



# Metro HRA

## Community Choice Demonstration Discussion



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## Major studies have found that:

- Children have higher educational outcomes and earned income as adults
- Adults have better physical and mental health outcomes
- Mobility-related services helped Housing Choice Voucher families access opportunity areas

# Metro HRA Mobility Programs

## Metro HRA Community Choice Program 2015-2020

- Program developed in house with funding commitment by the Council
  - \$200k for staffing
  - \$100k for services
- Opportunity Area zip codes identified:
  - High performing schools
  - Low crime rates
  - Above average median income
- In 2017, recruited current voucher holders with a child 13 or younger
  - Up to \$3000 in funding support
  - Housing search services
  - Ongoing support and housing stability services from Metro HRA staff
- 17 families moved to opportunity areas the first year of the program
- 77 voucher holders were enrolled and received supports from 2017-2019



# Community Choice Demonstration Goals



The Community Choice Demonstration is a research study funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The goal of the Community Choice Demonstration is to learn how to help families find housing that can help children succeed.

# Community Choice Demonstration Goals

- Provide randomly selected families with special services to help access rental housing in “opportunity areas”
- Learn if mobility-related services help families move to opportunity areas
- Measure if children in families who move to new neighborhoods do better in school and earn more money later in life

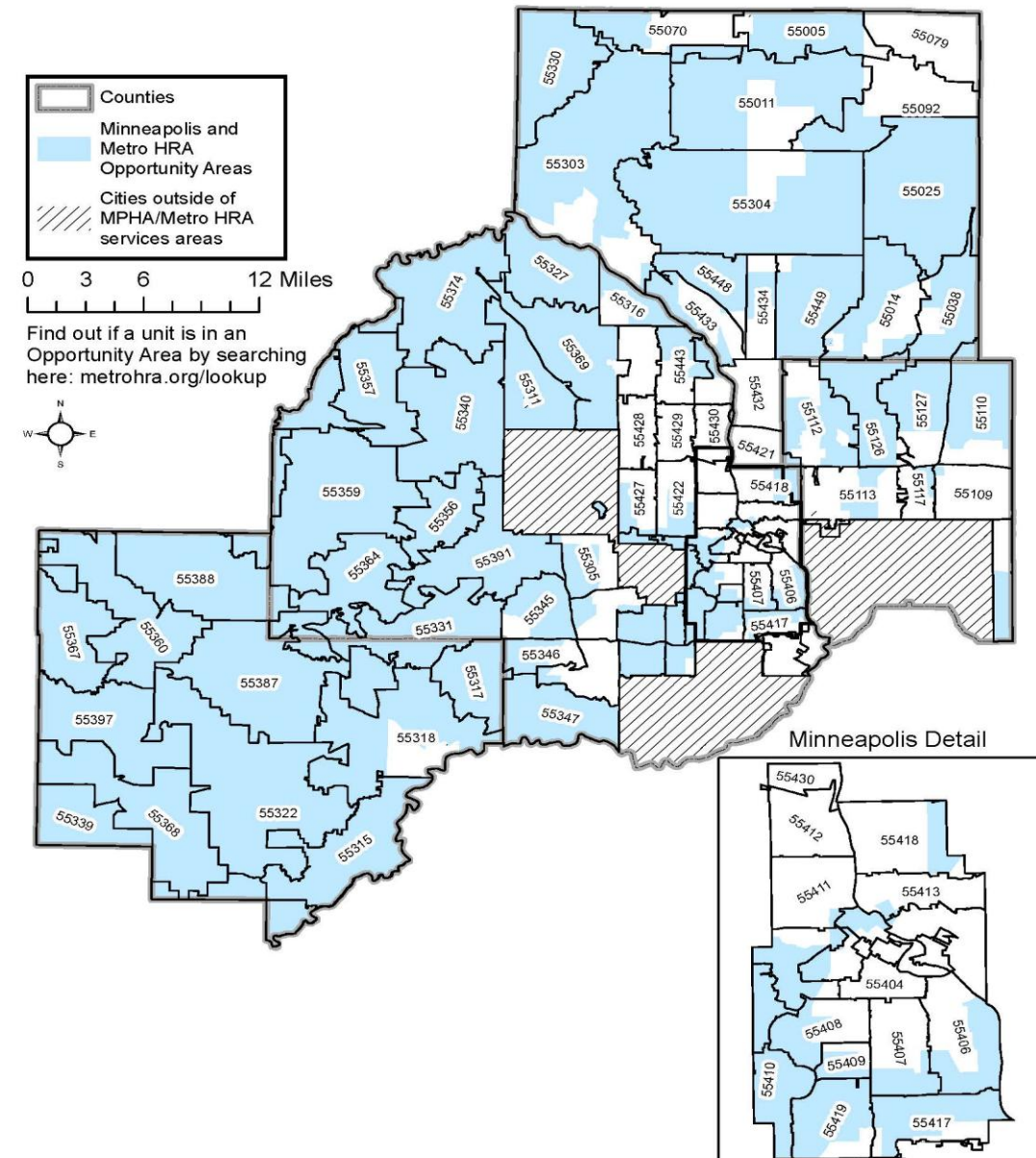


# Metro HRA Mobility Programs

## Community Choice Demonstration (CCD) 2021-2028

- Selected by HUD as one of 10 sites (currently 7 remain) to participate in the CCD program
- Partnered with MPHA to provide services throughout both PHA's jurisdictions
- Metro HRA has enrolled 255 current voucher holders and 23 from the waitlist.
  - 50% receive support to move into opportunity areas
- 100 voucher holders have moved to areas of opportunity using the program's supports

Community Choice Demonstration Opportunity Areas



# Changes to the CCD Program

## Announced June 2025

- HUD updated the end study enrollment to be June 30, 2026
- Sites are encouraged to continue to enroll families into their CCD program after June 30, 2026
- HUD's Data collection will end December 31, 2026
