

# Council Agenda Item 26-0248R



**MEETING DATE:** April 13, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** Resolution with Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for Community Based Officer services

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kerry Cronin-Jones

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved by Council March 22, 2021

**BACKGROUND:** DPD has provided a dedicated Community Officer to the Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for more than ten years. The HRA Community Officer focuses on improving social conditions that can contribute to drug use, criminal activity, public disturbances, and other concerns at Duluth HRA-owned and managed properties.

The officer serves as a liaison between HRA staff and residents, as well as community partners, to address issues, reduce 911 related calls for service, and enhance safety across HRA sites. The HRA Community Officer is assigned to the Community Engagement – Problem-Oriented Policing Unit, and as such, is uniquely suited to facilitate problem solving and the strengthening of community relationships across all other units within the Duluth Police Department.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** If this contract is not approved, the reimbursement provided to the City by the HRA will end. Loss of this funding would increase General Fund expenses associated with maintaining the position. In addition, discontinuing the contractual partnership will negatively affect ongoing relationship-building efforts and the collaborative and proactive problem-solving work currently underway between the DPD, HRA, and community partners.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Please approve

**ATTACHMENTS:** Document A - Partner Agreement; Exhibit A - Job Description