

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: December 18, 2017

**Subject:** Update on the use of the Council's Fair Housing Resources in 2017

**District(s), Member(s):** ALL

**Policy/Legal Reference:** *2040 Housing Policy Plan*

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**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

None. Information only.

### Background

Since 2015, the Metropolitan Council budget has included an annual allocation of \$100,000 to support Fair Housing activities, consistent with the Council's following commitments:

- In the [2040 Housing Policy Plan](#), the Council committed to: "Support local fair housing planning and decision-making with data tools, best practices, and technical assistance." (p. 60)
- In [Thrive MSP 2040](#), the Council committed to: "Support research and other activities related to fair housing, residential lending, and real estate practices to determine if discriminatory practices are occurring and limiting housing choices." (p. 43)

This presentation will provide a brief overview of how the Council has used its 2017 funding to advance fair housing in the region. Additionally, staff will provide an update on the development of a model fair housing policy for local governments, which was funded with the 2016 fair housing budget, but was completed in 2017. For additional information about the model fair housing policy, please view the PlanIt webinar on Implementing a Local Fair Housing Policy (available soon at <https://metro council.org/Handbook/Training/Webinars.aspx>).

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The Council's investment in fair housing directly supports the Thrive equity outcome by expanding choices of where to live for all residents, across race, ethnicity, economic means, and ability. Expanding fair housing choice secondarily advances the Thrive livability outcome by enhancing the quality of life in the region. Importantly, the majority of the Council's spending on fair housing have been aligned with collaborative partnerships.