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Dear TOKA Rental Occupant,

Hello & Happy New Year! The Tohono O'odham Ki: Ki Association is pleased to offer a new program to assist our rental tenants: the HUD Family Self Sufficiency Program. The Family Self Sufficiency Program ("FSS") is designed to assist families in rental housing work towards goals of attaining improved employment opportunities, increased income and ultimately work toward goals of attaining home ownership. TOKA is working collaboratively with other agencies on the Nation to improve our resident's outcomes for success in improving their economic self sufficiency and overall ability to own their own home.

Eligibility:

- All occupants 18 years of age or older currently or previously residing in a TOKA rental home without prior criminal history.

Benefits:

- TOKA staff will work to assist you in finding avenues to gain employment and/or greater income opportunities.
- TOKA staff will assist you with providing tools and information to improve an individual's credit rating at no cost to you.
- TOKA staff will assist you in finding educational resources to further your goals in improved family self sufficiency.

While participating in the FSS program should a family member experience an increase in income, TOKA will start an escrow account for the beneficiary with proceeds derived from an individual's increase in rental premiums. The escrow account will be held for a term no less than 1 year from the date of inception or until a resident vacates the TOKA rental property. Under usual circumstances, if a tenant receives an increase in income their rent is increased and proceeds would be retained by TOKA. However, in the FSS program TOKA will hold the escrow account for the beneficiary and be released to them after no less than one year. Proceeds of the account can be utilized for any purpose the tenant deems necessary such as down payment on a new home, furniture for a new home etc.

For more information on the Family Self Sufficiency Program or to become a participant in the program please contact Alex Terry at (520) 993-1443 or contact TOKA at (520) 383-2202. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Pete Delgado
Executive Director
Tohono O'odham Ki: Ki Association