

Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA)

# Edina Affordable Housing Partnership

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Community Development Committee – Information Item



# Partnership Concept

- The City of Edina has approximately \$2 Million for a potential affordable housing partnership
- The City would purchase single family homes with an interest in renting them to low income families
- The City does not have the infrastructure to operate the housing units
- The Council owns and operates 8 Family Affordable Housing Program units within the City of Edina
  - Could the City link into our system for operation of the units?



# Roles and Responsibilities

Council's Metro HRA	City of Edina
Work with the City on developing unit purchase criteria (unit sizes and types)	Acquire houses in cooperation with Metro HRA inspection and management team
Work with the City and management company to rehabilitate houses to bring up to code	Pay for the home renovations
Attached Project Based Voucher assistance to units and lease to low-income families on Metro HRA waiting list	Lease houses to Metro HRA for \$1 annually
Provide ongoing maintenance and management (through current property management contact)	Provide funding for ongoing management and maintenance

# Rationale Discussion

- Council will not need to contribute any funds with exception of minimal staff time
  - bring units online and operations set up
  - link to Council's property management company
- Metro HRA Staff had conversation with legal counsel
  - Council already has a Cooperation Agreement (and relationship) with Edina for FAHP units
  - Amend that agreement or enter into a new simple agreement
- Partnership would provide additional affordable housing opportunity in the City of Edina for voucher holders
- Could this be used a model for partnerships with other cities?
- Partnership would start with 1-2 unit purchases in 2020

# Next Steps

- Obtain formal approval from City of Edina and Metropolitan Council
- Enter into Agreements
- Figure out Logistics
  - Lease
  - Contract Requirements
    - Project Based Vouchers
    - Property Management Agreement
  - Payment in Lieu of Taxes
  - Develop unit purchase criteria
- Purchase units for occupancy by low-income families



# Questions?

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