



RESOLUTION 2024-09-25 (4)

Date: September 25, 2024

To: THA Board of Commissioners

From: April Black
Executive Director

Re: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Pierce County Housing Authority

This resolution would approve a new Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) to allow Executive Directors of Tacoma Housing Authority and PCHA to approve activities of one Public Housing Authority (PHA) in the jurisdiction of the other PHA and will clarify how either PHA can withdraw its approval of such activities.

BACKGROUND

Washington State law allows local governments to agree to cooperate to better serve their communities. These agreements are called Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ICA). One use of such agreements allows agencies to share functions or to engage in activities in each other's jurisdictions. THA and the Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) have several ICAs. They have allowed one PHA to use housing choice vouchers or other forms of rental assistance in the other's jurisdiction for discrete programs or properties. For example, one ICA allows THA to provide rental assistance in the Sumner School District as part of a pilot program the state funded program serving families in the Sumner and Tacoma school districts. Another ICA allowed THA to participate with Helping Hands House in the state funded Front Door Project that served families in Tacoma and the Puyallup area. Another ICA allowed PCHA to project vouchers into a Tacoma property. These ICAs also allow THA to share the administration of the assistance in efficient ways. These agreements have been helpful as THA and PCHA further the effort to better coordinate our rental assistance programs in service to what is essentially a shared rental market. The Boards of the two PHAs have approved each of these ICA as each separate use of vouchers has arisen.

I ask the Board to approve a new ICA with PCHA. It is attached. This ICA will allow each housing authority to operate all rental assistance programs within all of Pierce County, removing jurisdictional boundaries.

PCHA's Board will be considering the same ICA at its October 2nd board meeting. If approved, the agreement will be executed.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2024-09-25 (4) for a new ICA with PCHA.



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(Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Pierce County Housing Authority)

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

Whereas, state law allows governmental agencies to execute Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ICAs) to allow for ways to better serve their communities; and

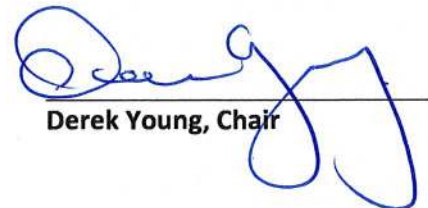
Whereas, the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) and the Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) have used ICAs to good advantage to allow discrete uses of voucher assistance in each other's jurisdiction and to share functions when it is efficient to do so; and

Whereas, THA and PCHA customers will benefit from the removal of jurisdictional boundaries; now, therefore, be it

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

The Executive Director is authorized to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Pierce County Housing Authority in substantially the form set forth in the attached draft.

Approved: September 25, 2024


Derek Young, Chair

PIERCE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Agreement Governing Administration of Rental Assistance in Pierce County and the City of Tacoma.

February 2024

The Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) and the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma (THA) agree as follows:

1. On March 4, 2011, PCHA and THA signed an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. It provides that "PCHA and THA may each conduct specific activities within the other's jurisdiction upon the written agreement of their Executive Directors, or designees. These written agreements shall be executed for each specific activity." Section 2.2.
2. Pursuant to that agreement, PCHA and THA agree to allow the administration of their rental assistance in each other's jurisdiction in the following way:
 - 2.1. THA may administer rental assistance anywhere within Pierce County.
 - 2.2. PCHA may administer rental assistance programs anywhere within the City of Tacoma.
 - 2.3. Rental assistance includes all forms of assistance that helps tenants have affordable rents, including but not limited to the following:
 - Housing Choice Voucher Program
 - THA's Housing Opportunity Program (HOP)
 - Emergency Housing Voucher Program (EHV)
 - Non-Elderly Disabled Program (NED)
 - Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
 - Family Unification Program (FUP)
 - Foster Youth to Independence Program (FYI)
 - Mainstream
 - Project-based vouchers
 - Property-Based Subsidy
 - Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)