

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: September 18, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 27, 2017

Subject: Rental Assistance for Anoka County – Grant Renewal Board Resolution

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Stats. Section 462A

Staff Prepared/Presented: Jennifer Keogh, Manager, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, (651) 602-1584

Division/Department: Community Development / HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2017- 22 (attached) as required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) Program.

Background

The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA), in partnership with Anoka County, has administered the RAAC program since 2002. RAAC provides a tenant-based housing subsidy to Anoka County families receiving Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) funds. Program participants must be compliant with their employment and self-sufficiency obligations. Participating families receive a maximum subsidy of \$400 towards their monthly rent. The program promotes the attainment of economic self-sufficiency through the provision of the shallow rent subsidy.

The current grant period will expire on September 30, 2017. The renewal funding award of \$555,000 will allow continued rent assistance support for the next biennium which runs from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019. The grant amount will support the current program size of 54 families through the term of the grant.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council provided renewed approval for continued administration and authorized staff to execute grant agreements for the RAAC program as required by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action demonstrates stewardship and equity through the efficient delivery of rent assistance to persons working towards economic self-sufficiency.

Funding

The funding award of \$555,000 is for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to this action.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017 –22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (METRO HRA) TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA HOUSING FOR THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANOKA COUNTY PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority was awarded \$555,000 by Minnesota Housing for the continued administration of the Rental Assistance for Anoka County for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019.

WHEREAS:

Minnesota 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 Director of the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority, to execute a grant agreement and other documents required for the Bridges Rental Assistance program funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

That the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the Metropolitan Council is authorized to execute the required grant agreement and other documents required by Minnesota Housing for the funding awarded for the Rental Assistance for Anoka County program.

Adopted this 27th day of September 2017.

Alene Tchourumoff, Metropolitan Council Chair

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary