

# 2023 LCA Program Overview

## What is the Livable Communities Act?

The Livable Communities Act, or LCA, provides grants to participating communities to help achieve development goals that create more, support more **living wage jobs**, and **connect** jobs, housing, and amenities to create a more **equitable region**.

**Funding Available: \$9.3 million**

**Applications Due: August 14th**

**Funding Decision: December**

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**Funding Available: \$2 million**

(includes Policy Development)

**Applications Due: April 21st & July 21st**

(Round 1 and 2)

**Funding Decision: June & September**

(Round 1 and 2)

**Funding Limits: Up to \$300,000**

per city per round

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Pre-Development limit)

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## Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)

The Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) provides funding for projects that increase access to housing, jobs, services and transit in an effort to support more equitable, livable communities in the region.

Development grants are for development or redevelopment projects that support Livable communities and Thrive MSP 2040 goals and are ready to begin construction within the 36-month grant period. Eligible costs may include stormwater management, public realm improvements, renewable energy systems, site acquisition and preparation, and rehab of affordable housing.

## Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

The Transit-Oriented Development Account (TOD) provides funding for moderate-to higher-density projects located within easy walking distance of a major transit stop which typically include a mix of uses.

TOD projects are expected to diversify uses and provide a higher concentration of amenities in compact transit station areas, contributing to high-quality pedestrian-oriented streets and public spaces encouraging the use of transit service.

Through a focus on TOD, the Council aims to integrate transportation, jobs, and housing, leverage private investment, advance equity, and increase transit ridership.

## Pre-Development (Pre-Dev)

Pre-development grants are for teams who are defining or redefining a project that will support Livable Communities and Thrive MSP 2040 goals. Eligible costs are for early-stage activities like design workshops, financial studies, project impact analyses, and community engagement.

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## Policy Development

The Policy Development program provides funding to participating cities to support locally adopted policies that influence physical development and further both LCA and Thrive MSP 2040 goals with an emphasis on equitable development.

Policy Development program goals include; maximizing the impact of Livable Communities Act dollars by supporting city-wide policies in the region that further LCA and Thrive goals, and supporting policy-level change that will realize more equitable development outcomes beyond individual projects.

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## Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)

LHIA grants support the production and preservation of affordable rental and ownership housing to help municipalities meet their negotiated LCA housing goals.

The Metropolitan Council considers multi-family and single family affordable housing proposals by partnering with Minnesota Housing in their Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

## LHIA Affordable Homeownership

The LHIA Affordable Homeownership will provide grants to support affordable homeownership development, including acquisition and rehabilitation, for projects that best meet the following two priorities:

- **Racial Equity Priority:** create homeownership opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and other ethnic or racial groups that own homes at disproportionately lower rates than white households in the region;
- **Geographic Choice Priority:** create affordable homeownership opportunities in parts of the region where it is challenging to do so.

## Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Cleanup

Successful TBRA applications support redevelopment that eliminates or reduces the risk from contamination, increases the tax base and creates or preserve jobs or affordable housing.

Cleanup grants are intended for applicants with projects that have recently completed their environmental site investigation or interior abatement assessment and are seeking public funding to assist with the cost of implementing a cleanup or abatement plan for eligible activities before starting construction on a specific project.

## TBRA Site Investigation

Site Investigation grants are intended for applicants that have a redevelopment site with suspected or perceived contamination and are seeking public funding to determine the scope and severity of the contamination and to develop a cleanup plan for a specific project.

## TBRA Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (SEED)

SEED grants are intended for sites that do not have a planned or identified redevelopment located within an equitable development area (as determined by the Metropolitan Council) and are seeking public funding for site investigation, partial cleanup, or both.

**Funding Available: \$2.5 million**

**Applications Due: July 13th**

**Funding Decision: January 2024**

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**Funding Available: \$2.9 million**

**Applications Due: October**

**Funding Decision: January 2024**

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**Funding Available: \$5,000,000**  
(includes Site Investigation)

**Applications Due: May 1 & November 1**  
Round 1 & Round 2

**Funding Decision: July & Jan. 2024**  
Round 1 & Round 2

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**Funding Available: \$250,000**  
(included in Cleanup total)

**Applications Due: May 1st & Nov. 1st**  
Round 1 & Round 2

**Funding Decision: July & Jan. 2024**  
Round 1 & Round 2

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**Funding Available: \$500,000**

**Applications Due: May 1st & Nov. 1st**  
Round 1 & Round 2

**Funding Decision: January 2024**  
Round 1 & Round 2

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