LCA 2021 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 **housing choice**, support more **living wage jobs**, and **connect** jobs, housing, and amenities to create a more **equitable region**.

Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)

- Maximize connections between housing, jobs, services, transit and regional amenities
- Support dense, diverse development
- Create more housing choices through introducing new housing types or preserving affordable housing
- Minimizing the project's impact on climate change through sustainable site design and building practices
- Contribute to an economically prosperous and equitable region by creating living wage jobs accessible to local workers

Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)

- Provides \$5 million annually to investigate and clean up brownfields — contaminated land, ground water, or buildings — for redevelopment.
- TBRA provides key support for a wide range of projects, from affordable and market rate multi-family housing to commercial and industrial redevelopment.

Transit Oriented Development (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.
- 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.
- Integrate transportation, jobs, and housing, leverage private investment, advance equity, and increase transit ridership.

Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)

- Supports the production and preservation of affordable rental and ownership housing to help municipalities meet their negotiated LCA housing goals.
- Grant funds cover gap financing costs such as land/property/ structure acquisition, demolition, site preparation (such as water, sewer, roads), general construction/ structural additions, alterations and rehabilitation, interior and exterior finishing, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilation.

LCA 2021 Funding & Schedule

Who can apply for a grant through LCA?

Local government organizations participating in the Local Housing Incentives Account, counties, or development authorities (HRA, Port Authority, EDA) in the seven-county metro region. Developers, individuals, or community organizations cannot apply directly to a LCA program but are strongly encouraged to work with a local government organization on an application.

LCDA

Pre-Development Funding \$500.000 available each round

Pre-Development Key Dates

April 21: Round One applications due June: Round One funding decision July 21: Round Two applications Due September: Round Two funding decision

Development Funding

\$9 million available

Development Key Dates

September 27: Applications due January 2022: Funding decison

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TBRA

Funding

SEED: \$500,000

Investigation: \$125,000 each round Cleanup: \$2,625,000 each round

Key Dates

May 3: Spring Applications Due July: Spring Funding Decision November 1: Fall Applications Due January 2022: Fall Funding Decision

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TOD

Pre-Development Funding \$500.000 available each round

Pre-Development Key Dates

April 21: Round One applications due June: Round One funding decision July 21: Round Two applications Due September: Round Two funding decision

Development Funding

\$4 million available

Development Key Dates

September 7: Applications due December: Funding decison

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LHIA

Funding

\$4 million

Key Dates

May 20: Intent to apply due July 15: Application due

January 2022: Funding decision

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