

# Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: October 6, 2025

## Topic

Community Choice Demonstration Update

<b>District(s), member(s):</b>	District name, Council member name
<b>Policy/legal reference:</b>	<b>FR-6191-N-01 and FR-6191-N-06</b>
<b>Staff prepared/presented:</b>	Renae Pereira-Webb, Supervisor Special Initiatives, 651.602.1231
<b>Division/department:</b>	Community Development/Housing and Redevelopment Authority

## Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) and the Metropolitan Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) \$5.2 million under the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration. The Demonstration builds on recent research that shows growing up in neighborhoods with lower levels of poverty improves children's academic achievement and long-term chances of success.

The program will support Metro HRA and MPHA in addressing barriers to increasing housing choices by offering mobility-related supports. The program will also include a rigorous, independent evaluation to determine which supports are most effective in helping families achieve success. In addition to program funding, each agency was awarded 74 new vouchers to support the effort.

The Demonstration was expected to run for a 6-year period ending October 2028. Recently, HUD announced that enrollment and data collection will end June 30, 2026, instead of the original date of April 2028. Comprehensive Mobility Related Services (CMRS) will continue through the original end date, October 2028.

## Thrive Lens Analysis

The Community Choice Demonstration program supports the Thrive outcomes of equity, livability, and prosperity by assisting voucher families in moving to an area of their choice and providing mobility-related supports towards achieving success.