

# Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: April 7, 2025

## Topic

Bring It Home Statewide Rent Assistance Program

<b>District(s), member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/legal reference:</b>	MN Statutes section 462A.2095
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<b>Division/department:</b>	Community Development / HRA

## Background

The Bring It Home Statewide Rent Assistance program was authorized by the MN Legislature in 2023 through a new \$0.25 sales tax. The program will bring approximately 5,000 new housing vouchers to Minnesota. The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) is eligible for approximately \$15 million to support 900 new vouchers. Funding eligibility is determined based on the number of households eligible in each area according to American Community Survey data.

The state program is modeled after the federal Housing Choice Voucher program. The legislation and program guide allow administrators to:

- Use existing procedures
  - Operate like the federal Housing Choice Voucher program without modification.
- Use amended procedures
  - Operate like the federal Housing Choice Voucher program with certain amended procedures to be approved by MN Housing.
- Develop alternative procedures
  - Design a new program model
  - The Metro HRA does not intend to utilize this option for the initial grant period.

Minnesota Housing issued a request for proposals in March 2025. Funding applications are due April 21, 2025. Metro HRA will submit an application for the full eligible amount. Minnesota Housing will conduct an application review and anticipates making funding recommendations to their Board in late summer/early fall 2025. The Metropolitan Council will be required to adopt a formal board resolution as part of the contract negotiation process. Staff will return to the Committee with a draft resolution as an action item when the grant amount has been determined by Minnesota Housing.

The purpose of this information item is to provide application details to committee members to set the stage for future action.