

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, June 5, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 14, 2017

Subject: Establish Public Hearing Date – 2018 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

That the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2018 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 21, 2017. The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers and will begin at 4:00 PM.

Background

The PHA Plan is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for any agency administering a Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Plan serves as a guide to the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) programs, policies, operations and strategies for serving the needs of extremely and very low income households. The Plan is intended to be a convenient source of information for program participants, HUD and the general public.

There are two parts to the PHA Plan. The Five (5) Year Plan (approved in 2014 for the years 2015-2019) 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 2018 Annual Plan.

The Administrative Plan, the main policy document of the Metro HRA, becomes an attachment to the Plan and is also open for public comment.

A Public Notice will be published the first week of July with the Plan being open for public comment through August 31, 2017. Comments will be reviewed and a final document will be presented for approval to the Community Development Committee on September 18, 2017 and to the full Council on September 27, 2017.

Rationale

Federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program require the Council to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2018 PHA Plan.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The PHA Plan and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan support the Thrive outcomes of equity, livability, and stewardship. By using a Thrive Lens, discretionary policies of the HRA promote equity and choice, while ensuring that

the federal resources to fund the Housing Choice Voucher Program are maximized to serve families efficiently.

Known Support / Opposition

Not applicable.