



Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 6, 2011

Business Item

Item: 2011-154

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	May 26, 2011
Subject:	Board Resolution 2011-xxx Authorizing Grant Execution for Minnesota Housing Bridges Rental Assistance Program
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Stats. Section 462A
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Terri Smith, HRA Manager
Division/Department:	Community Development Division/Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Proposed Action

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

Background

The Metro HRA, in partnership with Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, has administered the Bridges 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 a more permanent rent subsidy (Section 8 or Public Housing). Recipients choose rental housing in the private market where the HRA pays a portion of their rent directly to a private landlord. The mental health division in each 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. This grant period will run from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. The grant will provide \$2,640,000 in funding; enough to sustain the current program size of approximately 185 households through the term of the grant.

Rationale

Minnesota Housing Requires a Resolution at the time of funding renewal or grant execution.

Funding

The Grant Agreement will be executed upon receipt from MN Housing in the amount of \$2,640,000 for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to these resolutions.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – XXX

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE
CONTINUATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA HOUSING FOR THE BRIDGES
RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority was awarded \$2,640,000 by Minnesota Housing for the continued administration of the Bridges Rental Assistance Program for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

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 for the continuation of program funding for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Adopted this 22nd day of June 2011.

Susan Haigh, Chair

Dawn Hoffner, Recording Secretary