



Bring It Home

Community Development Committee



April 7, 2025

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Statewide Rent Assistance Program

- MN Legislature authorized new funding for vouchers
- Potential to bring 5,000 new vouchers to Minnesota
 - 900+ for Metro HRA!
 - \$15 Million
 - Budget Amendment and Board Resolution Required
- MN Housing Issued RFP – applications due April 21st

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2024 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Approved by Metropolitan Council:

September 25, 2024
October 11, 2023
October 12, 2022
September 22, 2021
September 23, 2020
February 12, 2020
September 25, 2019

Eligibility

- Households with annual income up to 50% AMI that are paying more than 30% of household income on rent.
- Priority shall be given to households with children with annual income up to 30% AMI.
- Program administrators may establish additional priority populations based on local need

Program Operation – 3 Options

Use
Existing
Procedures

Use
Amended
Procedures

Develop
Alternative
Procedures

Program Operation



Use existing Procedures

- Operate just like the federal Housing Choice and Project Based Voucher programs
- Follow existing Administrative Plan policies and procedures
 - Amendments can be made

Program Operation



Use Amended Procedures

- Operate just like the Housing Choice and Project-Based Voucher programs with *certain exceptions*
- Submit modifications to MN Housing for approval

Examples:

- Require 3 years of occupancy prior to tenant-based voucher
- Project Based voucher awards without cap on % of PBVs
- Remove requirements for subsidy layering review and environmental review

Program Operation



Develop Alternative Procedures

- Submit an alternative plan for the Bring It Home Rental Assistance program that does not rely on existing procedures.
- MN Housing encourages use of some vouchers under first two options.
- Do not intend to utilize this option for the current grant period.

Project Based Voucher Engagement



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Owner Engagement Session Held March 6, 2025

- 81 Attendees
- Property owners and managers, developers, non-profits, housing authorities, community members
- Session topics included
 - Bring It Home overview
 - Project Based Vouchers – Discussion

Project Based Voucher Engagement

What types of developments are you considering?

- Equally both new construction and existing housing

What is the minimum # of PBVs you would apply for?

- Majority would like 10+ PBVs

What are your priority Populations?

- Homeless
- Elderly
- Families with children

Project Based Voucher Engagement

What to improve PBV?

- Receive PBV award asap
- Fillable-paperless application

Turnover voucher?

- Most would like the option for tenant-based turnover vouchers for residents.
- Issue based on average HCV waitlist (3 years)

PBV Options with BIH

- Existing procedures with a mix of amended procedures.
- Supported removing PBV regulatory requirements.

Project Based Voucher Engagement



Tenant Engagement Session Held January 18, 2024

Resident experience moving to and living in PBV unit

- 10 residents attended.
- Unit/Property preference: single family home, townhouse or duplex with a yard, green space preference.
- Location preference: safe neighborhoods, access to transit, shopping, staying close to family, good schools, community that embraces people of color.
- Some were happy and would stay for the foreseeable future. Others wanted to explore options to transfer with tenant-based voucher but expressed concerns about paying up to 40%.

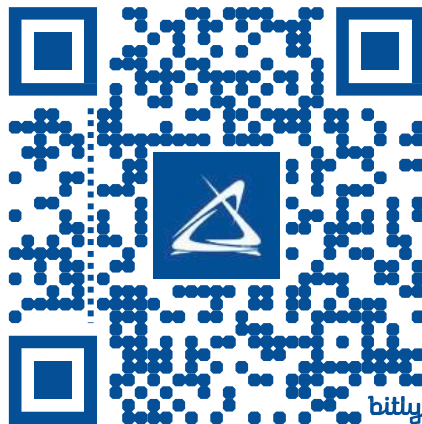
Bring It Home Voucher Allocations

| Description | Number of Vouchers | Population Served |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Project Based Vouchers | 250-350 | Priority for families with children Priority for projects with support services |
| Tenant-Based Vouchers | 300-350 | Priority for families with children |
| Metro Transit Police Homeless Action Team | 100-200 | Priority for families with children Priority for individuals utilizing transit system as shelter or engaging with HAT towards housing and services |
| Hennepin County Schools to Housing | 100 | Priority for students and their families at risk of or experiencing homelessness in suburban Hennepin County schools |
| Anoka County Homework Starts with Home | 25 | Priority for students and their families at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Anoka County schools |

Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List

- Bring It Home will utilize the same waiting list as the Housing Choice Voucher program.
- 10% of waiting list placements will be awarded to households whose head identifies as American Indian.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT



The graphic features a light blue background with a white house icon and a green tree to the left. A white banner at the top contains the text "HOUSING VOUCHER" in blue, and a green banner below it contains "WAITLIST OPENING" in white. To the right, a hand in a blue suit sleeve holds a green megaphone. Below the banners, the text "Apply for housing voucher assistance April 9-16" is followed by a paragraph and a bulleted list of instructions.