- CCD sites will continue to provide services to enrolled families through the statutory end date of the demonstration, which is October 1, 2028



# Future of Mobility in Our Region



- Continue Current CCD Levels of Mobility Program
- Revert to previous CCD Mobility Program
- Discontinue Mobility Program in Our Region

# Future of Mobility in Our Region Option 1

## Continue Current Level of Mobility Program

Provide staff and services at current research model level:

- Enroll 28 new families per month
- Provide financial support: application fee, security deposit, lease-up bonus, and flexible funds to remove barriers
- Provide staff for case management, housing search, and property owner/agent outreach
- Obtain or maintain case management software or license



# Future of Mobility in Our Region Option 2

## Revert to Previous CCD Mobility Program

Provide staff and services at our pre-CCD model level:

- Enroll a reduced number of new families per month
- Provide a set amount of funding per voucher holder for services including but not limited to application fee, holding fee, security deposit, etc.
- Provide staff for case management, housing search, and property owner/agent outreach
- Obtain or maintain case management software or license

# Future of Mobility in Our Region Option 3

## Discontinue Mobility Program in Our Region

- Metro HRA would end all mobility programs when the CCD ends on 10/1/2028
- Metro HRA would no longer provide support for families wanting to move into our region's areas of opportunity



# Future of Mobility in Our Region

## Continue Current Levels of Mobility Program

Maintain research model levels:

- Enroll 28 new families per month
- Provide financial supports for the set amount of services
- Provide staff for case management, housing search, and property owner/agent outreach
- Obtain or maintain case management software or license

## Revert to previous CCD Mobility Program

Return to pre-CCD model levels:

- Enroll a reduced number of new families per month.
- Provide a set amount of funding for financial supports
- Provide staff for case management, housing search, and property owner/agent outreach
- Obtain or maintain case management software or license

## Discontinue Mobility Program

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- Metro HRA would no longer provide support for families wishing to move into our region's areas of opportunity.



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