

Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Homework Starts with Home

February 18, 2020

Community Development Committee



Background

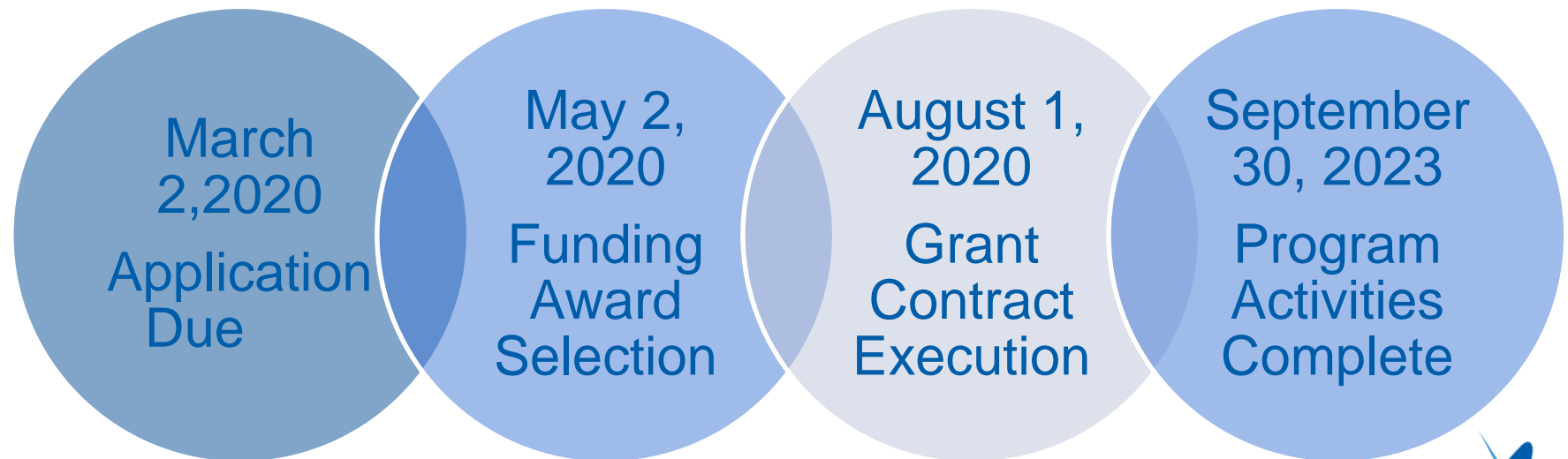
- MN Housing is offering \$3.5 Million in Housing Trust Funds for Homework Starts with Home.
 - Program focused on addressing student homelessness
 - Collaborative efforts between schools and housing agencies to stabilize students experiencing homelessness
- Program supports investment-in-place goals

Program Partnership

- Metropolitan Council HRA – Lead Applicant
 - Provide rent assistance to students experiencing homelessness and their families
- Brooklyn Center School District - Partner
 - Provide referral and supports through the Full-Service Community Schools model
 - 100 existing partnerships to support students
 - Integrated school supports
 - 75% students qualify for free and reduced lunch
 - 80% Students of Color

Next Steps

- Competitive Application Process
- Request \$700,000 to support 20 students and their families for 3 years.
 - Transfer students and families with continued rent assistance needs to the Housing Choice Voucher Program when grant ends



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the submittal of a Homework Starts with Home funding application to Minnesota Housing for \$700,000, and authorize the Director, Community Development, to execute a funding agreement for program operation, if funds are awarded.

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