

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: May 6, 2019

**Subject:** Metro HRA Moving to Work Demonstration Program

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 24 CFR Part 982

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Terri Smith, Director, Housing and Redevelopment Authority (651) 602-1187

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

### Proposed Action

None. Information only.

### Background

Moving to Work (MTW) is a federal designation that provides housing authorities with flexibility in the administration of federal rent assistance programs, including the Housing Choice Voucher program. MTW agencies are permitted to seek exemptions from program rules and to test more efficient ways to administer federal rent assistance. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded 39 housing authorities in the country with MTW designations.

This designation would provide the Council's HRA with great flexibility to operate the Housing Choice Voucher program in a less administratively burdensome manner. Program flexibilities can range from simple process changes to full rent reform.

The purpose of this information item is to outline the options for obtaining an MTW designation as well as provide detail on the flexibilities it can provide.