

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, August 20, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 26, 2018

Subject: Public Hearing - Public Housing Agency 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 will be held.

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 2019 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 conducted 3 Resident Advisory Board meetings to review and comment on the Plan and proposed policy changes. The Plan will be open for public comment through August 30, 2018, 4:30 pm. Comments will be reviewed and a final document, including comments received, will be presented for approval on September 17, 2018.

Rationale

Federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program require the Council to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2019 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.

Funding

Developing the Annual Plan is a regular part of the Metro HRA's annual workload.

Known Support / Opposition

The purpose of this action item is to conduct a public comment process that will reveal support and concerns about the draft plan.