

# DHS News

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## **Federal funding allows City of Pittsburgh, DHS to reunite children in foster care with their families**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently issued the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) a \$556,000 grant to help children in foster care reunite with their families or caregivers. HACP will administer this program with DHS, which will refer eligible families to the authority.

This initiative, known as the Family Unification Program (FUP), provides rental assistance to parents being separated from their children or to those who are at risk of separation. This funding is also being used to help provide stable housing for young adults (ages 18-24) who have aged-out of the foster care system. Like HUD's Housing Choice Vouchers, these vouchers allow families to rent housing from a private landlord and usually pay 30 percent of their monthly adjusted gross income towards rent and utilities. There are currently 77 FUP vouchers available to the Housing Authority.

"We appreciate the assistance that this funding provides. For those who receive the vouchers, we can now begin working towards more permanent housing solutions to help aid families at risk of losing their children or youth transitioning out of foster care," said DHS Director Marc Cherna.

To learn more about the FUP vouchers, visit [https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/FUP\\_FACT\\_SHEET.PDF](https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/FUP_FACT_SHEET.PDF).