

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Jobs-Plus is a proven, place-based employment program designed to increase the earnings and employment of working-age residents in designated public housing developments or a cluster of developments. Where implemented well, Jobs-Plus resulted in a 16 percent increase in average annual earnings for working-age public housing residents.

The Jobs-Plus program uses a three-pronged approach, which includes:

1. **Employment-Related Services**
 - a. Client enrollment, assessment, orientation
 - b. Job readiness, job search assistance and training
 - c. Job development, placement and retention/advancement support
 - d. Referrals for social supports
2. **Financial Incentives that “Make Work Pay”**
 - a. Increasing awareness and enrollment in the Earned Income Disallowance (EID) program
 - b. Receipt of income supports
 - c. Increasing child support services
 - d. Provision of one-on-one financial counseling services
3. **Community Support for Work**
 - a. The strengthening of social ties among residents and community stakeholders to support residents’ job preparation and work efforts

Program Site

The target site for the program is North Common Village a 524-unit development. According to resident data there are 367 eligible Jobs Plus participants. The Lowell Housing Authority estimates that 80% of eligible residents will participate and identifies a goal of 247 participants.

For more detailed information regarding Jobs Plus, the history of the Jobs Plus program and participating housing authorities, please visit:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/jpi