

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: August 19, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of None – Information Only

Subject: HRA 2013 HUD Budget Update

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 982

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Division/Department: Community Development / HRA

Proposed Action

No Action – Information Item.

Background

The Council's budget authority from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was decreased by 5.1% as a result of federal sequestration that hit on March 1, 2013. This had a direct impact on the federal housing programs administered by the Council, mainly the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. To avoid ending program benefits to any currently assisted households, the Council approved a two pronged approach of using \$1.5M in program reserves and shrinking the number of households served through normal monthly attrition.

The purpose of this information item is to give the Committee an update on the 2013 HUD budget, the receipt of additional HUD funding, the sequestration impact and to discuss the use of previously approved program reserves.