Agenda Item #5.1
For Housing Authority Meeting of: May 19, 2025

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
HOUSING AUTHORITY

TO: HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: MEGAN BASINGER, DIRECTOR
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES: PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS AND FAMILY-SELF SUFFICIENCY

AGENDA ACTION: STUDY SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Housing Authority hold a Study Session to receive information regarding two voluntary components of the Housing Choice Voucher program, Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) and the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. This item is for information only and no action will be taken during the study session.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this study session is to provide information regarding two voluntary components of the Housing Choice Voucher program, Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) and the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program.

BACKGROUND

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is a federal program under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides rental assistance to low-income individuals and families which is administered by local Public Housing Agencies (PHAs). Local PHAs are overseen by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

PHAs are permitted to implement a PBV program in which the PHA attaches a portion of its HCVs to specific housing units. The PBV program helps ensure that units are available to families, and helps developers finance new affordable housing units.

The FSS program is a program made available to participants of the HCV program, including PBV and other special vouchers. FSS is a voluntary program that helps

families achieve economic self-sufficiency by providing supportive services and a financial incentive through an FSS escrow account managed by the PHA.

PRIOR HOUSING AUTHORITY REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

The Housing Authority requested information regarding the PBV and FSS programs. This study session provides an overview of these two programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from holding a study session.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, the proposed action is not a “project” subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. In the alternative, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

PRESENTER

Annette Anthony, Manager, Housing and Community Services