

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 05-151

Declaring Intent to Enter into Intergovernmental Agreements for Administration of Certain Rent Assistance Funds and to Allocate Funds for Administration

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The County, the City of Portland, the City of Gresham, and the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) have been providing short-term rental assistance resources to agencies through various programs for more than ten years.
- b. In May 1993, the four jurisdictions approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the distribution of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) revenue, a voluntary payment that Housing Authorities make to local taxing jurisdictions.
- c. A new IGA was signed in 2003 and included the agreement that the four jurisdictions would participate in a planning process that would consider best practices and develop recommendations for the creation of an outcome-based system of rent assistance services throughout Multnomah County.
- d. In 2003, Multnomah County's School and Community Partnerships had planned to put clearinghouse rent assistance and emergency voucher funds out for competitive bid. At the same time, the City of Portland and Multnomah County were embarking on a planning process to develop a plan to end chronic homelessness. The jurisdictions agreed to conduct a collaborative planning process for development of a new rent assistance system as a part of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- e. An Inter-Jurisdictional Working Group was charged with the creation of the program model for a system of rent assistance services in Multnomah County based on best practices, utilizing the Ten-Year Plan, and aligning with other jurisdictional policies and priorities.
- f. The Inter-jurisdictional Working Group created a plan including the following components:
 - 1. Program Model
 - 2. Outcomes, Evaluation, and Data Collection
 - 3. System Support
 - 4. Allocation Formula
 - 5. Unified System

- g. Approximately 500 community members had the opportunity to participate in reviewing the work, through document release and two public input sessions. A summary of that input and responses to it has been produced and sent to the community.
- h. The County and the City of Portland have adopted the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness as a blueprint for their efforts.
- i. An inter-jurisdictional committee of representatives of elected officials solicited letters of interest, and is recommending that the Housing Authority of Portland be selected as the administrative entity for a new consolidated rent assistance system. The HAP has submitted a Transition Plan dated July 6, 2005.
- j. The County is prepared to enter into one or more IGA's with the City of Portland, the City of Gresham and the HAP to implement a new rent assistance system based on the values and goals adopted in the work of the Short Term Rent Assistance Work Group, the Inter-jurisdictional Work Group, the solicitation of letters of interest dated March 28, 2005, and the July 6, 2005 HAP Transition Plan.
- k. HAP has proposed to administer the rent assistance system for an annual cost to the Cities and County of approximately \$184,000 plus \$10,000 in startup costs.
- l. Responsibility for administering the SIP-funded Post Release Housing Fund will be transferred from the Department of School and Community Partnerships to the Department of Community Justice prior to January 1, 2006.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

- 1. The Board intends to enter into one or more intergovernmental agreements with the City of Portland, the City of Gresham and the Housing Authority of Portland for HAP's administration of the new rent assistance system beginning January 1, 2006.
- 2. The intergovernmental agreements will provide that:
 - County and the City of Portland will split the administrative cost, after the City of Gresham has made a small annual contribution. The County intends to allocate approximately \$45,000 to HAP for services beginning January 1, 2006, and thereafter to allocate approximately \$93,000 plus inflation in each fiscal year.
 - HAP will administer State Low Income Rental Housing and Federal Emergency Management Agency funds for rent assistance. PILOT funds,

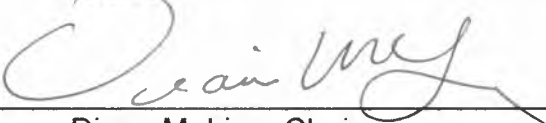
currently provided by HAP and administered by the County for rent assistance, will hereafter remain with HAP.

- An Oversight Committee will be established that will include representation from the County, the Cities, providers and other interested entities. The County will appoint at least two representatives to the Oversight Committee.
3. Multnomah County's Office of School and Community Partnerships is directed to negotiate the intergovernmental agreements with the Cities and HAP for Board approval.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2005.



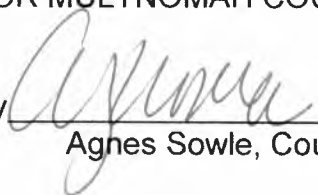
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