

C Community Development Committee
Meeting date: October 1, 2012
For the Council Meeting of October 10, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	September 20, 2012
Subject:	Approval of 2013 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Code of Federal Reg. Title 24, Ch. VIII, Part 903
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Terri Smith, HRA Manager, 651-602-1187
Division/Department:	Community Development / HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2013 Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan), authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Background

The PHA Plan is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development each year. It is a comprehensive guide to the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority's (Metro HRA) programs, policies, operations and strategies for meeting the needs of very low income households. The Section 8 Administrative Plan is a required attachment to the PHA Plan, which provides guidance for consistent implementation of program policies and regulations. The Plan is intended to be a convenient source of information for program participants, HUD and the general public.

There are two parts to the PHA Plan: the 5 Year Plan which is submitted to HUD every 5th year describing the mission of the agency and its goals and objectives, and the Annual Plan which is a brief update covering the policies and procedures of the PHA. The Metro HRA submitted its 5 Year Plan in 2009 for the period 2010-2014. The Metro HRA has submitted a PHA Plan annually to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since the year 2000, as required. The Annual Plan is the subject of this approval.

A public hearing was held at the Community Development Committee meeting on Monday, August 20, 2012, in order to receive public comment on the 2013 PHA Plan. No comments were received as a result of the public hearing.

Staff recommends approval of the 2013 PHA Plan as proposed. The 2013 PHA Plan and Administrative Plan can be found at www.metrocouncil.org/housing/HRA/plan.htm.

Rationale

Federal regulations for the Section 8 Program require submittal of the PHA Plan.

Funding

Not applicable

Known Support / Opposition

No known support or opposition.