

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: November 15, 2021

Subject: Mobility Demonstration Program Update

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 24 CFR Part 983

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Division/Department: Community Development / Metro HRA

Proposed Action

None. Information only.

Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) and the Metropolitan Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) \$5.2 million under the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Program. The Demonstration builds on recent research that shows growing up in neighborhoods with lower levels of poverty improves children's academic achievement and long-term chances of success.

The program will support Metro HRA and MPHA in addressing barriers to increasing housing choices by offering mobility-related supports. The program will also include a rigorous, independent evaluation to determine which supports are most effective in helping families achieve success.

The Demonstration will run for a 6-year period ending October 2028. The first year is a planning year that will include program design, weekly meetings with HUD's technical assistance team, hiring mobility team staff, collaboration with other Demonstration agencies, and community and resident engagement.

The timeline below was provided by HUD in August 2021. Most of the proposed dates have been delayed, but the table provides important milestones in the Mobility Demonstration's implementation. At the Community Development meeting, Council staff will provide an update of the awarded Mobility Demonstration including HUD guidance, projected timelines, and next steps.

High Level Estimated Timeline for Implementation of HCV Mobility Demonstration | Updated August 26, 2021

