

Family Unification Project (FUP) – YOUTH Summary Sheet

FUP Vouchers are special purpose vouchers administered under the Housing Choice Voucher program, in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs) who are responsible for referring FUP families and youths to the Public Housing Agency.

Eligibility:

Seattle Housing Authority is seeking proposals to project base FUP Vouchers specifically targeting the youth side of the FUP program. FUP eligible youth will be referred by the DCYF, the responsible PCWA, and meet the following criteria:

For a period **not to exceed 36 months***, otherwise eligible youths

- who have attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age and who have left foster care, or
- will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act, and is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.

After referral by DCYF, regular Housing Choice Voucher eligibility requirements must be met. Rental subsidy and other program elements end at the conclusion of 36 months.

*Eligibility period may be extended may participation in the Family Self Sufficiency program. See below.

Additional Program Elements:

In addition to rental assistance, supportive services must be provided to FUP youths by the PCWA for the first 18 months that the youth participates in the program. Examples of the skills targeted by these services include money management skills, job preparation, educational counseling, and proper nutrition and meal preparation.

SHA also participates in the FUP Youth and Family Self-Sufficiency demonstration program. This program seeks to evaluate the effectiveness of combining housing choice vouchers with assistance under the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program to increase opportunities for housing youth with support to achieve self-sufficiency. For youth that participate in SHA's FSS program this demonstration extends the time limit to match the length of the FSS contract, or 5 years. SHA strongly encourages eligible youth to participate in this program.