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BURBANK, CA 91502

THE FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE (FYI) INITIATIVE

The Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative makes Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assistance available to the Burbank Housing Authority (BHA) in partnership with Los Angeles County Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS). Under FYI, the BHA provides housing assistance on behalf of eligible youth (young adults) with a history of child welfare involvement that are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

FYI Eligibility

As determined by the DCFS, eligible youth:

1. Are at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age (have not yet reached their 25th birthday).
2. Have left foster care or will leave foster care within 180 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act.
3. Are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 and older.

Referrals and Applications

Referrals for the FYI Initiative must be submitted through DCFS. Interested parties may email thp-plus-closedcases@dcfs.lacounty.gov to initiate the referral process. We encourage eligible individuals and agencies to reach out as soon as possible. Applications will not be available at the Burbank Housing Authority office. Referrals meeting the requirements of FYI will be accepted provided there is funding available. Once these vouchers have been issued to eligible applicants, BHA will not accept further referrals.

Supportive Services

Youth are offered the following services:

- Basic life skills training
- Housing counseling
- Landlord support services
- Employment and training
- Education and career advancement services

Length of Rental Assistance

An FYI voucher issued to an eligible youth may only be used to provide housing assistance for a maximum of 36 months, unless the youth meets the requirements to receive an extension of assistance. Youth may receive an additional 24 months if they meet one of the following requirements:

1. Participating in a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program;
2. Engage in education, workforce development, or employment activities for at least 9 months of the 12-month period preceding the extension; or
3. Eligible for statutory exceptions.