

Community Development Committee

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Subject: 2019 Community Development Division Preliminary Budget Discussion

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Information only

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Division/Department: Community Development Division

Proposed Action

None. Discussion only.

Background

The development of the base 2019 Community Development Division budget is in the early stages. This discussion is intended to provide Committee members an opportunity to help shape budget development and identify new or additional programmatic or project initiatives to advance *Thrive MSP 2040* outcomes and principles.

Staff are developing a base 2019 preliminary Division budget and will provide an overview of some key opportunities and challenges staff have identified thus far.

New or additional programmatic or project initiatives are often funded with the General Purposes Levy, which 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 under this Council 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 program
- Climate resiliency planning and research capacity
- Economic competitiveness capacity
- Fair housing initiatives support
- Planning grants for local governments
- Strategic land acquisition for affordable housing support
- Increased support for affordable housing gap financing (LCA Local Housing Initiative Account)
- Financial support for naturally-occurring affordable housing

To the (as of yet unknown) extent that there are resources available in the General Purposes Levy, staff invite Community Development Committee members to share their thoughts to inform future budget discussions.