

Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: July 18, 2022

Topic

Metro HRA Project Based Voucher Update

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 983
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Background

The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for up to twenty (20) Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Project Based Vouchers (PBV) in March 2022. Applications were due in April 2022. The VASH program combines U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rent assistance for veterans experiencing homelessness with case management, clinical services, and referrals provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The Metro HRA received two applications for a total of nine (9) VASH PBVs. Per the terms of the RFP, formal VASH PBV awards will not be made until after Minnesota Housing makes its funding awards on December 15, 2022. The RFP requires owners and developers to receive full funding in 2022 to become financially feasible and receive a formal award.

The RFP states:

Applications will be reviewed and scored within four (4) weeks of submittal. The highest scoring applications for up to twenty (2) VASH PBVS will proceed as follows:

- New Construction. New construction projects will be provided with a Letter of Intent that commits the VASH PBVs, contingent on a project receiving the necessary full funding in 2022 to become financially feasible.
 - If a project receives the necessary funding award through Minnesota Housing's consolidated RFP or through other funding sources in 2022, the VASH PBVs will be formally awarded by the Metropolitan Council through business action.
 - If a project does not receive the necessary funding in 2022, the project will not be awarded VASH PBVs and the project owner must reapply for PBVS at a later date when PBVs are again offered.
- Existing Housing. Existing housing applications will be formally awarded VASH PBVs through formal Metropolitan Council action. The action will be taken along with other VASH PBV action after Minnesota Housing has made its funding awards.

Council staff will provide a review of the VASH PBV applications received to the Committee and discuss next steps.