

Business Item

Community Development Committee



Committee Meeting Date: February 3, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: February 12, 2024

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Signature Authorization for HUD PRO Housing Partner Sub-Recipient Awards

- District(s), Member(s):** 1 – Judy Johnson, 2 – Reva Chamblis, 3 – Dr. Tyrone E. Carter, 5 – John Pacheco Jr., 6 – Robert Lilligren, 7 – Yassin Osman, 8 – Anjuli Cameron, 10 – Peter Lindstrom, 11 – Dr. Gail Cederberg, 12 – Susan Vento, 13 – Chai Lee, 14 – W. Toni Carter
- Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Business Item 2024-327, Adoption of Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council’s 2025 Unified Budget and the 2024, Payable 2025 Tax Levies; FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy
- Staff Prepared/Presented:** Nicole Clapp, Grants Manager, 651-602-1723
- Division/Department:** Community Development / Finance and Administration

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Community Development Executive Director to execute the grant agreements and amendment(s) for FFY 2023 HUD PRO Housing grant program partner sub-recipient awards, in accordance with Table 1 of this report.

Background

In partnership with Hennepin County and Ramsey County, the Met Council was selected for an initial federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing award of \$4 million by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Goals for this project include: improve policy and support planning around affordable housing, award grants to build new deeply affordable (at 30% AMI) housing, and award direct grants to implement local policies and programs. Addressing two of these goals, and as stipulated in the grant award, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties will each aid municipalities within their jurisdictions, as outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. FFY 2023 HUD PRO Housing Program Partner Sub-Recipient Project Descriptions

Grantee	Project Description	Amount
Hennepin County	Convene peer-learning sessions open to all 45 cities in Hennepin County to engage around policy and land use; create policies and tools to meet specific needs identified by cities in this group; and policy change at the city level. Up to 10 cities shall receive intensive support in this work.	\$1,500,000
Ramsey County	Ramsey County will competitively award funds to deeply affordable housing projects in cities that recently updated	\$1,300,000

	their zoning or land use policy to allow for more density and affordable housing with a goal of creating new deeply affordable (at 30% AMI) housing units.	
	TOTAL	\$2,800,000

Rationale

The Executive Director of Community Development has signature authority of up to \$500,000. This action will authorize the Community Development Executive Director to execute the grant agreements and any subsequent amendments on behalf of the Metropolitan Council for each of these subrecipient awards as they each exceed \$500,000.

Thrive Lens Analysis

These grants advance the Thrive MSP 2040 outcome of Livability and the 2040 Housing Policy Plan by equipping cities in the region with support to remove barriers to the production of housing and affordable housing.

Funding

Funds are all through the FFY 2023 HUD PRO Housing Award. The Council has included funding through 2025 in the Council’s authorized operating budget.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no small business contracting goals associated with this action.

