

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOUISVILLE-  
JEFFERSON COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS**

**Item No. 5f**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated 129 emergency housing vouchers (EHV) to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) with an ACC funding increment effective date of July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, HUD has made \$451,500 in EHV funding available to provide services to applicant families served on or after July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires that any public housing agency receiving EHV's enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the local Continuum of Care (CoC) to administer the EHV's and to ensure that appropriate services are provided to applicant families; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville-Jefferson County CoC is the sole CoC operating in LMHA's jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Executive Director and Contracting Officer, Lisa Osanka, is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisville-Jefferson County Continuum of Care to administer emergency housing vouchers for an amount not to exceed \$451,500 for expenses incurred on or after July 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized, empowered, and directed to take any and all such related or ancillary actions necessary and appropriate to keep the EHV Program as may be reasonably determined by the Executive Director.

## RESOLUTION BACKGROUND STATEMENT

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#### **I. STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided \$5 billion to fund approximately 70,000 emergency housing vouchers that have been allocated to public housing agencies nationwide to serve those who are 1) homeless; 2) at risk of homelessness; 3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and/or 4) recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

HUD has made 129 of these vouchers available to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA).

In order to receive a voucher allocation, HUD requires that public housing agencies enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with their local Continuum of Care (CoC) to administer the emergency housing vouchers.

As the Louisville-Jefferson County CoC is the sole CoC serving LMHA's jurisdiction, LMHA wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Louisville-Jefferson County CoC to administer the 129 emergency housing vouchers.

#### **II. ALTERNATIVES:**

- A. Approve a memorandum of understanding with the Louisville-Jefferson County CoC for emergency housing voucher administration.
- B. Do not approve the memorandum of understanding at this time.

#### **III. RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Alternative "A."

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**IV. JUSTIFICATION:**

LMHA wishes to avail itself of the 129 new emergency housing vouchers HUD has allocated to the Housing Authority.

The Louisville-Jefferson County CoC currently serves those eligible to receive emergency housing vouchers, namely those who are: 1) homeless; 2) at risk of homelessness; 3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and/or 4) recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

In order to receive the 129 emergency housing vouchers, LMHA must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisville-Jefferson County CoC.

HUD will provide \$451,500 in funding to support the administration of these vouchers, including the provision of 1) housing search assistance; 2) security deposit / utility deposit / rental application / holding fee uses; 3) owner-related uses, such as owner recruitment and outreach and owner incentive and/or retention payments; and 4) other eligible uses, such as moving expenses, tenant-readiness services, essential household items, and renter's insurance if required by the lease.

**V. BUDGET APPROVAL:**

Funding for this project is provided by Emergency Housing Voucher funds.

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Angela Larsson, Director of Finance

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Date

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