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

- Pre PHA Selection
  April 2021

- PHA Onboarding
  April-May

- Finalize CMRS with PHAs
  May-September

- Finalize Opportunity Areas with PHAs
  May-October

- Finalize Administrative Policies with PHAs
  June-October

- PHAs Draft RFP for Service Provider
  July/August/September

- PHAs Hire Staff/Procure Vendor
  September-February

- MOU Finalized and PHAExecutes, Data Use Agreements
  November-February 2022

- Finalize Program Materials, Customize with PHA Sites
  September-February 2022

- PHAs Submit 2022 Budget to HUD
  By November 1, 2021

- PHAs Update Administrative Plan
  November 2021

- PHAs Update Waiting List
  November 2021

- Staff/Service Provider Training
  November-February 2022

- Estimated Pilot Start Date
  February-April 2022