

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
HOUSING AUTHORITY

TO: HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: REBECCA LANE, MANAGER
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SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER
PROGRAM TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND ENCOURAGE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA ACTION: NONE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Department of Housing and Community Services that the Housing Authority hold a study session to receive information regarding the resources in the Housing Choice Voucher program that may be leveraged to address critical housing needs in Santa Rosa, including homelessness and an affordable housing shortage. This item is for information only and no action will be taken during the study session; staff will seek direction for future agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this study session is to provide information regarding the resources in the Housing Choice Voucher program that may be leveraged to address critical housing needs in Santa Rosa, including homelessness and an affordable housing shortage.

BACKGROUND

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is a rental assistance program funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program is administered locally by the staff of the Department of Housing and Community Services (HCS) as the Public Housing Authority (PHA) and is overseen by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Where federal regulations allow, the Board of Commissioners approves the policies of the local program through the Administrative Plan. This study session will highlight policy areas under PHA control related to Waiting List preferences and the use of Project-Based Vouchers in Santa Rosa.

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PRIOR HOUSING AUTHORITY REVIEW

- July 23, 2007: Resolution; Project-Based Voucher Program Administrative Plan
- May 28, 2014: Study Session; Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List Preferences
- October 24, 2016: Study Session; Housing Choice Voucher Program Landlord Incentives
- October 24, 2016: Study Session; Housing Choice Voucher Program Fundamentals

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from holding a study session.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

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