

**C** Community Development Committee  
Meeting date: February 22, 2011

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>February 1, 2011</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Board Resolution 2011-06 Authorizing Grant Execution for Minnesota Housing Agency Bridges Rental Assistance Program</b>
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	<b>MN Stats. Section 462A</b>
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	<b>Terri Smith, HRA Manager</b>
<b>Division/Department:</b>	<b>Community Development Division/Housing and Redevelopment Authority</b>

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Grant Agreement Amendment with Minnesota Housing for the Bridges Program.

**Background**

The Council has administered the Minnesota Housing Bridges rental assistance program since 1993. The Bridges program is designed to provide a temporary tenant-based housing subsidy for persons with mental illness while the recipient is awaiting more permanent rent subsidy (Section 8 or Public Housing). Bridges operates through a successful partnership between the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and the mental health division in each county. Recipients choose rental housing in the private market where the HRA pays a portion of their rent directly to a private landlord. The County provides support services designed to enable recipients to successfully maintain an independent living environment.

The Bridges program is funded bi-annually through MN Housing. The current grant period runs from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. Due to initial decreased funding for the grant period, increased housing costs and decreased program attrition, we project a funding shortfall at the end of the biennium. In an effort to avoid terminating program participants, MN Housing has awarded an additional \$150,000 in funding for the grant period.

**Rationale**

Minnesota Housing requires a Council resolution at the time of funding renewal or amendment.

**Funding**

The total amended biennium funding award for the Bridges Program is \$2,817,000.00, including this \$150,000 increase.

**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. 2011 – 06**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR THE BRIDGES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS:** The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority was awarded \$2,667,000 by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) for the continued administration of the Bridges Rental Assistance Program for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.
- WHEREAS:** The Metropolitan Council is being awarded an additional \$150,000 for the current grant period, increasing the biennium funding award to \$2,817,000.
- 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 MHFA 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 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

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Susan Haigh, Chair

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Pat Curtiss, Recording Secretary