

2018 Livable Communities Information Item

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Council & Metro Cities Livable Communities Dialogue – Meeting Two Summary

- Presented detail on how scoring criteria are applied for the various programs & how they are adjusted for different community designations.

Reactions:

- More outreach is needed
 - Plan joint Metro Cities/Council workshops for participating communities
- Question – Expand Pre-Development grants, allow small area planning grants?
- Question – Continue Tax Base Revitalization Account Transit Oriented Development (TBRA TOD)?
- Question – Funding Limits for Livable Communities Demonstration Account TOD (LCDA TOD)?

Council Member Questions:

LCDA Pre-development/small area planning grants:

Current:

- Pre-development (requiring a specific future project) eligible only in TOD Areas

Questions

- Offer Pre-development grants through the regular LCDA program?
- Offer small area planning grants?
 - Which set of participating communities?
 - How much funding?

Council Member Questions:

TBRA TOD grants:

Current:

- Allowed only when a LCDA TOD project also needs cleanup funding

Advantages

- Projects needing development and cleanup funding only have to apply once
- Any funding not needed can easily be shifted to the regular program

Disadvantages

- Can leave uncertainty about whether additional funds will be available under the regular program

Council Member Questions:

LCDA TOD Funding Limits:

Current:

- \$2,000,000 per city (established through city input when LCDA TOD category was established) (Regular LCDA guideline is no more than 40% of funds go to Minneapolis and Saint Paul)

Additional Issues for 2018:

- Potential Increase to LCDA Available Funding
- Update to the TOD-Eligible Areas



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