

**C** Community Development Committee  
Meeting date: October 3, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	September 27, 2011
Subject:	Board Resolution 2011-031 Authorizing grant execution for Minnesota Housing Rental Assistance in Anoka County (RAAC)
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 continuation grant agreements with Minnesota Housing for the Rental Assistance in Anoka County (RAAC) program.

**Background**

The Council, in partnership with Anoka County, has administered the RAAC Program since 2002. The RAAC program provides rental assistance to Anoka County families receiving Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) funds. Program participants must be compliant with their MFIP employment and self-sufficiency obligations. The program promotes the attainment of economic self-sufficiency through the provision of the rent subsidy. Eligible families receive a maximum monthly subsidy of \$400.

The previous grant period expired on June 30, 2011. MN Housing extended the grant period and provided an additional \$72,000 in funding through September 30, 2011. The extension provided a short term funding solution and the additional time to ensure that the program's long term funding decisions were based on full knowledge of the State budget. The ongoing rental assistance and operating subsidy expenses were anticipated to exceed funding available through the state fiscal year 2012-2013 budget. Therefore, the program size was reduced through attrition to avoid the necessity of terminating assistance to any households.

Funding awarded in previous years for the RAAC program was enough to support 60 families. Due to overall reduced funding, the program size has been reduced to serving 54 families. The funding awarded will provide rent subsidies to support the 54 current participating RAAC households through the term of the grant.

**Rationale**

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

**Funding**

The total grant requested for continued funding of the RAAC Program is \$268,000 for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

**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 – 031**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE  
CONTINUATION GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH MINNESOTA HOUSING FOR THE RENTAL  
ASSISTANCE IN ANOKA COUNTY (RAAC) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS:**

The Metropolitan Council applied for continued funding from Minnesota Housing, Housing Trust Fund for the administration of the RAAC Program for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

**WHEREAS:**

The Metropolitan Council was awarded \$268,000 in funding for the grant period.

**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 continued funding.

**WHEREAS:**

The Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute grant award agreements and other documents required for the continuation of program funding for the RAAC 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 Minnesota Housing for the continuation of funding for the Rental Assistance in Anoka County (RAAC) Program.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

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Susan Haigh, Chair

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Laurie Nistl, Recording Secretary