

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, August 19, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 25, 2019

**Subject:** Public Hearing- Public Housing Agency Plan 2020-2024

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 903

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Jennifer Keogh, HRA Manager, (651-602-1584)

**Division/Department:** Community Development/HRA

### Proposed Action

None-Public Hearing

### 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.

There are two parts to the PHA Plan. The Five (5) Year Plan (last 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 - [Metro HRA Five Year PHA Plan](#). The Annual Plan (last approved in 2018 for the year 2019) is an update relating to the general policies and procedures for providing service in the coming year - [Metro HRA Annual PHA Plan](#).

The Administrative Plan, the Metro HRA's main policy document, becomes an attachment to the PHA Plan. At least annually, the Metro HRA makes mandatory and discretionary policy and program rule revisions to the Administrative Plan which is also open for public comment - [Metro HRA Administrative Plan](#).

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 29, 2019 at 4:30 PM. Comments will be reviewed and a final document, including comments received, will be presented for approval on September 19, 2019.

### Rationale

Federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program require the Council to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2020-2024 Five Year PHA Plan and the 2020 Annual 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.