

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

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Resolution Authorizing the Director to Submit a
Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan.

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RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help voucher families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) work with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop a comprehensive program that gives participating FSS family members the skills and experience to enable them to obtain employment that pays a living wage. A separate program, the public housing FSS program, is available for public housing residents.

For the most part, PHAs must rely on their own or other local resources to operate FSS programs. However, under the authority of annual appropriations acts, HUD has been able to provide some funding for FSS program coordinators to assist PHAs in operating Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) FSS programs. In 2008, when HUD last made funding available for FSS coordinators, the applicant housing authorities were required to have at least 25 families participating in their FSS program before applying.

In order to reach the minimum program size to compete for funding, Community Development Authority (CDA) and the Dane County Housing Authority (DCHA), in collaboration with United Way and the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc (CACSCW) have designed a joint, pilot Family Sufficiency Program (FSS) program. United Way has provided funding to the CACSCW to work with up to 26 voucher families, 13 from each housing authority.

Whereas, the Department of Housing and Urban Development requires Public Housing Agencies to submit a Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan to the local field office before enrolling families in a Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Executive Director is authorized to submit a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Family Self-sufficiency Action Plan and any related documentation to the Milwaukee Field Office to begin this new program effort.