

SUBMITTED BY: Xenia Gonzalez, Neighborhood Resources & Grants Director

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager

FOCUS AREA: Collaboration

**ORGANIZATIONAL
IMPROVEMENTS:**

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 22-1519**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA)** between the **HOUSING AUTHORITY of COCHISE COUNTY** and the **CITY of DOUGLAS** regarding the **TRANSFER** of the **HOUSING AUTHORITY VOUCHER PROGRAM** and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents under the terms of the Agreement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Douglas Housing Authority is in transition of the Section 8 HCV program (HUD-funded) to the Housing Authority of Cochise County (HACC).

BACKGROUND:

Due the recent promotion of the Housing Manager and the pending retirement (in the very near future) of both the Occupancy/HQS Specialist and the FSS Coordinator, the City feels that this is a great opportunity to transition the program to Cochise County, as has been considered several times over the last few years.

In the past, timing and conditions were not quite right for this transition to happen; however, it seems that now everything has fallen into place. Initial conversations with the Executive Director of HACC have been positive and Cochise County has expressed the ability and willingness to absorb our program into their own.

For many decades, the City of Douglas Housing Authority has been the only stand-alone agency in Cochise County and HACC administers the Section 8 HCV program for all other cities in Cochise County. Also, HACC absorbed Graham County's program approximately 15 years ago and that arrangement has continued to work well for them.

DISCUSSION:

City staff recommends approval of the Housing Program transfer to HACC.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Douglas Housing Authority receives all of its funding for operations and rental assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and therefore will not impact the City's General Fund in any way.

Fiscal Year: 2022/2023

Amount Requested: N/A

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-1519.”