



July 21, 2020

Item No. 2

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO ACTING THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF ASSETS, INFORMATION AND SERVICES TO REVIEW CHA PROJECTS REQUIRING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) AND OTHER REVIEWS AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO 24 CFR PART 58 FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$3,577,500.

Presenter: Matt Mosher, Chief Construction Officer

Recommendation

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or her designee to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago, acting through its Department of Assets, Information and Services (AIS), to review CHA projects requiring environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other reviews under 24 CFR Part 58 for a period of five (5) years for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,577,500.

Contract	Project	Amount
City of Chicago, AIS	Authority Wide Environmental Reviews	\$3,577,500
	Not-to-Exceed Total Amount	\$3,577,500

The requested action complies in all material respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and Chicago Housing Authority board policies. The Capital Construction Department has verified that the proposed intergovernmental agreement amount is within an acceptable range of previous expenditures for the same service. Staff have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this recommended modification. The proposed IGA supports CHA’s goal to perform the work on projects described in CHA’s five-year capital plan and any subsequent agreement that requires environmental review under NEPA for a period of five (5) years.

Funding

Capital Construction Department Budget

Background

Whenever federal funding sources that are listed under 24 CFR Part 58 are received and used by a public housing authority (PHA), an environmental review is required. For CHA this environmental review is required for all the work described in the annual Moving to Work (MTW)

Plan and it is anticipated that such reviews will be a requirement of any subsequent agreement with HUD to expend federal funds. The type of work includes administration of historic property agreements approved by the National Park Services, acquisitions of new property, dispositions of existing CHA property, Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) property transactions, new construction, certain modifications to existing buildings, certain transactions under CHA's Project Based Voucher (PBV) program, and any other expenditures of federal funds not excluded under the regulations.

From 2001 to 2006 the City of Chicago was performing the required environmental reviews for CHA. In 2006, the responsibility for conducting the environmental reviews under NEPA was transferred to the Illinois Office of HUD. In 2015, the responsibility shifted back to the City of Chicago, which has completed the reviews through its Department of Fleet and Facility Management (now called AIS). Pursuant to the Agreement, the City will remain the designated *Responsible Entity* for reviews required pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58. As the *Responsible Entity*, the City will assume responsibility for environmental review, decision-making, and action that would otherwise be performed by HUD under NEPA and other provisions of law that further the purposes of NEPA.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable HUD procurement regulations.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tracey Scott
Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-CHA-

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated July 21, 2020 entitled “Authorization to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago acting through its Department of Assets, Information and Services (AIS) to review CHA projects requiring environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other reviews under 24 CFR Part 58 for a period of five (5) years for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,577,500.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago acting through its Department of Assets, Information and Services (AIS) to review CHA projects requiring environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other reviews under 24 CFR Part 58 for a period of five (5) years for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,577,500.

Angela Hurlock
Chairperson
Chicago Housing Authority