

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: February 17, 2015

For the Management Committee meeting of February 25, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 11, 2015

Subject: Authorization to Amend the 2015 Unified Budget—Carry-Forward Amendment

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.13, Subd. 1

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Division/Department: Community Development/HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the amendment of the 2015 Unified Operating Budget as indicated and in accordance with this memorandum.

Background

During the first quarter of each year, staff requests changes to the Unified Operating and Capital Budgets adopted by the Council the previous December. Requests are to continue or complete projects initiated in the previous year. This amendment carries forward the previously budgeted expenses from the 2014 Unified Budget to the 2015 Unified Budget. This request will also be presented to the Management Committee on February 25, 2015 as part of a consolidated request.

Operating Budget (Carry Forward)

The proposed operating budget carry forward request is:

Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Amendment

This budget amendment requests carry forward of \$100,000 for the payment of a new housing software package. The Council's HRA purchased a new software system to increase efficiencies in the administration of the Section 8 and other rental assistance programs. The \$200,000 budget was approved in 2014 and the software was implemented at the end of 2014. However, invoices finalizing payment will carry forward into 2015.

Rationale

Staff is recommending this amendment to the 2015 Unified Budget to process invoices from work performed in 2014.

Funding

The funding for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The proposed expenditure is an approved use of funds and a Council-approved budgeted expenditure from 2014.

Known Support / Opposition

No known support or opposition for the operating budget amendment.