Metropolitan Council

Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA)

Joint Powers Agreement with Minneapolis Public Housing Authority

January 21, 2020

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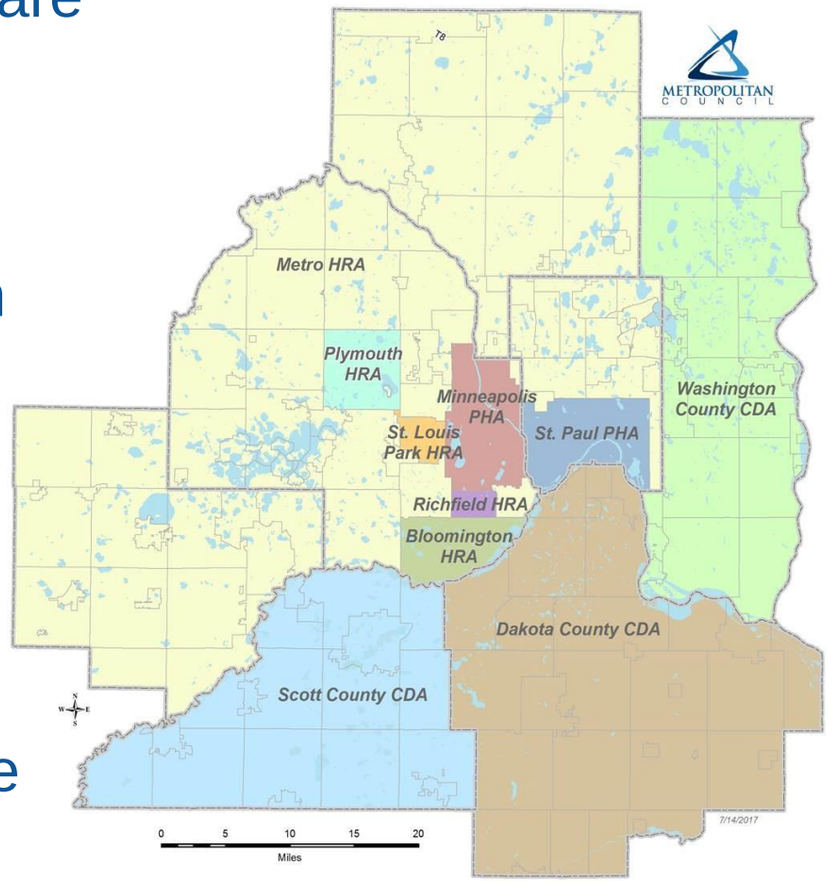
Background

- The Metro HRA has operated a federal Continuum of Care (CoC) program since 1996
  - In Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties – including Minneapolis
- The CoC Program provides rent subsidy for people with disabilities experiencing homelessness
- The program rules changed in 2014
  - Required use of Coordinated Entry
  - Removed the support service requirement
  - Lacks funding for services
- Metro HRA is transitioning the CoC Program back to the Continuums of Care
  - Decision made in conjunction with HUD, Counties and the CoCs
  - Effective end of current grant terms April and May 2020

Metro HRA's Standard Service Area



CoC Program Transition

- Current households will be transitioned to the Housing Choice Voucher program
  - 183 Households on Hennepin County CoC program - 87 in Minneapolis
- Minneapolis Public Housing Agency (MPHA) is a Moving to Work agency that has different rent rules - making transition complicated
  - Seamless transition if Metro HRA continues administration of HCVs in Minneapolis
    - Only for existing 87 CoC households in their current units
    - Beneficial to households – HCV portability component
- Joint Powers Agreement required for Metro HRA to operate HCVs in Minneapolis
- Agreement drafted by Metropolitan Council Deputy General Counsel and approved by MPHA attorneys

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the attached Joint Powers Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) for the administration of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program rent assistance in the City of Minneapolis.

2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Council.

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