

# Family Economic Stability (FES) Program Fact Sheet

Metro Housing|Boston's FES program is a 5 year flat rate rental subsidy paired with intensive case management services aimed to help you achieve your goals and save for your family's future.

## **FES Program Eligibility**

- Must be a legal resident of the United States.
- Must be currently working and earning wages at least part-time (12 hours/week or more); or
- imminently employed (have an offer letter) or have been working in the last 6 months; or
- enrolled in a full-time job training program with placement and on-going employment assistance.
- Must have a child under 18.

## **FES Program Goals**

- Increase earned income progress
- Improve credit rating/ financial literacy skills
- Develop a three (3) year housing stability plan
- Career/employment
- Increase asset base

## **FES Program Participant Requirements**

- Attend monthly meetings with FES Coordinator throughout the five (5) years.
- Meet all interim and long term goals established with the FES Coordinator.
- Increase earned income with the assistance of partner agencies and workshops each year during the program.
- Report a monthly budget to the FES Coordinator.
- Increase credit score and savings continuously during the course of the program.
- Attend all trainings, workshops, and job search activities.



 Create and work with the FES Coordinator to maintain and follow a service plan and a 3 year housing stability plan to assist in transition after FESP graduation.

## **FES Program Financial Support**

- Flat rate monthly subsidy payment amount in the amount \$1,100 for a household with one child and up to \$1,320 for a household with two or more children.
- Support budget account with \$1,800 per year for expenses related to maintaining employment and continuing education goals as developed in the Service Plan.
- The program will provide an escrow savings account and up to \$800 a year leveraged with participant savings of up to \$200 during the same time period. The balance of this account will only be available at time of program completion.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

At the time of move in what will MBHP pay? MBHP will pay the portion of the subsidy for first month. MBHP's FES program will not assist in paying security deposits.

Will MBHP's rent portion change with my income? No, FES is a flat based subsidy payment meaning the portion MBHP contributes is not based upon household income.

Can I request an extension in the program? No, the program is a fixed term of 5 years for all participants.

How does the process work? What's the next step? The next steps are illustrated in the chart below.





## **Family Economic Stability Program Application**

Family Informat	ion:							
Name:								
Address (street/c	ity/zip code):							
Telephone number:				_Social Security Number:				
Email:								
Primary language	e:							
Fluent in English	? □ Yes □ No							
Family Composit	ion (circle all appr	opriate categories	s from th	e choices bel	ow) *			
Name (last, first)	Date of birth (MM/DD/YY)	Relationship to HOH	Sex	Ethnicity	Race	Social Security Number		
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Other household member(s) residency status:			
Current household income, including wages and cash ben	nefits: \$		
Sources:			
Last date receiving public assistance:			
Type of assistance:			
Has the family lost benefits in the last 24 months?	Yes □	No □	

## **Income of All Household Members**

List below all money that each household member expects to earn or receive in the next twelve months. You must include all types of earned or unearned income **before deductions**, including SSI or SSDI for children under the age of 18. Tell us whether you receive this amount weekly, every two weeks, or once a month (i.e. \$547/wk or \$1094/two wks)

Income source:	Name of househo member earning receiving income	or member earning or	Name of household member earning or receiving income:
Alimony	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Child support payments	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Insurance policies	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Interest/dividends	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Public assistance	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Retirement funds/ pensions	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Social Security/SSI	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
TAFDC	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Unemployment or disability compensation	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Wages, salaries, tips, including overtime	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Other	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /



Total Gross	Income:							
Education:	□High s	chool diploma		GED	Last Gra	ıde Com <sub>l</sub>	pleted:	
			□ \$	Some	college	□ Col	lege degree	
Completed tra	aining pro	gram?	□ <b>\</b>	es/	□ No	)		
Employment		Currently Employ						_
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□ None of the above			€					
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Address:								
City:								
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informed that will be) displa	we will be ced by go	d: I/we have been re required to move vernment action in oment program.	within	the no	ext six mor	nths beca	ause we have	been (or
PRIOR HOUS		SISTANCE nold ever received I	ental	assis	tance or po	ublic hou	sing? □Yes	□No
Please provic		f housing assistanc s provided;	e pro	gram a	and name	of housir	ng authority w	here



If yes, was the household terminated from public or subsidized housing? | Yes | No Owe money to housing authority? | Yes | No |

Housing Needs:

Size: \_\_\_\_\_\_ | Price: \_\_\_\_\_ |

Good credit? | Yes | No |

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_ |

## Please return completed applications to:

Metro Housing|Boston 1411 Tremont Street Boston, MA 02120 Attn: FES

Attil. 1 **LO** 

Or via Fax at (617) 532-7572

Email: FES@metrohousingboston.org

### **Important Information for FES Applicants**



You may lose your rental subsidy if you or an adult member of your family (18 years of age or older) is involved with drug related or violent criminal activity.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has authorized Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, Inc. (MBHP) to deny assistance to an applicant who fails to meet their family obligations. An applicant and their respective adult family members shall not engage in drug related or violent criminal activity. MBHP will accept and investigate information from any source concerning drug related or violent criminal activity. Investigations involving such activity will be expeditious. If sufficient evidence is found to substantiate such illicit activity, MBHP may deny program eligibility, or take other appropriate action. In such cases, applicants for the Moving to Work Program will be granted an appeal. Factual determinations shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence.

#### **Drug and/or Violent Criminal Activity Notification**

I acknowledge that MBHP has the right to obtain information from law enforcement agencies (e.g., local police departments, Criminal History Systems Board) regarding myself and all adult members of my family relating to any drug related or violent criminal activity.

I acknowledge that, if Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, Inc. (MBHP), determines that I

or any adult family member has participated in s I and my family may be denied eligibility for the	such drug related or violent criminal activity, then Moving To Work Program.
Applicant's signature	Date