FSS Escrow Works**

In subsidized housing, your rent is typically about 30% of your income.



#### But when families enroll in the FSS program...



With FSS







### The Landscape

The FSS "Market":

~2,200,000
households that could take advantage of FSS

Current FSS Participation:



Total FSS participation reported by HUD is 65,000 households







# **Compass FSS Program**



FSS Savings Account



Culturally-Competent Financial Coaching



Financial Education, Information, & Resources



#### STANDARD ENROLLMENT

#### **OUTREACH**



Most effective in multiple mediums and languages Labor and resource intensive

#### **UNDERSTANDING**



Resident has to understand program, overcome concerns about benefits and subsidies

#### TAKE ACTION



Requires paperwork, tech access, multistep app

#### **APPLICATION PROCESSING**



Potentially long review from provider, HUD

**ENROLLMENT CAN TAKE MONTHS+** 

#### **OPT-OUT**

#### **OPT-OUT OPTION AT MOVE IN**



Automatically gives families the opportunity to build assets



Doesn't require time or resources for resident



Improves accessibility



Providers can focus on financial coaching and programming



Unlocks opportunity to scale FSS

#### **AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT**