RENTAL ASSISTANCE

# PROGRAMS

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| HOUSING STABILITY  CHANGES LIVES   GUIDING PRINCIPLE "To ensure that every family lives  in a home of dignity and a  neighborhood of pride, a  community of opportunity, and a  city of promise and hope."    - President Lyndon B. Johnson  **HRA QUICK FACTS**   * XXXFamilies Served * XX$ of participants are Elderly or Disabled * Average Family Size: X People * Average Household Income: * $XX * Average Housing Assistance * Payment: $XX * XX1 Million annually in rent pay- * ments to local landlords * XXParticipating Landlords   **HRA OFFICE**  PHONE: XXXX  EMAIL:  WEBSITE ADDRESS | A Place to Call HOme  “It’s important to link families with housing. Without a place to live, children can’t thrive and grow up to be responsible adults”  - Vice President of Northstar Residential  Metropolitan Council  Metro HRA  390 North Robert Street  St Paul, MN 55101  [www.metrohra.org](http://www.metrohra.org) |  |
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### Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8)

The Housing Choice Voucher program, the largest in the Section 8 family of programs, provides rental assistance to over 2.2 million low-income families, giving them the opportunity to rent privately-owned units in the location of their choosing. The Housing Choice Voucher program serves a wide variety of program participants including families, seniors, persons with disabilities, households displaced by disasters, homeless veterans, and children aging out of the foster care system.

The XXX HRA administers XXX vouchers. The HCV Program partners with private rental market landlords to provide affordable housing opportunities to over XXX households in XXX. Participants pay a minimum of 30% of their income towards rent and the HRA pays the remaining rent to the property owner.

### Special Programs

LIST ANY SPECIAL PROGRAMS HERE

## **The HRA provides efficient and effective housing services**

The XXX HRA has consistently been designated "High Performer". This is the highest ranking possible from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Our utilization rate for our voucher programs is at nearly XXX%.

# FUNDING

Funding for the HCV Program is through Congressional appropriations and is appropriated to two accounts; Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) and Administrative Fees.

**Housing Assitance Payments (HAP)**

HAP is the funding to make rental payments on behalf of program participants to private landlords. Funding for HAP is based on prior year spending. It is critical that HUD pass a budget for FY 2020 that fully funds the Housing Choice Voucher HAP account. Underfunding HAP will result in a loss of vouchers for many vulnerable families.

**Administrative Fees**

Administrative fee appropriations is the funding to operate and administer the Housing Choice Voucher program. Administrative fees are critical to ensuring that families are able to find homes. In recent years, Administrative fees have fallen to dangerously inadequate levels. This administrative fee cuts directly impact how responsive the HRA can be to serve families desperate for housing.