

Business Item

Community Development Committee



Committee Meeting Date: Monday, August 19, 2024

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Public Hearing – Public Housing Agency Five Year Plan

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 903
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Division/Department:	Community Development / Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Proposed Action

There is no proposed action currently. The purpose of this item is to conduct a public hearing to inform a future action on the Public Housing Agency Five Year 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 a Five Year 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 [2024 Annual PHA Plan](#) (initially approved in 2023 and amended in April 2024 for the year 2024) is an update relating to the general policies and procedures for providing service in the coming year and is completed every year.
- The [Metro HRA's Five Year PHA Plan](#) (last approved in 2019 for the years of 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. The [Metro HRA's Five Year PHA Plan \(draft\)](#) is the subject of this Public Hearing.

The Administrative Plan, the Metro HRA's main policy document, becomes an attachment to the PHA Plan. At least annually, the Metro HRA makes mandatory and discretionary policy and program rule revisions to the Administrative Plan. The annual updates to the [Metro HRA's 2024 Administrative Plan \(draft\)](#) are also open for public comment.

HUD requires a 45-day public comment period and a public hearing. The Five Year PHA Plan will be open for public comment through August 31, 2024, at 4:30pm. Comments, including those received from the public and the Resident Advisory Board, will be reviewed and a final document, will be presented for approval to the Community Development Committee on September 16, 2024,

and the full Metropolitan Council on September 25, 2024.

Rationale

Federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program require the Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Public Housing Agency Five Year Plan.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The PHA Plan and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan support the Thrive outcomes of equity, livability, and stewardship. Discretionary policies of the HRA promote equity and choice, while ensuring the federal resources to fund the Housing Choice Voucher program are maximized to serve families efficiently.

Funding

Developing the Five Year PHA Plan is a regular part of the Metro HRA's work plan.