

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: March 17, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 26, 2014

**Subject:** Board Resolution 2014-5, Minnesota Housing Bridges Rental Assistance Program

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Stats. Section 462A

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Terri Smith, HRA Manager (651-602-1187)

**Division/Department:** Community Development / HRA

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement to increase the program size and funding for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

### Background

The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA), in partnership with Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, has administered the Bridges Program since 1993. The Bridges Program provides a tenant-based housing subsidy for persons with mental illness. Recipients choose rental housing from the private market wherein the Metro HRA provides the rent subsidy. The county mental health divisions provide support services designed to enable recipients to successfully maintain an independent living environment.

The amended grant award will provide funding to assist approximately 17 additional households for a period of fifteen months. The previous grant award for this program was \$2,650,000, which assists approximately 185 households through a two-year grant term. The additional award will increase overall program size to approximately 202 households.

### Rationale

The Metropolitan Council adopted a resolution on June 12, 2013 for continued Bridges Rental Assistance Program funding and authorizing the Regional Administrator to execute continuation grant agreements for the program.

### Funding

The funding award for the period April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, for this incremental increase, is \$158,000.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to this resolution.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

**390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 5**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA HOUSING FOR THE BRIDGES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS:**

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority was awarded an additional \$158,000.00 by Minnesota Housing for the administration of the Bridges Rental Assistance Program for the period April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**WHEREAS:**

MN Housing requires a resolution as part of the funding award process designating named signatories and authority to enter into grant agreements, or other documents required for funding.

**WHEREAS:**

The Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator the authority to execute an amendment to the grant award agreement and other documents required for the program funding for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

That the Regional Administrator of the Metropolitan Council is authorized on behalf of the Metro HRA to execute the required grant agreement amendment and other documents required by MN Housing for the additional program funding awarded for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

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Susan Haigh, Chair

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Emily Getty, Recording Secretary