

Place Matters: Federal Funds Help Low-Income Families Move to Areas of Their Choice

Earlier this month, HUD awarded MPHA and the Metropolitan Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) \$5.2 million and 74 new vouchers to promote increased housing choices and opportunities among low-income families.



The Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Program supports selected housing authorities to offer services that help families with children move to areas in the city and suburban areas that can provide more opportunities. This demonstration will remain in effect for six years, ending in October 2028 and will rely on its existing voucher experience to provide services for families with children, including landlord recruitment, pre-move counseling, housing search assistance, and post-move counseling.

“Having a place to call home is foundational to well-being in so many ways, physically and mentally,” said MPHA CEO Abdi Warsame. “Housing that’s safe, permanent, and affordable is critical and improves well-being, reduces poverty and homelessness, and improves outcomes for children.”

HUD awarded \$45.7 million in funding to nine lead public housing authorities, stating that PHAs will provide more than 10,000 families with children better access to low-poverty neighborhoods with high-performing schools and other strong community resources. To read more about this program, go online to: MPHAOnline.org

MPHA Commissioner Tamir Mohamud Awarded Alvira B. Long Memorial Award



On April 28, Commissioner Tamir Mohamud was awarded the **2021 North Central Regional Council of NAHRO (NCRC) Alvira B. Long Memorial Award**. The Alvira B. Long Memorial Award honors a commissioner

who has demonstrated excellence in advocating for and developing the financial, political, and community support necessary to ensure the continuation and expansion of housing or community development programs. The award was established in the name of Alvira B. Long to provide a living acknowledgment of the outstanding contributions she made to the housing field. MPHA congratulates Tamir on this significant achievement!



Elliot Twins Construction Update

Construction remains on track at the Elliot Twins. The Community Link portion of the project is completed but due to COVID, has been open limitedly for the health and safety of our residents. We continue to set up tours for residents to view the completed space. The 6,200 square foot link features a new community room, exercise room, kitchen, staff offices, and a single point-of-entry with a security desk. The new space created by the link also means larger laundry rooms and the addition of 10 new apartments at the Elliots.