



Metro HRA Program Update

Community Development Committee



February 3, 2025

Agenda

Metro HRA Program Updates

- Bring It Home
- Project Based Vouchers
- Waiting List Opening

Bring It Home



Bring it Home



Statewide Rent Assistance Program

- MN Legislature authorized new \$.25 sales tax in new funding for Metro area vouchers
- Potential to bring 5,000 new vouchers to Minnesota
 - 800-900 for Metro HRA!
- Funds distribution based on the number of households eligible according to American Community Survey data.

Bring it Home



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
- There is no program cap on the percentage of PBV

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 2 or 3 years of occupancy prior to tenant-based voucher
- Project Based voucher awards without limitation on # of units per property

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.

Partnership Opportunities



Partnerships Under Options 1 & 2

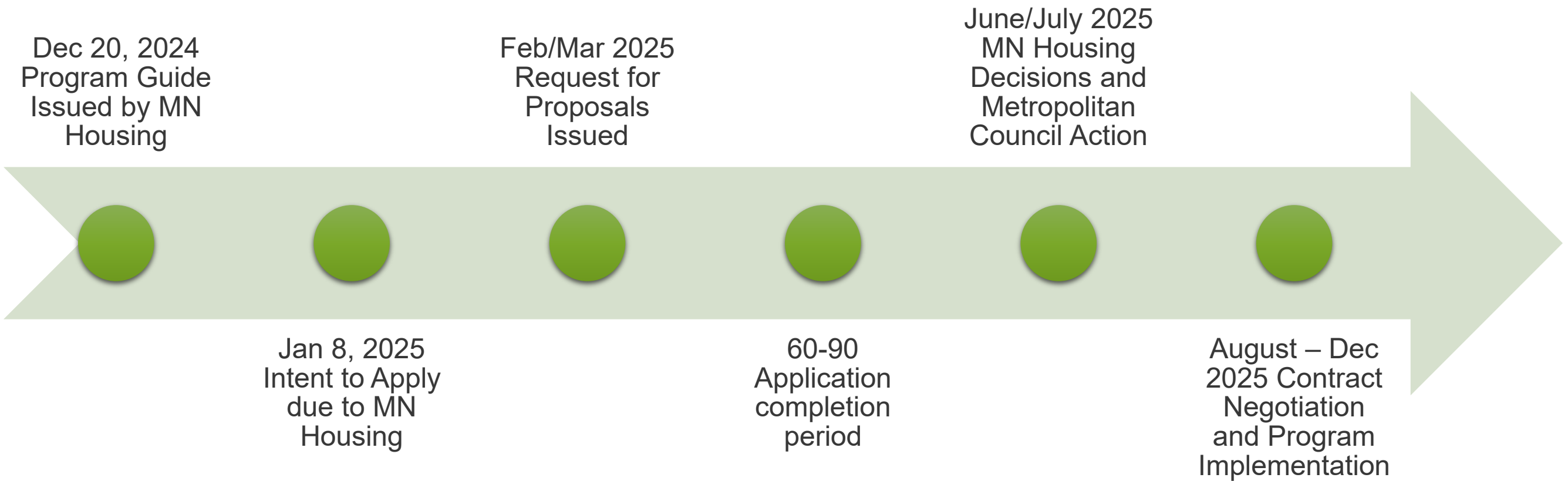
Issue Vouchers for people experiencing homelessness and other specialized populations

- Metro Transit Homeless Action Team (HAT)
- School to Housing Partnership with Hennepin County and Suburban Hennepin schools
- Project Based Vouchers
 - With Supportive Services

Resident and Community Engagement



Timeline



Project Based Vouchers



Project Based Vouchers



Bring It Home Focus

- More flexible
- No Limit on percentage awarded
- Administrative efficiencies
- Housing Choice Voucher program 100% utilization at 2024 year-end

Waiting List Opening



Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List



Opening in 2025

- Online opening
- Housing Choice Voucher and Bring It Home programs
- Community Engagement has started
 - American Indian Community
- Future CDC and Council Action – March 2025



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