

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2015

Subject: Bridges Rental Assistance Program – Board Resolution for Grant Renewal

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

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, June 15, 2015

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 903

Staff Prepared/Presented: Terri Smith, HRA Manager

Division/Department: Community Development / HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), to authorize the Community Development Director 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 190 households through the two-year term of the grant.

Rationale

Action by the Metropolitan Council on August 27, 2014, authorized continued participation in the Bridges program and authorized the Regional Administrator, the Community Development Director, the Director of Housing and Livable Communities and the HRA Manager, as appropriate, to submit applications and execute grant agreements for continued participation and funding.

Funding

The funding award for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 is \$2,720,000.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to this resolution.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101
RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA HOUSING FOR THE BRIDGES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority was awarded \$2,720,000 by Minnesota Housing for the administration of the Bridges Rental Assistance Program for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

WHEREAS: MN Housing 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 funding.

WHEREAS: The Metropolitan Council authorizes the Community Development Director the authority to execute a grant award agreement and other documents required for the program funding for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

That the Community Development Director of the Metropolitan Council is authorized on behalf of the Metro HRA to execute the required grant agreement and other documents required by MN Housing for the program funding awarded for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Adopted this 24th day of June, 2015.

Adam Duinick, Metropolitan Council Chair

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary