

Housing Trust Fund-Grant Renewal

September 3, 2019

Community Development Committee



Proposed Action

- That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2019-21 as required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a grant agreement for the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program renewal funding of \$729,521.

Program History

Administered Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) program since 2002.
Funds from: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Eligibility

- Anoka County families receiving Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) funds working towards self-sufficiency

Subsidy Structure

- Maximum \$400 rent subsidy

Issue

- Shallow subsidy model does not support the current needs of participants
- Program no longer aligns with the Housing Trust Fund goal to serve people experiencing homelessness

Program Model--2019-2021 grant award

Program population and subsidy structure will change.

Funds from: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Eligibility

- Anoka County high priority homeless (45 households)
- The program will meet the goals of the Housing Trust Fund to provide rent assistance to those with the highest barriers to housing stability

Subsidy Structure

- Participants will pay 30% of their income towards rent
- Subsidy calculation now matches the Housing Choice Voucher program

Housing Navigation

- MN Housing made funds available for Housing Navigation services
 - First time these funds have been offered
- The Metro HRA was awarded an additional \$40,000 in housing navigation funds
 - Pre-move counseling, housing search assistance, landlord engagement and recruitment, tenant / landlord mediation when necessary and make referrals for community resources.

Funding Award

- New grant award for October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021
- Renewal funding \$689,521
- Housing Navigation \$40,000
- Total Funding Award is \$729,521

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