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# REPORT

**DATE:** For the Agenda of March 2, 2001 **Item 103**

**REPORT NO.:** HCR01-025 (Supplemental)

**SUBJECT:** FY2002 Budget Workshop – Discussion on Use of Unrestricted Funds (Citywide)

## SUMMARY

**Issue:** Should the Housing Commission allocate a portion of its HOME funds to a locally designed tenant based rental assistance program?

**Recommendation:** Continue to use ongoing Section 8 voucher funding for participants previously assisted with HOME funds, and to allocate HOME funds as for FY01.

## DISCUSSION

On February 9, 2001, the Board briefly discussed the allocation of unrestricted funds for the next fiscal year. The Board directed Housing Commission staff to schedule a further discussion on this subject at the next regularly scheduled meeting. During the February 9<sup>th</sup> discussion, there were comments from the public and questions from the Board regarding the use of HOME funds for a tenant based rental assistance program (TBRA).

In past years the Board has directed a portion of HOME funds to be used to fund tenant based rental assistance for a limited population, the terminally ill and frail elderly. Two years ago, at the recommendation of Housing Commission staff, the Board opted to absorb the clients assisted through HOME TBRA into the ongoing Section 8 Voucher program. Since HOME funds are provided annually to the Commission in varying amounts, and rental assistance cannot be committed for more than two years, ongoing Section 8 assistance ensures that the people previously served using HOME funds have a more reliable source of assistance.

While a locally designed tenant based rental assistance program is an eligible use of HOME funds, staff continues to recommend that all rental assistance participants be served through the Section 8 voucher program. The Housing Commission recently received funding for over 1,000 new vouchers and has submitted an application for 900 additional vouchers.



**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Allocate a portion of HOME funds to serve a locally designated population, e.g., frail elderly and/or terminally ill.
2. Direct staff to set-aside a certain amount of voucher funding for only frail elderly and/or terminally ill applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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