

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: May 20, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 22, 2019

Subject: Bridges Rental Assistance Program - Grant Renewal Board Resolution 2019-8
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stats. § 462A
Staff Prepared/Presented:
Division/Department: Community Development/HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2019-8 (attached) to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a grant agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency 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. Program participants choose rental housing from the private market, and 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 185 households for a period of 24 months.

The Metro HRA applied for was awarded \$3,075,588 for the upcoming biennium. As part of the award process, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency requires a board resolution (attached) authorizing the execution of the grant agreement.

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. The grant agreement allows for continued rent assistance to the 185 families on the Bridges program

Thrive Lens Analysis

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

Funding

The funding award of \$3,075,588 would be for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to this action.



METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-8

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 \$3,075,588 by Minnesota Housing for the administration of the Bridges Rental Assistance Program for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

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 22nd day of May 2019.

Nora Slawik, Metropolitan Council Chair

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary