

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 3, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 12, 2013

Subject: Board Resolution 2013-5, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Bridges Rental Assistance Program

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Stats. Section 462A

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Division/Department: Community Development/HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Background

The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA), in partnership with Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, has administered the Bridges Program since 1993. The Bridges Program provides a tenant-based housing subsidy for persons with mental illness. Recipients choose rental housing from the private market wherein the Metro HRA provides the rent subsidy. The county mental health divisions provide support services designed to enable recipients to successfully maintain an independent living environment.

The grant will provide funding to assist approximately 185 households through the two-year term of the grant.

Rationale

Previous action by the Metropolitan Council on June 27, 1996, accepted the Bridges continuation grant and authorized the Regional Administrator to execute the Bridges Rental Assistance Program Agreement as well as future agreements covering continued funding awards for this program.

Funding

The funding award for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 is \$2,650,000.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to this resolution.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. – 2013-5

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTINUATION GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR THE BRIDGES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority was awarded \$2,650,000 by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) for the continued administration of the Bridges Rental Assistance Program for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

WHEREAS:

The MHFA requires a resolution as part of the funding award process designating named signatories and authority to enter into grant agreements, or other documents required for continued funding.

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator the authority to execute grant award agreements and other documents required for the continuation of program funding for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

That the Regional Administrator of the Metropolitan Council is authorized on behalf of the Metro HRA to execute the required grant agreements and other documents required by MHFA for the continuation of program funding for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Adopted this 12th day of June 2013.

Susan Haigh, Chair

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary