

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, August 17, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 21, 2015

Subject: Public Hearing – 2016 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 903

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Division/Department: Community Development / HRA

Proposed Action

None – Public Hearing

Background

As an administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher program, the Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) is required to prepare and submit an annual update to its Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan.

The PHA Plan serves as a guide to the Metro HRA programs, policies, operations and strategies for serving the needs of very low and extremely low income households. The PHA Plan is intended to be a convenient source of information for program participants, HUD and the general public.

Additionally, the Metro HRA must submit a Five (5) Year Plan every five years, last submitted for the period 2015-2019. The Five (5) Year Plan describes the mission of the agency and the agency's long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over a five-year period. The Annual Plan is an update relating to the general policies and procedures for providing service in the coming year. The subject of this hearing is the 2016 Annual PHA Plan.

The Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan, the main policy document of the Metro HRA, is reviewed and updated annually as HUD adopts new or revised regulations and as the agency determines a need for policy revisions. The Administrative Plan becomes an attachment to the PHA Plan and is also open for public comment.

HUD requires a 45-day public comment period and a public hearing. The Metro HRA held two Resident Advisory Board meetings to review the PHA Plan elements and receive comments on the proposed policy changes. The Plan will be open for public comment through August 27, 2015, 4:30 pm. Comments will be reviewed and a final document, including comments received, will be presented for approval on September 21, 2015.

Rationale

Federal regulations require the Council to conduct a public hearing on the 2016 PHA Plan.

Funding

Not applicable.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition.