

C Community Development Committee
Meeting date: May 17, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	May 5, 2010
Subject:	Administrative Services Contracts – Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 473.195 (Housing Authority Powers)
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Division/Department:	Community Development / HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute renewal contracts with four participating local units of government and housing authorities to provide continued administrative services to support the Council’s federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program administration.

Background

The Metropolitan Council has operated a federal Section 8 rental subsidy program since 1975 in over 100 suburban communities in Anoka, Carver, Hennepin and Ramsey counties. The Council currently provides rental assistance to nearly 7,000 families.

The Council has for many years contracted with local units of government to provide administrative support for Section 8 program operations. The Council currently has Administrative Services Contracts with four governmental units: the cities of Anoka, Fridley and Coon Rapids and the Carver County Community Development Agency.

The Contracts allow the Council to outsource a portion of the program administration to local governments that want to perform these functions. It has proven to be cost-effective while providing for: 1) increased local program involvement; 2) increased connection with and knowledge of the local rental housing stock; and 3) increased local accessibility for program participants.

Rationale

These local governmental units have expressed an interest in continuing the services. It is financially and administratively beneficial for the Council to continue the Contracts.

Funding

The Council receives funding in the form of Administrative Fees from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the ongoing Section 8 program administration. Under the contracts, a portion of the fees are paid to the local governments in exchange for the services. The expenses are an approved budgeted expenditure.

Known Support / Opposition

None