

Business Item

Community Development Committee



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Metro HRA Administrative Plan Revision – Bring It Home

District(s), member(s):	All
Policy/legal reference:	MN Statutes section 462A.2095
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Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the revisions to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Administrative Plan as described in this report and attachments.

Background

The Bring It Home (BIH) statewide rental assistance program was authorized by the Minnesota Legislature in 2023 through a new quarter-cent sales tax. The program will bring approximately 5,000 new housing vouchers to Minnesota.

The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) was notified by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) that it will be awarded \$30,914,448 over the next two years. This funding will support approximately 900 new housing vouchers.

Metro HRA will operate BIH rental assistance using the agency's policies and procedures outlined in the Administrative Plan adopted through previous Council actions [Business Item No. 2025-232](#) and [Business Item No. 2025-283](#) at the November 12, 2025 Metropolitan Council meeting unless specifically noted in the Chapter 20 – Bring It Home.

Chapter 20 – Bring It Home

- Part I: Eligibility
 - Defines eligible households under [MN Statute 462A.2095](#). Priority shall be given to families with children and households earning under 30% Area Median Income (AMI).
- Part II: Applications, Waiting List, and Tenant Selection
 - Details of the agency's priority populations and selection method.
- Part III: Moving with Continued Assistance and Portability
 - BIH rental assistance restricts portability
- Part IV: Project-Based Vouchers
 - Metro HRA will remove all project cap restrictions, subsidy laying, environmental review, and Davis-Bacon monitoring unless otherwise required by state or local law.
 - Project proposals must include a minimum of ten (10) units to be considered for

- selection
- Requires compliance with MHFA BIH PBV guidance.
- Families will be eligible for a BIH tenant-based voucher after three years of occupancy.
- Exhibit 20-1 MHFA PBV Guidance

Rationale

PHAs are required to adopt a written Administrative Plan that defines and establishes local policies for administration of the BIH rental assistance program.

Thrive lens analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, the Administrative Plan supports the Thrive outcomes of equity, livability, and stewardship. By using a Thrive Lens, discretionary policies of the HRA promote equity and choice, while ensuring that the resources to fund rental assistance are maximized to serve families efficiently.

Funding

A Grant Agreement will be executed with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA).

