

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 14, 2017

Subject: Bridges Rental Assistance Program – Grant Renewal Board Resolution

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2017-11 (attached) as required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 5, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 14, 2017

Subject: Bridges Rental Assistance Program – Grant Renewal Board Resolution

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Stats. Section 462A

Staff Prepared/Presented: Jennifer Keogh, HRA Assistant Manager (651-602-1584)

Division/Department: Community Development / HRA

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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. Program participants choose rental housing from the private market wherein the Metro HRA provides the rent subsidy payment directly to the property owner. County mental health divisions provide support services designed to enable participants to successfully maintain an independent living environment.

The grant award will provide funding to assist approximately 222 households for a period of 24 months.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council provided renewed approval for continued administration and authorized staff to execute grant agreements for the Bridges rent assistance program on August 27, 2014.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action demonstrates stewardship and equity through the efficient delivery of rent assistance to persons with mental illness.

Funding

The funding award of \$3,198,000 is for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to this action.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (METRO HRA) TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA HOUSING FOR THE BRIDGES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority was awarded \$3,198,000 by Minnesota Housing for the administration of the Bridges Rental Assistance Program for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

WHEREAS:

Minnesota 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 Director of the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority, to execute a grant agreement and other documents required for the Bridges Rental Assistance program funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

That the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the Metropolitan Council is authorized to execute the required grant agreement and other documents required by Minnesota Housing for the funding awarded for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Adopted this 14th day of June 2017.

Adam Duinick, Metropolitan Council Chair

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary