



## **Housing Connect Secures 75 New Family Unification Program Housing Vouchers to Support Local Families with Rental Assistance**

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Salt Lake City, UT – September 5, 2025 – Housing Connect is proud to announce that it has been awarded 75 Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A FUP Voucher provides specific populations with rental assistance vouchers that cover a portion of rent, making housing more affordable. Access to safe and stable housing not only provides a foundation for daily life but also promotes emotional well-being and security. In addition to housing assistance, the program emphasizes securing vital supportive services to help participants achieve self-sufficiency and transition into stable, independent living. The additional vouchers, totaling \$1,075,977 in rental assistance, are a significant step toward our vision where all people are connected to a safe and affordable place to live.

FUP provides a critical resource of rental assistance vouchers dedicated to two specific populations:

- Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in placing children in out-of-home care, or families for whom the lack of adequate housing is the primary factor in the delay in a child's reunification with the family.
- Youth 18 to 24 years of age (who have not reached their 25th birthday) who left foster care – or will within 180 days – and are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless.

FUP Vouchers ensure that children stay in their homes with their families and youth exiting foster care have the opportunity to thrive. Housing Connect staff work closely with multiple community partners to identify families and youth in need of housing assistance. Participants receive supportive services from partner agencies while on the program in order to support housing stability and personal goals. Programs such as FUP are vital in supporting our goals to unite families and to eliminate youth homelessness in Salt Lake County.

"This investment in Housing Connect is a powerful example of what happens when local innovation meets targeted federal support," said **HUD Rocky Mountains Regional Administrator Tim Geitner**. "By combining housing assistance with a clear path to self-sufficiency, we're not just helping families and youth find a place to live — we're helping them build a foundation for long-term stability. HUD is proud to stand with Salt Lake County in advancing strong families, personal responsibility, and brighter futures."

With the additional 75 vouchers, Housing Connect is able to serve a total of 411 families who rely on this supportive housing FUP assistance. As we put these vouchers to work in the community, Housing Connect remains dedicated to creating pathways to housing stability, reuniting families, and preventing homelessness.

### **About Housing Connect**

Founded in 1970, Housing Connect (formerly the Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake) was

established to ensure access to safe and affordable housing in Salt Lake County. This pursuit continues today embedded in the agency's mission to connect people and communities to quality affordable housing opportunities while promoting self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization.