

Emergency Housing Voucher Transition

And Joint Powers Agreement Amendment

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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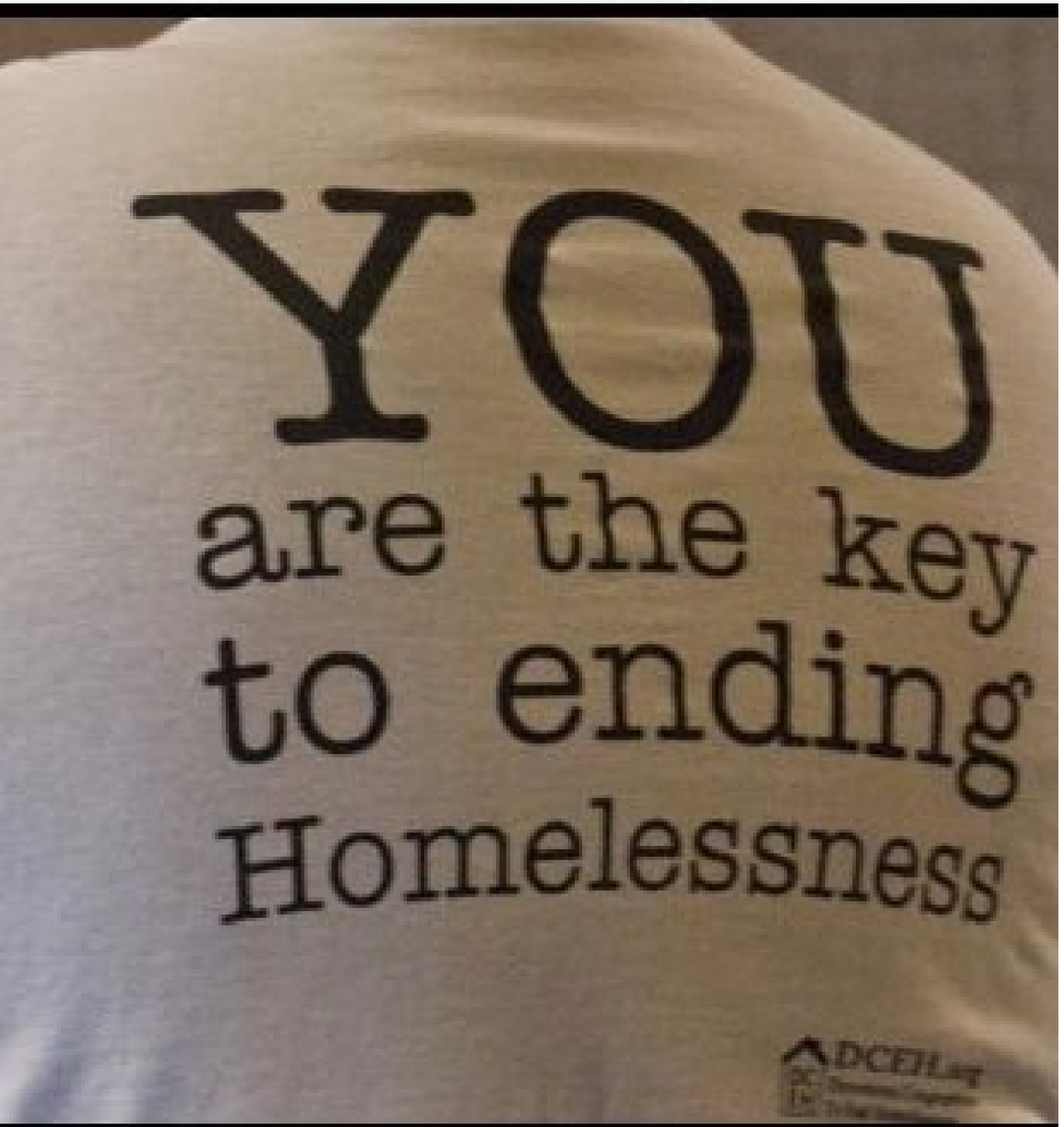
Emergency Housing Voucher Program



What is the Emergency Housing Voucher Program?

- Metro HRA was awarded 218 EHVs in 2021
- Provide rent assistance for individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- EHVs sunsetted after September 30, 2023
  - Existing families can remain on program as long as funding remains
  - Turnover vouchers could not be replaced
- Metro HRA has 150 active EHV households
- HUD funding ends 12-31-26

Transition to Tenant Protection Vouchers



What are Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPV)?

- Awarded by the HUD to prevent families from losing housing assistance
- Operate similarly to the Housing Choice Voucher Program
- HUD Notice 2026-25 announced the availability of TPVs for EHV families under lease on September 30, 2026.
- HUD notified Metro HRA on October 1, 2026, with an estimated TPV award to provide continued assistance to EHV families.
- Metro HRA will transition families effective December 1, 2026, as required by HUD.

Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Between Minneapolis Public Housing Authority and Metro HRA

- Through a JPA, the Metro HRA and the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) have operated EHVs in each other's service area since 2021
- A JPA Amendment is needed to allow continued operation in each others respective jurisdictions upon transition to TPVs
    - Continuing with this operational arrangement allows for a smooth transition
- The number of vouchers operated under the JPA will continue to decrease through natural attrition



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council

1. Authorize the transition of the Emergency Housing Voucher program to the Tenant Protection Voucher program;
2. Authorize the Executive Director, Community Development Division, to negotiate and execute the First Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority to allow continued program operations within each other's service area; and
3. Authorize Council staff to take any further steps necessary for the transition of the Emergency Housing Voucher program to the Tenant Protection Voucher program.



Thank you

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