

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, August 16, 2021

Subject: Public Hearing - Annual Public Housing Agency Plan 2022

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 903

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Division/Department: Community Development/HRA

Proposed Action

None at this time. The purpose of this item is to conduct a public hearing to inform a future action on the Annual Public Housing Agency Plan.

Background

As an administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher program, the Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) is required to prepare and submit an annual update to its Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan.

The PHA Plan serves as a guide to the Metro HRA programs, policies, operations and strategies for serving the needs of very low and extremely low-income households. The PHA Plan is intended to be a convenient source of information for program participants, HUD and the general public.

There are two parts to the PHA Plan:

- The Five (5) Year Plan (last approved in 2019 for the years 2020-2024) describes the mission of the agency and the agency's long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over a five-year period [Metro-HRA-5-year-PHA-Plan-2020-2024.aspx \(metrocouncil.org\)](https://www.metrocouncil.org/2020-HRA-5-year-PHA-Plan-2020-2024.aspx)
- The Annual Plan (last approved in 2020 for the year 2021) is an update relating to the general policies and procedures for providing service in the coming year and is completed every year [2022-Metro-HRA-PHA-Annual-Plan.aspx \(metrocouncil.org\)](https://www.metrocouncil.org/2022-Metro-HRA-PHA-Annual-Plan.aspx) and is the subject of the Public Hearing

The Administrative Plan, the Metro HRA's main policy document, becomes an attachment to the Annual PHA Plan. At least annually, the Metro HRA makes mandatory and discretionary policy and program rule revisions to the Administrative Plan which is also open for public comment - [2020 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan \(metrocouncil.org\)](https://www.metrocouncil.org/2020-Housing-Choice-Voucher-Administrative-Plan.aspx).

HUD requires a 45-day public comment period and a public hearing. The Annual PHA Plan will be open for public comment through August 31, 2021 at 4:30 PM. Comments will be reviewed and a final document, including comments received from the public and the Resident Advisory Board, will be presented for approval to the Community Development Committee on September 7, 2021, and the full Metropolitan Council on September 22, 2021.

Rationale

Federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program require the Council to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2022 Annual PHA Plan.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The PHA Plan and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan support the Thrive outcomes of equity, livability, and stewardship. By using a Thrive Lens, discretionary policies of the HRA promote equity and choice, while ensuring that the federal resources to fund the Housing Choice Voucher Program are maximized to serve families efficiently.

Funding

Developing the Annual Plan is a regular part of the Metro HRA's annual work plan.

Known Support / Opposition

The purpose of this action item is to conduct a public comment process that will reveal support and concerns about the draft Annual PHA Plan.