

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT LOCAL PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the “HRA”) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, commencing at or after 1:30 p.m. in the Hennepin County Commissioner Board Room (A-2400) at the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 South Sixth Street, in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota (the “City”) to consider the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Local Plan

Under the provisions of *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)*, Section 108, the Governor of each State or Territory must submit a Unified or Combined State Plan to the U.S. Department of Labor that outlines a four-year strategy for the State’s workforce development system. The publicly funded workforce development system is a national network of Federal, State, regional, and local agencies and organizations that provide a range of employment, education, training, and related services and supports to help all job-seekers secure good jobs while providing businesses with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

The local board, in this case the Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board, in partnership with the chief elected official for the local area involved, shall develop and submit a local plan to the Governor that meets the requirements in WIOA section 108.

The local plan includes a description of the strategic planning elements consisting of an analysis of the regional economic conditions including (i) existing and emerging in-demand industry sectors and occupations; and (ii) the employment needs of employers in those industry sectors and occupations;

- A. an analysis of the knowledge and skills needed to meet the employment needs of the employers in the region, including employment needs in in-demand industry sectors and occupations;
- B. an analysis of the workforce in the region, including current labor force employment (and unemployment) data, and information on labor market trends, and the educational and skill levels of the workforce in the region, including individuals with barriers to employment;
- C. an analysis of the workforce development activities (including education and training) in the region, including an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of such services, and the capacity to provide such services, to address the identified education and skill needs of the workforce and the employment needs of employers in the region;
- D. a description of the local board’s strategic vision and goals for preparing an educated and skilled workforce (including youth and individuals with barriers to employment), including goals relating to the performance accountability measures based on primary indicators of performance described in section 116(b)(2)(A) in order to support regional economic growth and economic self- sufficiency; and
- E. taking into account analyses described in subparagraphs (A) through (D), a strategy to work with the entities that carry out the core programs to align resources available to the local area, to achieve the strategic vision and goals described in subparagraph (E);
- F. a description of the workforce development system in the local area that identifies the programs that are included in that system and how the local board will work with the entities carrying out core programs and other workforce development programs to support alignment to provide services.

At said time and place all parties who appear shall be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the Local Plan. Additionally, interested persons may attend the public hearing by

telephone conference by using the following instructions and all such persons shall be given an opportunity to express their views. To attend the public hearing via telephone, call the toll-free dial-in telephone conference number (855) 340-8151.

For further information, please contact Erik Aamo, Director, Hennepin-Carver Workforce Board at 651-396-2041.