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# 42 U.S. Code § 1437u

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## Family Self-Sufficiency program

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### **(a) Purpose**

The purpose of the Family Self-Sufficiency program established under this section is to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate use of assistance under sections 1437f and 1437g of this title with public and private resources, to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency.

### **(b) Continuation of prior required programs**

#### **(1) In general**

Each public housing agency that was required to administer a local Family Self-Sufficiency program on May 24, 2018, shall operate such local program for, at a minimum, the number of families the agency was required to serve on May 24, 2018, subject only to the availability under appropriations Acts of sufficient amounts for housing assistance and the requirements of paragraph (2).

#### **(2) Reduction**

The number of families for which a public housing agency is required to operate such local program under paragraph (1) shall be decreased by 1 for each family from any supported rental housing program administered by such agency that, after October 21, 1998, fulfills its obligations under the contract of participation.

#### **(3) Exception**

The Secretary shall not require a public housing agency to carry out a mandatory program for a period of time upon the request of the public housing agency and upon a determination by the Secretary that implementation is not feasible because of local circumstances, which may include—

- (A) lack of supportive services accessible to eligible families, which shall include insufficient availability of resources for programs under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.);
- (B) lack of funding for reasonable administrative costs;
- (C) lack of cooperation by other units of State or local government; or
- (D) any other circumstances that the Secretary may consider appropriate.

### **(c) Eligibility**

#### **(1) Eligible families**

A family is eligible to participate in a local Family Self-Sufficiency program under this section if—

- (A) at least 1 household member seeks to become and remain employed in suitable employment or to increase earnings; and
- (B) the household member receives direct assistance under section 1437f of this title or resides in a unit assisted under section 1437f or 1437g of this title.

#### **(2) Eligible entities**

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The following entities are eligible to administer a local Family Self-Sufficiency program under this section:

(A) A public housing agency administering housing assistance to or on behalf of an eligible family under section 1437f or 1437g of this title.

(B) The owner or sponsor of a multifamily property receiving project-based rental assistance under section 1437f of this title, in accordance with the requirements under subsection (I).

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