

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: September 21, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 11, 2009
Subject:	Board Resolution 2009-43 and 2009-44 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Bridges Rental Assistance Program , and Housing Trust Fund, Rental Assistance in Anoka County (RAAC) Program
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Stats. Section 462A
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Sue Putz, HRA Assistant Manager
Division/Department:	Community Development Division/Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt resolutions, required by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute continuation grant agreements with the MHFA for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program and the Housing Trust Fund, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (Rental Assistance in Anoka County, RAAC).

Background

The Metro HRA, in partnership with Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, has administered the MHFA 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 Section 8 or Public Housing rent assistance. Recipients choose rental housing from the private market and the mental health division in each county provides housing support services designed to enable recipients to successfully maintain an independent living environment.

The Metro HRA, in partnership with Anoka County has administered the MHFA Housing Trust Fund RAAC Program since 2002. The RAAC program includes a tenant based subsidy up to \$350 per month for households receiving Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) income and working toward economic self-sufficiency.

The grants provide funding to assist approximately 220 households through the Bridges program and 60 households through the RAAC Program.

Rationale

Previous action by the Metropolitan Council on June 27, 1996, accepted the Bridges continuation grant and authorized the Regional Administrator to execute the Bridges Rental Assistance Program Agreement as well as future agreements covering continued funding awards for this program.

Previous action by the Metropolitan Council on June 12, 2002, Item 2002-190, authorized the Regional Administrator to enter into a Grant Agreement with the MHFA for the Housing Trust Fund dollars to fund the RAAC Program.

Based on these actions, until this year, MHFA had not previously required a new Council resolution at the time of the biennium funding renewal. The adoption of the resolutions will fulfill this new requirement.

Funding

Total grant funding awarded for the Bridges Program is \$2,667,000.00 for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

Total grant funding awarded for the RAAC Program is \$321,000 for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to these resolutions.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 43

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE
CONTINUATION GRANT AGREEMENTS 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 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 14th day of October 2009.

Peter Bell, Chair

Pat Curtiss, Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – XXX

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTINUATION GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, RENTAL ASSISTANCE IN ANOKA COUNTY (RAAC) PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority was awarded \$321,000 by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), Housing Trust Fund for the continued administration of the RAAC Program for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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 Housing Trust Fund 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 MHFA for the continuation of funding for the Housing Trust Fund RAAC Program.

Adopted this 14th day of October 2009.

Peter Bell, Chair

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