# **Business Item**

Community Development Committee



Committee Meeting Date: Monday, December 16, 2024

#### **Business Item: 2024-349**

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 Annual 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 and Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan.

HUD has a new online portal for 2025 PHA Plan submission. Although the Five-Year Plan was submitted to HUD in October, it was overlooked that an updated Annual PHA Plan also needed to be submitted. The goals reviewed as part of the Five-Year Plan process are the same as in the Annual Plan.

The Council approved the Metro HRA <u>Five-Year PHA Plan</u> on September 25, 2024 (<u>Business Item 2024-254</u>) for the years 2025-2029. The Five-Year PHA Plan 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 <u>2024 Annual PHA Plan</u> was last approved in 2024. The <u>2025 Annual PHA Plan</u> is posted for public comment. This document is an update relating to the general policies and procedures for providing service in the coming year and is the subject of this hearing.

The <u>Administrative Plan</u>, the Metro HRA's main policy document, becomes an attachment to the PHA Plan(s). The Metro HRA makes mandatory and discretionary policy and program rule revisions to the Administrative Plan each year as a part of the PHA Plan process.

HUD requires a 45-day public comment period and a public hearing. The Annual PHA Plan will be open for public comment through December 20, 2024, at 4:30pm. Comments will be reviewed and a final document will be presented for approval to the Community Development Committee on January 21, 2025, and the full Metropolitan Council on February 12, 2025.

#### Rationale

Federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program require the Council conduct a public

hearing to receive comments on the Public Housing Agency 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 Annual PHA Plan is a regular part of the Metro HRA's work plan.