

C Community Development Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 15, 2011

Item: 2011-153

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date

Prepared: June 7, 2011

Subject: Board Resolution 2011-12
Authorizing Grant Execution with Minnesota Housing
Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) Program

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Grant Agreement Amendment with Minnesota Housing for the Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) Program.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Council Member Smith asked what happens after the three (3) month extension period. Staff responded that MN Housing will then make a decision, hopefully based on a passed State budget, on whether funding is sufficient to continue funding the program.

The motion to approve the proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.



Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 6, 2011

Business Item
Item: 2011-153

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	May 26, 2011
Subject:	Board Resolution 2011-12 Authorizing Grant Execution with Minnesota Housing Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) 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 Grant Agreement Amendment with Minnesota Housing for the Rental Assistance for 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 current grant period is set to expire on June 30, 2011. MN Housing is extending the current grant period and providing an additional \$72,000 in funding through September 30, 2011. The funding extensions will provide a short term funding solution and additional time necessary to ensure that the program's long term funding decisions are based on full knowledge of the State budget. The additional funding will provide continued rent subsidy support for the current 60 RAAC participant households through September 30, 2011. The ongoing rental assistance and operating subsidy expenses will exceed the anticipated funding available through the state fiscal year 2012-2013 budget. This will likely result in program cuts or reduced program sizes. This will be accomplished through regular program attrition.

Rationale

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency requires a Council resolution at the time of funding renewal or amendment.

Funding

The Grant Agreement Amendment will be executed upon receipt from MN Housing in the amount of \$72,000 for the period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to this resolution.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 12

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A
GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH MINNESOTA HOUSING FOR THE RENTAL
ASSISTANCE FOR ANOKA COUNTY (RAAC) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority previously entered into a Grant Agreement with Minnesota Housing for the Housing Trust Fund RAAC Program for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority is being awarded an additional \$72,000 through a Grant Agreement Amendment, extending the grant period from July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011.

WHEREAS:

Minnesota Housing requires a resolution as part of the funding award process designating named signatories and authority to enter into grant agreements for continued funding.

WHEREAS:

The Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator the authority to execute the Grant Agreement Amendment for the Minnesota Housing 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 Agreement Amendment required by Minnesota Housing for the Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) Program.

Adopted this 15th day of June 2011.

Susan Haigh, Chair

Dawn Hoffner, Recording Secretary