



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2008-12-03 (2)

Date: December 3, 2008
To: THA Board of Commissioners
From: Michael Mirra
Executive Director
Re: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with PCHA re Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Background

This resolution would authorize the Executive Director and the Board Chair to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ICA) with the Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA). A draft of that ICA is attached. This ICA will allow THA and PCHA to administer tenant based rental assistance in each other's jurisdictions for the following programs:

- Family Unification Program Vouchers (FUP Vouchers)
- Independent Youth Housing Program for Foster Care Graduates

The ICA also states that THA and PCHA will collaborate to design and implement a collaborative process for the efficient and effective management of their rental assistance contracts in each other's jurisdiction.

This agreement is necessary for two initiatives, one that THA hopes to undertake soon and one that is underway. The **first** would have THA manage FUP Vouchers. These vouchers serve families who need housing assistance to prevent or shorten their children's foster care placement. FUP vouchers also serve youth who graduate from foster care. Last week, for the first time in more than ten (10) years, HUD has invited public housing authorities to apply for FUP vouchers. THA plans to apply. We have been preparing to do this for about half a year. The national competition for these vouchers will be intense. Our chances for getting these vouchers improve if we can show that we can administer these vouchers throughout the county.

The **second** program is the Independent Youth Housing Program for Foster Care Graduates. THA and its local partners received a state grant to provide rental assistance and supportive services to youth "aging out" of foster care. This program is already underway.

Recommendation

I recommend that the Board approve this resolution.



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A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

Whereas, the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) and the Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) are presently administering or may in the future administer tenant based rental assistance in each other's jurisdiction, in two programs:

- Family Unification Program Vouchers (FUP Vouchers)
- Independent Youth Housing Program for Foster Care Graduates funded by the State of Washington

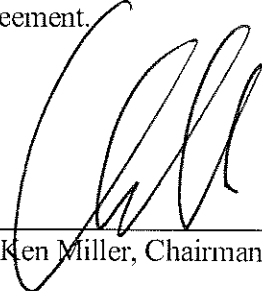
Whereas, state law permits two public housing authorities to do so by executing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement;

Whereas, cooperating in this way would allow both THA and PCHA to better serve the community.

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington as follows:

1. The Executive Director and the Board Chair are authorized to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Pierce County Housing Authority in substantially the form of the attached draft agreement.

Approved: December 17, 2008



Ken Miller, Chairman