

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 5, 2017

Subject: 2018 Community Development Division Preliminary Budget Discussion

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Information Only

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Division/Department: Community Development

Proposed Action

None. Discussion only

Background

The development of the *base* 2018 Community Development Division budget is in the early stages. This discussion is intended to provide Committee members an opportunity to identify new or additional programmatic or project initiatives to advance Thrive MSP 2040 outcomes and principles.

The *base* 2018 preliminary Division budget was developed to date with existing staffing levels which are considered adequate to complete required and currently identified workplans.

New or additional programmatic or project initiatives are often funded with the General Purposes Levy. The General Purposed Levy is typically used for one-time initiatives or the pilot period for potential long term initiatives while long term funding sources are being identified.

Previously identified initiatives have included:

- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) capacity/staff (subsequently transferred to Metro Transit to establish the TOD office)
- The Livable Communities Act (LCA) Transit Oriented Development grant categories within the Demonstration and Cleanup accounts
- Housing policy, planning and development technical assistance capacity
- Additional research capacity
- Housing mobility (Community Choice Program) capacity
- Regional Parks Ambassador capacity
- Climate resiliency planning and research capacity
- Economic competitiveness capacity
- Fair housing initiatives support
- Planning grants for communities
- Strategic land acquisition for affordable housing support
- Increased support for affordable housing gap financing (LCA Local Housing Initiative Account)

The work associated with the above initiatives will continue in 2018, with the greatest focus and demand for staff capacity needed to support communities preparing their 2018 Comprehensive Plan Updates, and the review of Updates submitted for preliminary review during 2018, and final review prior to the December 31, 2018 deadline.