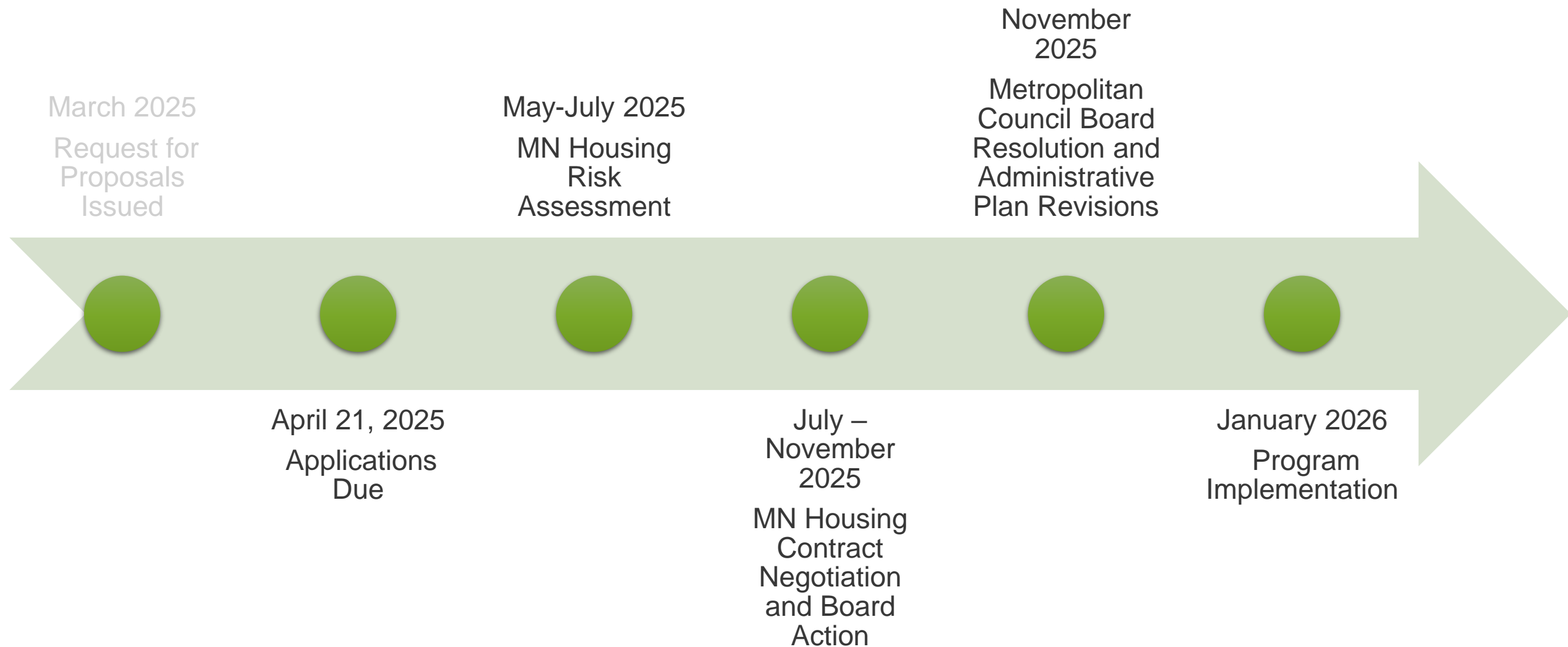
HOUSING VOUCHER WAITLIST OPENING

Apply for housing voucher assistance April 9-16

Metro HRA will be accepting online applications to join the waitlist for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. You may enter a lottery for random selection to Metro HRA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waitlist.

- Apply any time between **9 a.m. April 9 and noon on April 16**
- Use any computer, tablet, or smartphone to apply. Most **public libraries** provide computer access to apply.
- Visit WaitlistCheck.com/Metro to create an account and apply

Timeline





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