

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: November 20, 2017

**Subject:** Livable Communities Funded Projects Accomplishments

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.25

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

### Proposed Action

None, information and discussion only

### Background

When Livable Communities Act grant recommendations are presented, the focus is on the projects recommended for funding at that time. This presentation will take a look at the cumulative awards during this Council's tenure to date and will cover some of the outcomes envisioned and realized. We will also highlight a few of the projects funded.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Livable Communities Act funding currently addresses the Thrive outcomes in many ways, including:

#### Stewardship:

*"Leveraging our infrastructure investments with higher expectations of land use."*

- LCDA and LCDA-TOD grants, in particular, help fund land acquisition and public infrastructure that increase densities, and provide a mix of uses and housing affordability and types.

#### Prosperity:

*"Planning for and investing in infrastructure, amenities, and quality of life with an eye to what the region needs to be economically competitive"*

- LCDA and LCDA-TOD grants help fund infrastructure and placemaking features that help create livable neighborhoods, and provide workforce housing in proximity to job centers and transit

*"Encouraging redevelopment and infill development across the region"*

- LCA accounts and grant categories help participating communities implement projects in priority sites, that further their comprehensive plan community development and redevelopment objectives

#### Equity:

*"Using our influence and investments to build a more equitable region."*

- Livable Communities grants help provide employment, housing and transportation opportunities

*"Investing in a mix of housing affordability along the region's transitways."*

- LCA grants help provide a mix of housing types and affordability levels connected to transit and jobs.

#### Livability:

*"Providing housing and transportation choices for a range of demographic characteristics and economic means."*

- LCA grants, assist with the production and preservation of housing and transportation choices.

*"Aligning resources to support transit-oriented development and walkable, urban places."*

- An early initiative of the current Council was the creation of the TBRA and LCDA TOD grants.

#### Sustainability:

*"Promoting the wise use of water through expanding water conservation and reuse, increasing groundwater recharge, and rebalancing surface water and groundwater use."*

- Many of the LCDA, LCDA-TOD, and TBRA-funded projects have included water conservation and re-use features, as well as provisions to protect water quality.