

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: August 21, 2017

Subject: Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) 2017 Federal Funding Discussion

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 24 CFR Part 982

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Division/Department: Community Development / Metro HRA

Proposed Action

None, information only.

Background

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) administers rent assistance programs for low income families and is the largest administrator of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program in Minnesota. The Metro HRA currently serves 6,500 families and distributes \$53 million annually to 2,200 private landlords for the HCV program. Funding for the HCV program is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is dependent on annual congressional appropriations.

An information item was presented to the Community Development Committee in April 2017 with some potential funding scenarios, pending a 2017 federal budget award. The Metro HRA received its 2017 budget authority from HUD on June 28, 2017. The awarded funding is not enough to maintain rent assistance for all current families. The purpose of this information item is intended to be a discussion in preparation for a budget amendment that will come before the Community Development Committee in September.