

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR
THE COUNCIL OF LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

Item No. 5A

WHEREAS; the Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) reinstated its membership with the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) in FY 2020; and

WHEREAS; the CLPHA organization was established in the mid-1980's to provide direct support to large Public Housing Authorities in the form of administrative support and direction in addition to a liaison connectivity to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS; the LMHA was a charter member within the CLPHA organization until 1999 when the membership was discontinued due to budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS; the LMHA has determined the benefits received from the CLPHA organization exceed by far the amount of the annual dues membership fee; and

WHEREAS; the FY 2023 CLPHA annual dues assessment of \$37,930 is determined by the number of Public Housing units and the number of Housing Choice Vouchers currently in the LMHA portfolio and will be paid from LMHA non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS; the FY 2023 CLPHA membership may be discontinued and not renewed in subsequent calendar years without any financial penalty or consequence.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Authority is authorized to renew its membership within the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities organization with the annual due's assessment of \$37,930; to be paid from LMHA non-federal funds.

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I. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) was established in the mid-1980's as a conduit for large housing authorities nationwide to be represented to the Department of Housing and Urban Development as "one voice" on matters of housing administration. The CLPHA organization has also petitioned to Congress over the years for increased housing funding and to also restore decreased housing appropriations in years when the low-income housing appropriation has been severely cut. The Louisville Metro Housing Authority was a charter member of CLPHA until 1999 when the membership was discontinued due to severe budget funding reductions. The CLPHA membership currently consists of several large public housing authorities throughout the nation.

The CLPHA organization also provides direct support and assistance for the (39) Moving to Work (MTW) Housing Authorities throughout the nation and has provided essential support and advice to its members during the on-going COVID pandemic. The CLPHA organization has been instrumental in the preservation of the MTW designation status for the current PHA's in addition to lobbying to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for additional MTW designations for other Housing Authorities. The Reno & Cavanaugh law firm in Washington DC provides legal support and assistance to the CLPHA organization; however, they do not lobby any Housing Authority to become CLPHA members.

The CLPHA organization assesses an annual membership fee to each Housing Authority based upon each Housing Authority's total unit/voucher portfolio count. The LMHA membership fee assessment for FY 2023 is calculated at \$37,930; FY 2022 was \$37,186; and FY 2021 was \$36,457.

II. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Approve the FY 2023 CLPHA membership fee assessment of \$37,930
- B. Do not approve the FY 2023 CLPHA membership fee assessment

III. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Alternative "A"

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IV. JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION:

- The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) organization is a proven organization that is nationally recognized as a leader and proponent of traditional and non-traditional housing objectives for its membership entities.
- The CLPHA organization was established in the mid-1980's and currently has a membership portfolio of approximately 100 public housing authorities across the nation.
- The FY 2023 CLPHA membership fee assessment of \$37,930 will be paid from LMHA's non-federal funds

V. BUDGET APPROVAL:

Funding for the FY 2023 CLPHA membership dues assessment in the amount of \$37,930 will be provided from LMHA's non-federal Program Income funds (Unrestricted).

Aaron Dean, Director of Finance

Date

VI. PROCUREMENT CERTIFICATION:

The procurement for the FY 2023 CLPHA membership dues assessment meets the Authority's established Procurement Policy requirements.

Steve Webb, Purchasing Agent

Date

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